

Berkeley County



# COMMUNITY MEETING SERIES



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*Sheriff*

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*Supervisor*

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# **BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY FORUM**

# MEET YOUR SHERIFF



**Sheriff Lewis has been the Sheriff since June 2015. He was re-elected in 2018 and 2022.**

**Lewis began his law enforcement career in 1984 here at the Sheriff's Office.**



# ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Our mission:

*"Taking care of people."*

## Our vision:

*"To be the best we can be in all that we do."*

## Non-negotiable core values:

- Integrity
- Treating people with dignity and respect





# COUNTY GROWTH



## Population:

- In 2015 - 203,313
- As of 2022 - 245,117

Deputies increased from 164 to 220.

47th fastest-growing County in the Country





# TRAFFIC SAFETY



- **Traffic complaints are the #1 complaint received by the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office**
- **4 motorcycle units added last year**
- **Traffic unit has grown by 6 deputies**





# SCHOOL SAFETY



**School Safety is our top priority.**

- **BCSO employs 35 School Resource Officers (SROs) over all schools in unincorporated Berkeley County**
- **15 SROs are grant funded**





# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



## JAIL EXPANSION

- **Current jail rated for 291 beds**
- **\$47M construction to increase to 565 beds**





# FORENSICS BUILDING



**Opened in 2020**

**Cost: \$1.25 million**



# NARCOTICS BUILDING



**Opened in 2024**

**Cost: \$465,000**





# REDBANK ROAD SUBSTATION





# TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS



## SAFE boat





# TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS



**SRT  
Equipment  
Truck**



# TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS



## MRAP



# TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS



## New Mobile Command Post

**BCSO received  
\$1.25M state  
grant**





# TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS



## Drones

**The Sheriff's Office currently has 4 drones - aerial and underwater - for rescue and surveillance operations.**





# MORE K9s ADDED





# NEW UNITS IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Community Action Team (CAT) team





# NEW UNITS IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Intelligence Unit

**4 undercover deputies to target violent crime and repeat offenders**

**Received \$500,000 grant to add 4 more deputies to Intelligence Team**





# GRANTS



**From 2015 - present:  
Received more than  
\$10 million in grants**

**This funding has been  
used to greatly advance  
the Sheriff's Office at no  
cost to taxpayers.**





# WE'RE HIRING



## QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Must be at least 21-years-old**
- **High School diploma or equivalent**
- **SCCJA LE-1 certification**
- **Valid driver's license**
- **Good driving record**
- **No criminal record**

## BENEFITS:

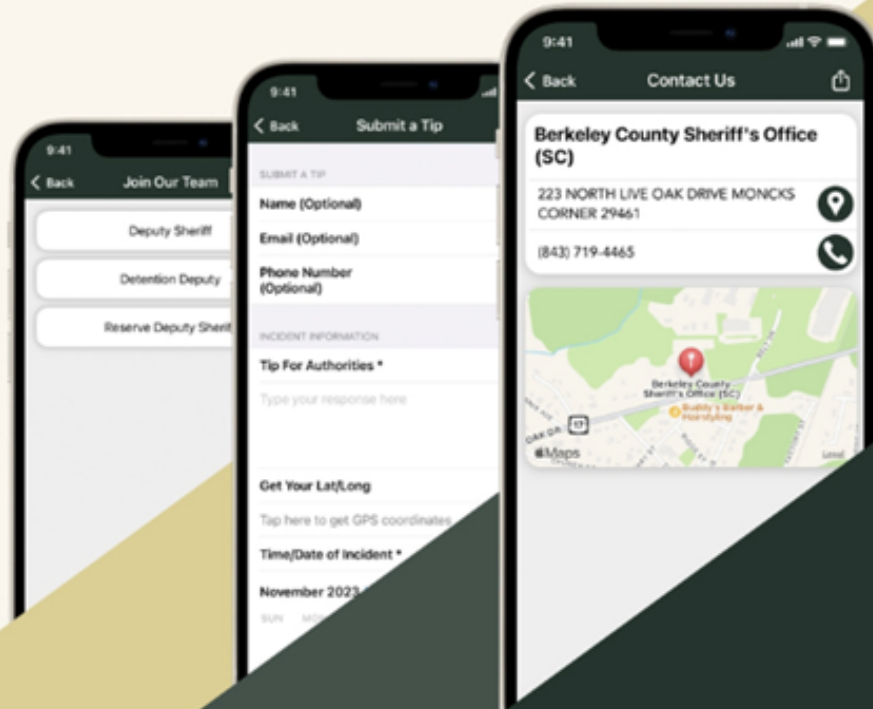
- **All uniforms and equipment provided**
- **SC Police Officer's Retirement**
- **Take home vehicle (with personal use in adjoining counties)**
- **12-hour shift schedule (every other weekend off)**
- **Off-duty opportunities**
- **Overtime available**



# BCSO MOBILE APP



Search: Berkeley County Sheriff



## Features Include:

- Sheriff's Welcome
- Contact Us
- Submit A Tip
- News
- Join Our Team
- Special Services
- Schools
- Community Outreach
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BERKELEY COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
MOBILE APP



