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Council Affirms Fundamentals of Greenbelt Plan, Board to Meet Feb. 23 at 3 p.m.

Funds from the Transportation Sales Tax support greenbelt projects

At a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16, [Charleston County Council](#) affirmed the fundamentals of the [Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan](#).

Fundamental elements include the definition of greenbelts, greenbelt goals, and the greenbelt vision. Per County Council's direction, the [Greenbelt Advisory Board](#) (GAB) will continue their review of the Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan by considering any recommended specific changes to the County's [Greenbelt Program](#).

The goal of the Greenbelt Program is to protect 40,000 acres for greenspace. Since the inception of the program in 2007, nearly 17,000 acres have been protected.

"After three years of successfully implementing the Greenbelt Plan, it is appropriate to take this time to evaluate if any changes need to occur as we move forward," said Louise Maybank, Chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Board.

The Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan assigns the GAB responsibility for evaluating the implementation of the rural and urban grants programs and providing feedback as to how it can be improved over the life of the program.

GAB MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEB. 23

The [GAB](#) will meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held in County Council's Committee Room on the second floor of the Lonnie Hamilton III, Public Services Building (4045 Bridge View Drive off Leeds Avenue in North Charleston).

At the meeting, the GAB will continue their review of the Greenbelt Plan and begin crafting specific recommendations for future consideration by County Council. Citizens are encouraged to attend and provide feedback to the board.

The GAB consists of 14 members selected by Charleston County Council and the elected councils of each of the three major municipalities in Charleston County (cities of Charleston, Mount Pleasant and North Charleston).

The current GAB members are:

- Chair: Louise Maybank – recommended by Charleston County Councilmember Schweers
- Raymond H. Anderson, Jr. – City of North Charleston
- Charles Bennett, Jr. – recommended by Charleston County Councilmember Pryor
- Curtis Bostic – Rural South
- Eric DeMoura – Town of Mount Pleasant
- Diane Derry – recommended by Charleston County Councilmember Condon
- Eileen Duffy – recommended by Charleston County Councilmember Rawl

- George Freeman – Rural North
- Thomas Johnson – recommended by Charleston County Councilmember Inabinett
- Warwick Jones – recommended by Charleston County Councilmember Darby
- Jim Koenig – recommended by Charleston County Councilmember McKeown
- Gerald Lahm – recommended by Charleston County Councilmember Summey
- Jeremy Read – recommended by Charleston County Councilmember Thurmond
- Lawrence O. Thompson – City of Charleston

Contact Cathy Ruff by phone at (843) 202-7204 or by e-mail at cruff@charlestoncounty.org for more information about the upcoming meeting, or visit the Transportation Sales Tax Web site at www.smallchangeformbigchange.org to review the Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan, learn about greenbelt initiatives, and find out about upcoming meeting dates.