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# COUNTY OPERATING MILLAGE

2015

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45 MILLS



2019

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43 MILLS



2024

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41 MILLS



**LOWEST COUNTY TAX MILLAGE IN  
SOUTH CAROLINA**





# GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2015

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\$64,000,000



2020

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\$92,000,000



2025

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\$138,000,000



**\$74,000,000 REVENUE GROWTH IN  
10 YEARS**





# FUND BALANCE

2015

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\$17,000,000



2020

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\$25,000,000



2024

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\$83,000,000



**\$66,000,000 INCREASE**





# RETIRING BOND DEBT

**2022**

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**\$5,885,000**



**2023**

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**\$2,118,000**



**2024**

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**\$4,670,000**



**EACH BOND DEBT RETIRED 10 YEARS EARLY  
SAVING COUNTY TAXPAYERS \$1,460,000**





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**\$20M  
INVESTMENT  
=  
196 HOMES**

**\$100M  
INVESTMENT  
=  
979 HOMES**

**\$532M  
INVESTMENT  
=  
2,730 HOMES**

**\$1B  
INVESTMENT  
=  
4,620 HOMES**



**\$3.5B  
INVESTMENT  
=  
6,914 HOMES**

**MEDIAN HOME SALES PRICE BC: \$380,000**



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Quick Facts

**AVERAGED \$1  
BILLION/YR.  
OVER LAST 9  
YEARS**

**AVG. WAGE ↑  
\$1/YR. FROM  
\$17/HR TO  
\$26/HR**

**MEDIAN  
HOUSEHOLD  
INCOME ↑  
50% TO \$83K**







# PUBLIC SAFETY



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

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**23,363**  
**ANNUALLY**



## TRANSPORTS

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**14,606**  
**ANNUALLY**

## BERKELEY COUNTY

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**12 - 24/7 UNITS**  
**2 - 12 HOUR UNITS**

## GOOSE CREEK

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**1 - 24/7 UNIT**  
**1 - 12 HOUR UNIT**

## HANAHAN

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**1 - 24/7 UNIT**





# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



**70 FULL-TIME  
PARAMEDICS**

**40 FULL-TIME  
EMTs**

**53 POSITIONS ADDED  
IN LAST 10 YEARS**

**110/111 POSITIONS  
CURRENTLY FILLED**





# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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## “GROW YOUR OWN” PHILOSOPHY

**IN-HOUSE EMT  
TRAINING  
PROGRAM**

**VETERANS  
APPRENTICE  
PROGRAM**

**EXPLORERS  
YOUTH  
PROGRAM**



**HIGH SCHOOL  
EMT  
PROGRAM**

**PARAMEDIC  
COURSE**

**PARTNER  
WITH TRIDENT  
TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE**





# VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE

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**January 1, 2019 - 26 Fire Districts**

**Charleston & Berkeley**

**Pringletown**

**Huger**

**Cainhoy**

**Caromi**

**Whitesville**

**Cross**

**Alvin**

**Macedonia**

**Jamestown**

**Santee Circle**

**Cordesville**

**Pine Ridge**

**Goose Creek Rural**

**Moncks Corner Rural**

**Pineville**

**St. Stephen**

**Forty-One**

**Lake Moultrie**

**Bonneau**

**Shulerville**

**Eadytown**

**Pimlico**

**Longridge**

**Lebanon**

**Sandridge**





# VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE

## July 1, 2024 - 9 Fire Districts

Charleston & Berkeley

Cainhoy

Goose Creek Rural

Pine Ridge



Moncks Corner Rural

Central Berkeley

North Berkeley

Pimlico

Caromi





# VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

2018 - \$3,415,000

2019 - \$6,811,000

2023 - \$8,478,000

2024 - \$10,578,000







**BERKELEY COUNTY**







**ONE CENT SALES TAX**









# BALLOT RESULTS:

## 2008 One Cent Sales Tax Referendum - 55.75%



| Berkeley Co. Special Sales and Use Tax 3 (Vote for 1) |                        |   |  CONTEST DETAIL MAP |        |
|---|------------------------|---|--|--------|
| 50 of 50 Precincts Reporting                          |                        |   |  |        |
|   |                        |   | Percent  | Votes  |
| YES (NON)   | <div><div></div></div> |  | 56.75%   | 33,757 |
| NO (NON)  | <div><div></div></div> |   | 43.25%   | 25,729 |
|   |                        |   |  | 59,486 |
| Berkeley Co. Special Sales and Use Tax 4 (Vote for 1) |                        |   |  CONTEST DETAIL MAP |        |
| 50 of 50 Precincts Reporting                          |                        |   |  |        |
|   |                        |   | Percent  | Votes  |
| YES (NON)   | <div><div></div></div> |  | 55.58%   | 32,288 |
| NO (NON)  | <div><div></div></div> |   | 44.42%   | 25,802 |
|   |                        |   |  | 58,090 |

## 2014 One Cent Sales Tax Referendum - 67.75%

| Question 1 (Vote for 1)      |                        |   |  VOTE TYPE SUMMARY  CONTEST DETAIL MAP |        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--------|
| 72 of 72 Precincts Reporting |                        |   |  |        |
|                              |                        |   | Percent  | Votes  |
| Yes (NON)                    | <div><div></div></div> |  | 67.25%   | 27,890 |
| No (NON)                     | <div><div></div></div> |   | 32.75%   | 13,583 |
|                              |                        |   |  | 41,473 |
| Question 2 (Vote for 1)      |                        |   |  VOTE TYPE SUMMARY  CONTEST DETAIL MAP |        |
| 72 of 72 Precincts Reporting |                        |   |  |        |
|                              |                        |   | Percent  | Votes  |
| Yes (NON)                    | <div><div></div></div> |  | 66.49%   | 27,188 |
| No (NON)                     | <div><div></div></div> |   | 33.51%   | 13,704 |
|                              |                        |   |  | 40,892 |





# RESULT: 73.82%

| ★ Berkeley County Question 1 - Sales and Use Tax Referendum (Vote For 1) |     |            | View Contest Detail |
|--|-----|------------|---------------------|
| Precincts Reporting: 100%  |     | Percentage | Votes               |
| NON  | Yes | 73.82%     | 49,545              |
| NON  | No  | 26.18%     | 17,573              |
|  |     |            | 67,118              |

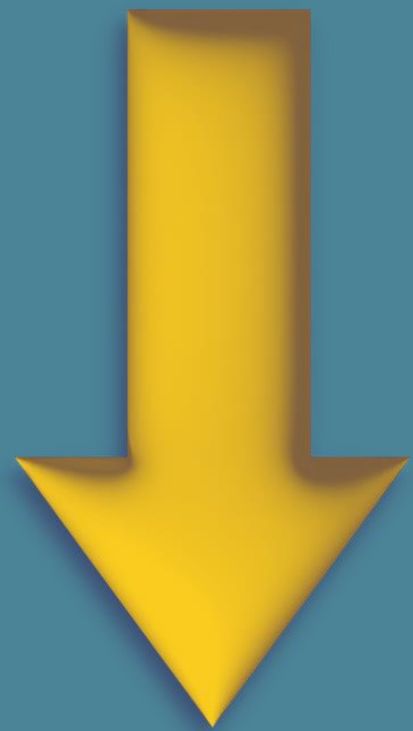
| ★ Berkeley County Question 2 - Bond Referendum (Vote For 1) |     |            | View Contest Detail |
|---|-----|------------|---------------------|
| Precincts Reporting: 100%                                   |     | Percentage | Votes               |
| NON   | Yes | 71.12%     | 45,540              |
| NON   | No  | 28.88%     | 18,491              |
|   |     |            | 64,031              |

Largest win for a measure (including conservation)  
in SC history



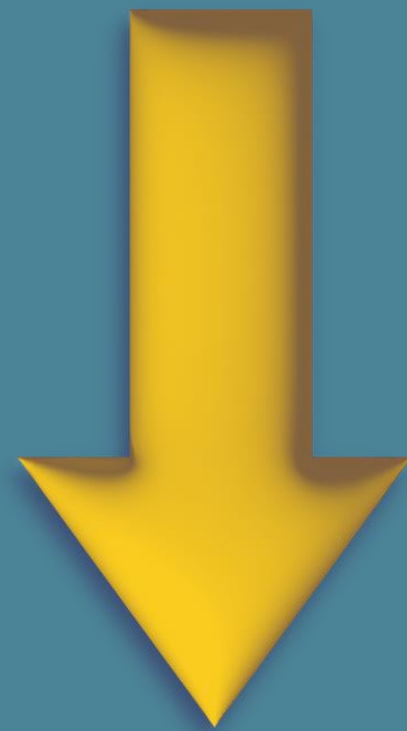
# BY THE NUMBERS

**2008 Referendum  
Sales Tax  
Collections**



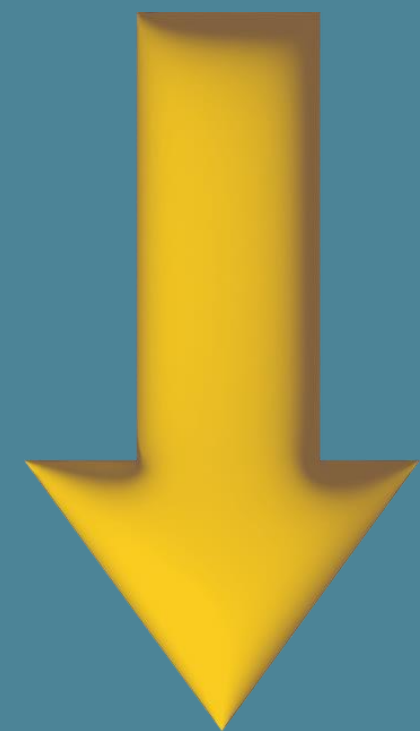
**\$143,131,390**

**2014 Referendum  
Sales Tax  
Collections:**



**\$273,385,046**

**2022 Referendum  
Estimated Sales Tax  
Collection:**



**\$587,000,000**



# CAPACITY PROJECTS

## 2008

- Henry Brown Blvd. Phase 1
- **Clements Ferry Rd. Phase 1**
- College Park Rd.
- Railroad Ave.
- US Highway 17-A

## 2014

- Henry Brown Blvd. Phase 2
- **Clements Ferry Rd. Phase 2**
- US Hwy 176 Phase 1
- Sheep Island Interchange & I-26
- Nexton Parkway Extension
- Jedburg Rd. Interchange
- Sheep Island Parkway South

## 2022

- US Hwy 52 & US Hwy 176
- US Hwy 176 Phase 2
- Jedburg Rd.
- North Cedar St.
- Old Mount Holly Rd.
- Cypress Gardens Rd.
- US Hwy 52 Corridor

**Your 1¢ tax**  
is building *this* road

**...and a better future  
for Berkeley County!**





# INTERSECTIONS



## 2008

- Old Hwy 52 at Cypress Gardens Rd.
- Henry Brown Blvd. at Tanner Ford Blvd.
- North Hwy 17-A at Hwy 41
- Murray Dr. at Hanahan Rd.

## 2014

- **Daniel Island Dr. at Seven Farms Dr.**
- Royle Rd. at Sangaree Parkway
- Murray Dr. at Yeamans Hall Rd.
- Foster Creek Rd. at Tanner Ford Blvd.

## 2022

- Black Tom Rd. at Black Tom Rd. Ext.
- Cooper Store Rd. at Black Tom Rd. Ext.
- **River Landing Dr. at Seven Farms Dr.**
- US Hwy 52 at Old Hwy 52 North
- US Hwy 52 at Old Hwy 52 South
- Royle Rd. at Farmington Rd. and Treeland Dr.
- US Hwy 52 at Stephanie Dr. and Windsor Mill Rd.
- Snake Rd. at NAD Rd.
- Tanner Ford Blvd. at Tanner Hall Blvd.



# MAJOR RESURFACING

## 2008

- Jedburg Rd. (US 176 to County Line)
- SC Hwy 6 (S-5 to SC-311)

## 2014

- SC Hwy 45
- Black Tom Rd.
- SC Hwy 402
- Old Hwy 52
- Hoodtown Rd.
- Dr. Evans Rd.
- SC Hwy 6 (Main Street Moncks Corner)
- Mudville Rd.

## 2022

- **United Dr.**
- Bushy Park Rd.
- Gravel Hill Rd.
- SC Hwy 45
- Harristown Rd.
- **Not less than 200 total miles of local street resurfacing**

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is building *this* road

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for Berkeley County!**





# PAVING

**2008**

**28 ROADS**

**2014**

**59 ROADS**

**2022**

**TBD**

**Ambassador Avenue (Moncks Corner)**



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





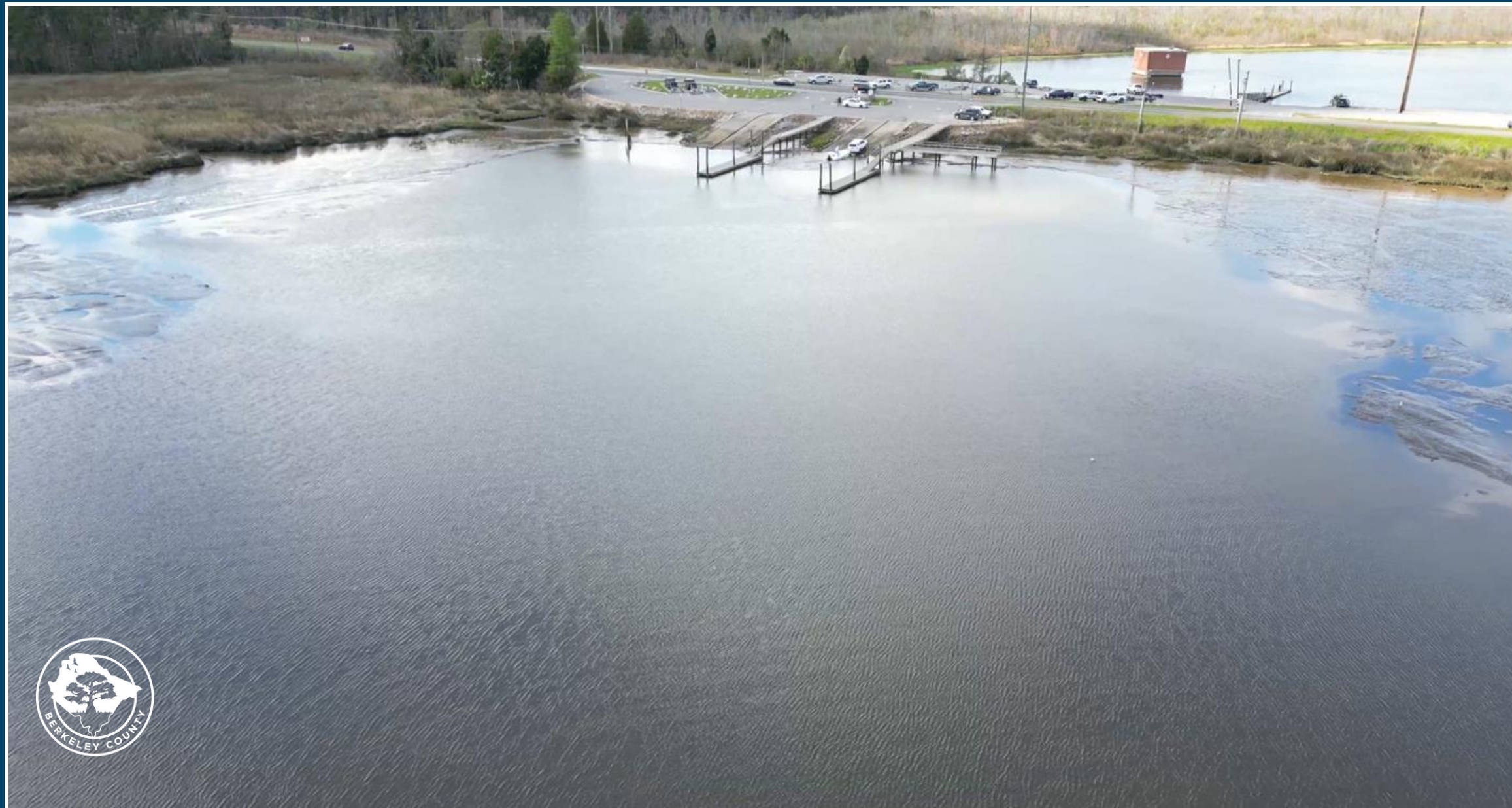
# 2014

Bushy Park Channel  
Dredge

## OTHER PROJECTS

# 2022

- Oxford Road Bridge
- Trinity Road Bridge
- Bushy Park Spoil Site
- Yeamans Hall Road Improvements
- Sangaree Parkway Improvements
- Old Highway 52 at Orion Way
- Old Highway 52 at Colony Post Loop and Cypress Plantation Road
- **Rivers Reach Drive**
- **Clements Ferry Road Path**
- Pedestrian Facilities

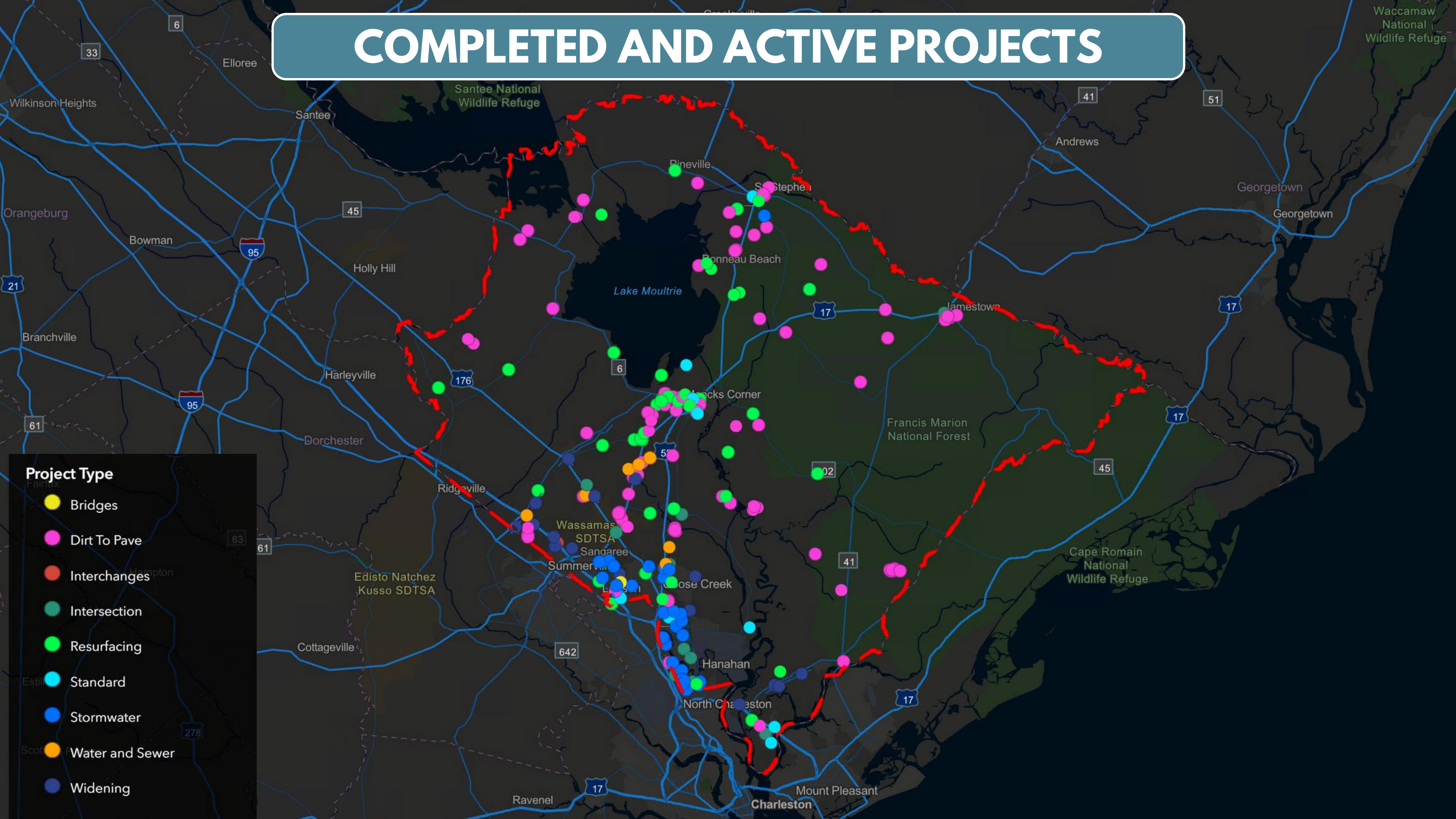




# COMPLETED AND ACTIVE PROJECTS

## Project Type

- Bridges
- Dirt To Pave
- Interchanges
- Intersection
- Resurfacing
- Standard
- Stormwater
- Water and Sewer
- Widening

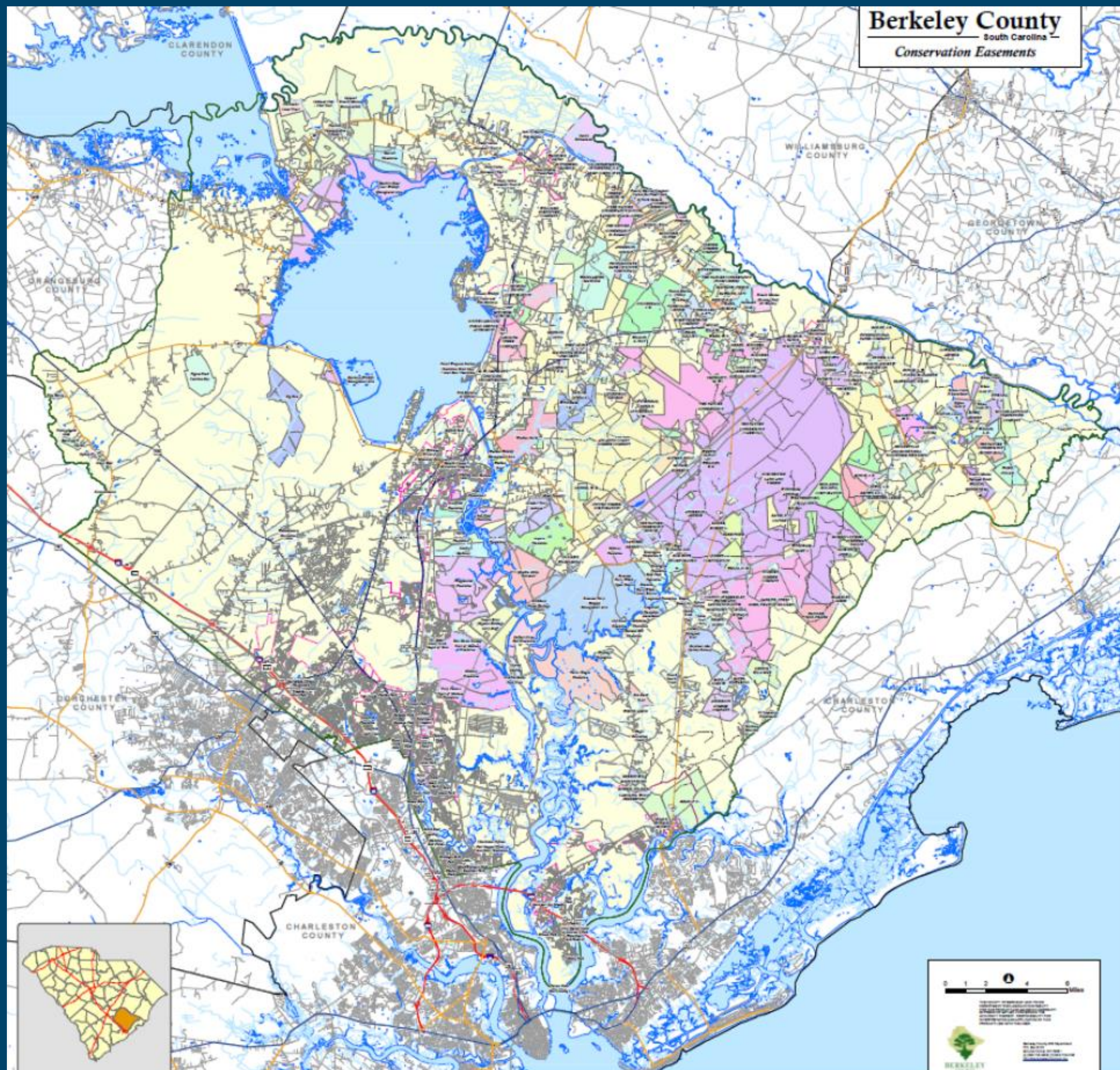




# GREENBELT PROGRAM







**40% of  
County Land  
is Protected**



# GREENBELT REVENUE

**10% OF ANNUAL PENNY  
TAX COLLECTION**

**PROJECT \$587 MILLION  
COLLECTED IN 7 YEARS**

**\$58.7 MILLION DESIGNATED  
FOR GREENBELT INITIATIVES**

“

“Using ten percent (10%) of the referenced tax for financing greenbelt initiatives (including but not limited to, purchasing property for conservation, purchasing conservation easements, creating passive greenspace, creating active greenspace, protecting natural resources, protecting agricultural or heritage landscapes, and protecting scenic corridors).”

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# **NORTH ISLAND PROPERTY DANIEL ISLAND (115 ACRES)**



**Value - \$8M  
Purchased - \$4M**

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## **Contributions:**

- **\$1M SC Conservation Bank**
  - **\$1M SC Resiliency Funds**
  - **\$250K DI Community Association**
- 

**\$1.75M cost to  
Greenbelt Program**





# CAPITAL PROJECTS







# COMPLETED PROJECTS



# CYPRESS GARDENS - 2019



**PRE-2015 FLOOD:  
50,000 VISITORS**

**LAST 12 MONTHS:  
187,000 VISITORS**



# CORONER'S OFFICE - 2020





# COUNTY ADMINISTRATION EXPANSION - 2021



**911 CENTER:**  
**1,000 CALLS PER DAY**  
**365,000 PER YEAR**





# ANIMAL CENTER - 2021



**CENTER RECEIVED OVER 5,000 ANIMALS  
THE LAST 12 MONTHS**



# VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE - 2021



**23,760 VETERANS LIVE IN  
BERKELEY COUNTY**

**17,191 SERVED IN '23**

**SERVE ON AVERAGE 67  
VETERANS A DAY**



# COUNTYWIDE RADIO - 2021



**12 TOWERS  
COMPLETED**

**\$10.9 MILLION**

**\$1.8 MILLION PER  
YEAR**

**2,500 LICENSES**

**2 NEW TOWERS  
NEXTON/  
CAINHOY**



# LUKEN ROAD CONVENIENCE CENTER - 2022



**4,266 TONS  
PER YEAR**

**356 TONS  
PER MONTH**



# CYPRESS GARDENS BOAT LANDING - 2022





# SPIERS LANDING - 2022





# NESBITT HOUSE - 2023





# PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE - 2024





# DANIEL ISLAND HELIPAD - 2024



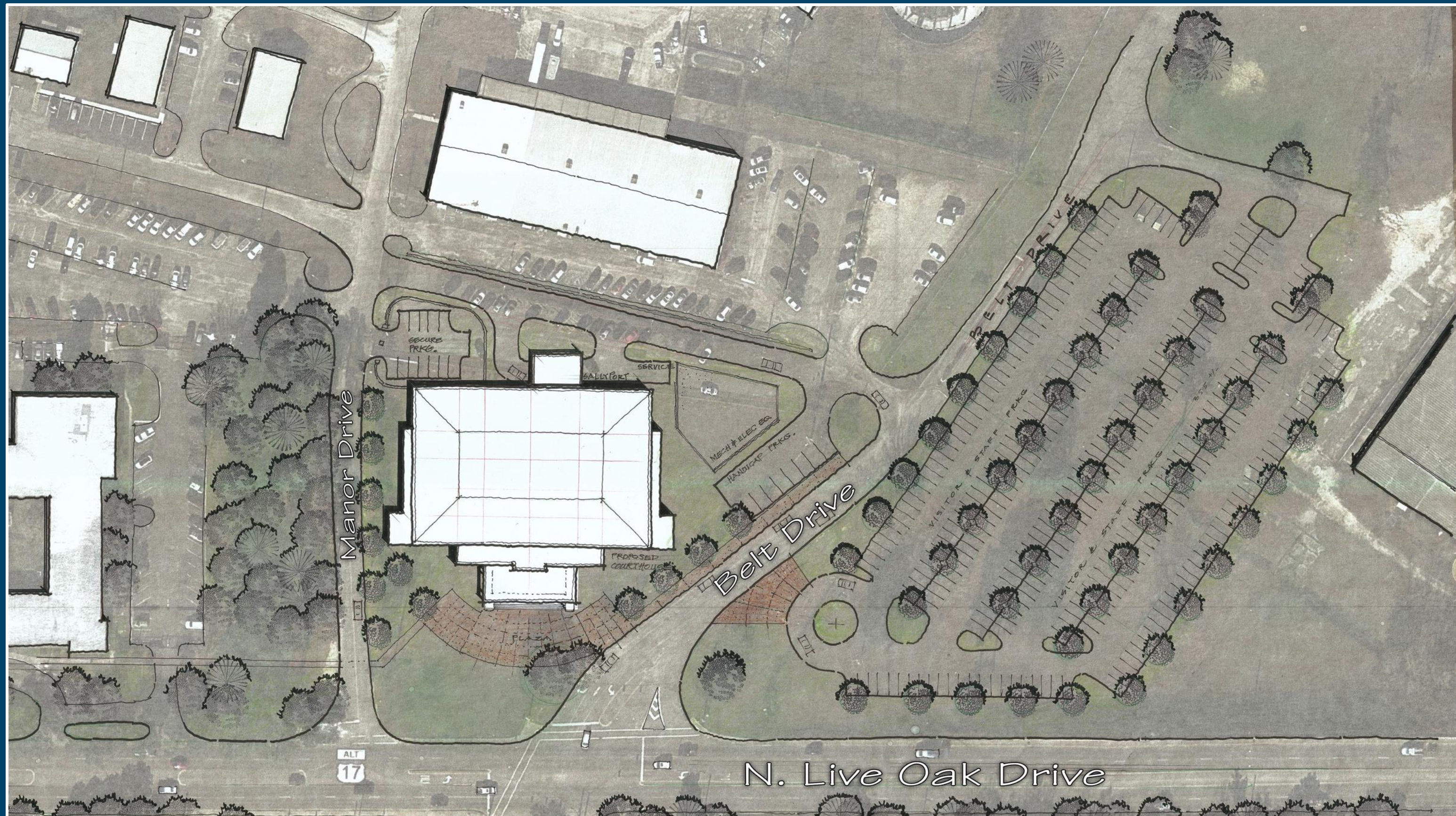




**PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**



# COURTHOUSE





# MEGA BOAT LANDING





# GOOSE CREEK MAGISTRATE/ SHERIFF SUBSTATION/ EMS





# ST. STEPHEN MAGISTRATE/ TOWN HALL/ LIBRARY



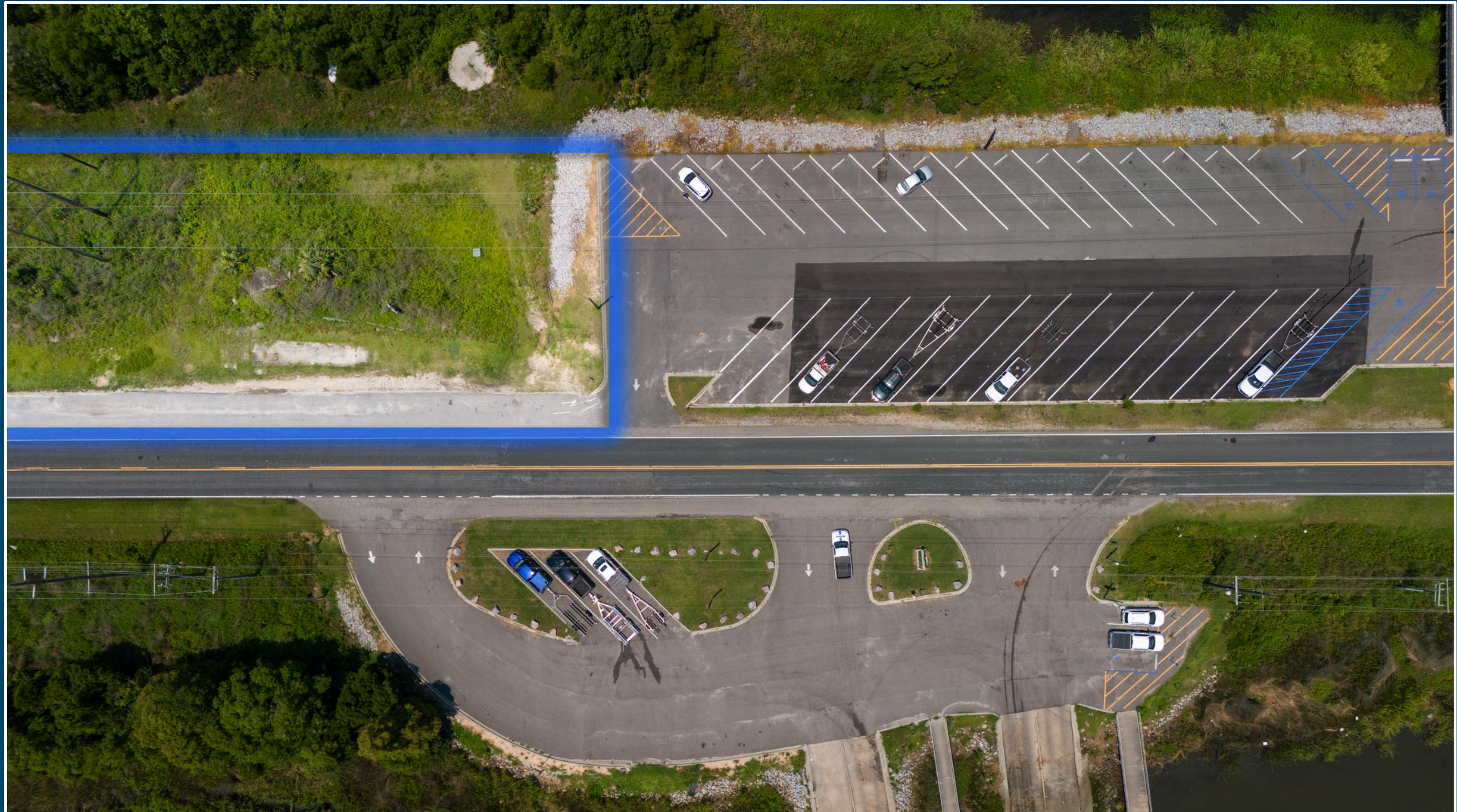


# CYPRESS SPLASH PAD





# BUSHY PARK LANDING EXPANSION





# ANIMAL CENTER EXPANSION







# COUNTY GROWTH

- **3,143 Counties in the US**
- **47th fastest-growing County in the Country**
- **31.9% growth from U.S. Census 2010-2020**
- **123,050 of 229,861 live in unincorporated Berkeley County as of 2020 Census**





# GROWTH CENTERS

## CANE BAY

- Entitlements: 10,878
- Estimated: 7,950
- Completed: 5,689

## WILDCAT

- Entitlements: 5,778
- Estimated: 3,864
- Completed: 2,707

## NEXTON

- Entitlements: 13,271
- Estimated: 10,000
- Completed: 3,325

## CARNES

- Entitlements: 5,000
- Estimated: 3,600
- Completed: 850

## POINT HOPE

- Entitlements: 18,252
- Estimated: 9,000
- Completed: 600





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- Track & pay property tax and personal property tax (vehicles, watercraft, etc.).
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- View requested permits for property located near your primary residence.
- Have a direct line to the County Assessor.
- Set up electronic notifications (E-mail and Text Message).
- And much more


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come to help simplify  
your needs!**




# Welcome to the OneBerkeley Portal!





**BERKELEY**  
COUNTY SC


RICH HISTORY.  
BRIGHT FUTURE.  
*One Berkeley*




Hello, Neighbor


Return to Dashboard


Check Notifications


My Account


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I want to ...


Review Submission Status


Check Received Documents

Pay My Property Taxes

Permits Near Me

Real Property Services Applications

Register For Voting

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**Property Tax**  
**\$1,518.18**  

Paid


12 MAIN ST  
click for details


**Vehicle ...**  
**\$185.14**  


Paid


2012 | CADI | CTS  
click for details


**Add New Property**  
+ Add Vehicles , Watercrafts, and Homes to track property tax payments


Voting


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Welcome to the  
Berkeley County Resident Portal

Please consider **Signing up** for electronic document delivery.

Instead of receiving paper notices we can forward **Communication** to your phone and email



# THANK YOU FOR COMING!



BERKELEY  
COUNTY SC

RICH HISTORY.  
BRIGHT FUTURE.  
*One Berkeley*

## FOR A COPY OF TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION:

# SCAN ME

