

Berkeley County



COMMUNITY MEETING SERIES



Duane Lewis
Sheriff

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Johnny Cribb
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



K9 BRUT



K9 GERY



K9 LALO



K9 NASIR



K9 ODIN



K9 PRIMA



K9 REX



HAPPY NATIONAL DOG DAY!



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**

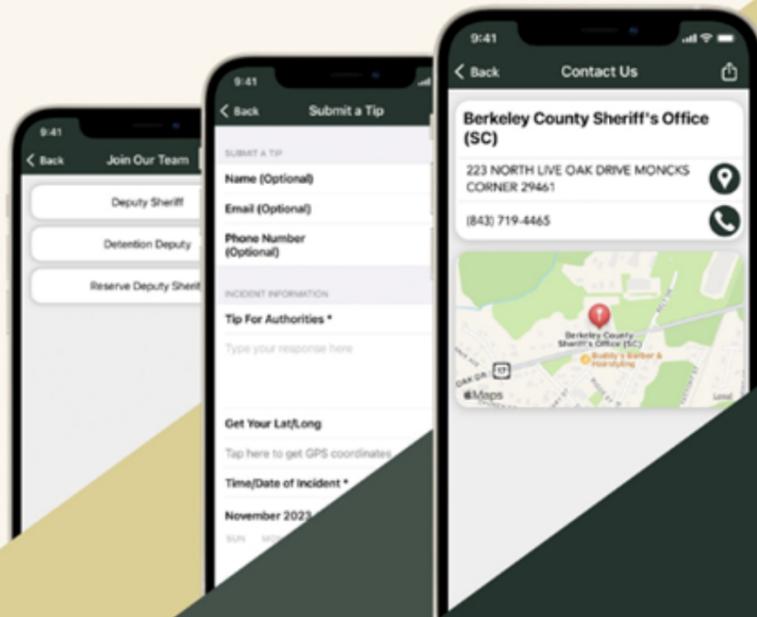
BENEFITS:

- **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**

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COUNTY OPERATING MILLAGE

2015

45 MILLS



2019

43 MILLS



2024

41 MILLS



**LOWEST COUNTY TAX MILLAGE IN
SOUTH CAROLINA**



GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2015

\$64,000,000



2020

\$92,000,000



2025

\$138,000,000



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



FUND BALANCE

2015

\$17,000,000



2020

\$25,000,000



2024

\$83,000,000



\$66,000,000 INCREASE



RETIRING BOND DEBT

2022

\$5,885,000



2023

\$2,118,000



2024

\$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

**23,363
ANNUALLY**



TRANSPORTS

**14,606
ANNUALLY**

BERKELEY COUNTY

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

GOOSE CREEK

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

HANAHAN

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

“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

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)		56.75%	33,757
NO (NON)		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)		55.58%	32,288
NO (NON)		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)		67.25%	27,890		
No (NON)		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)		66.49%	27,188		
No (NON)		33.51%	13,704		
				40,892	



RESULT: 73.82%

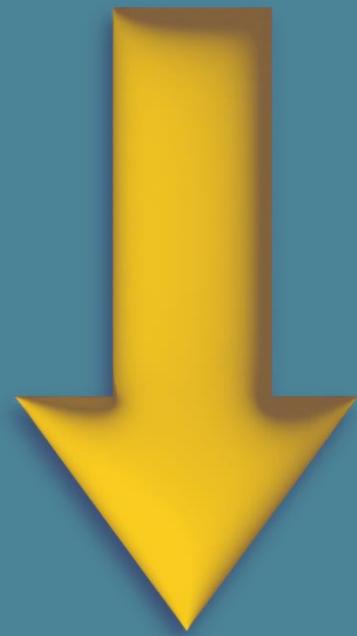
Berkeley County Question 1 - Sales and Use Tax Referendum (Vote For 1)		View Contest Detail	
Precincts Reporting: 100%		Percentage	Votes
NON	Yes	73.82%	49,545
NON	No	26.18%	17,573
			67,118

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**

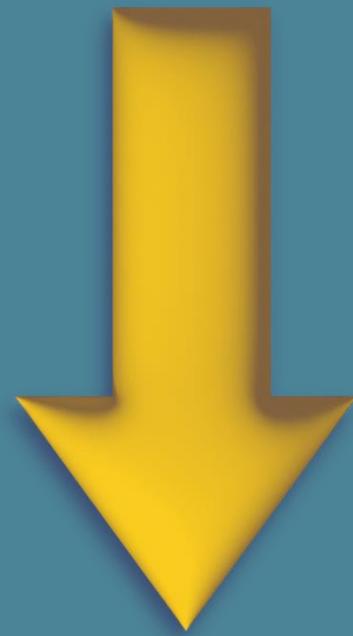
BY THE NUMBERS

**2008 Referendum
Sales Tax
Collections**



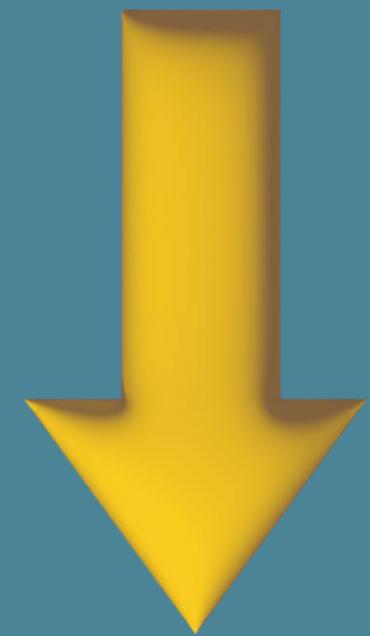
\$143,131,390

**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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PAVING

2008

28 ROADS

2014

59 ROADS

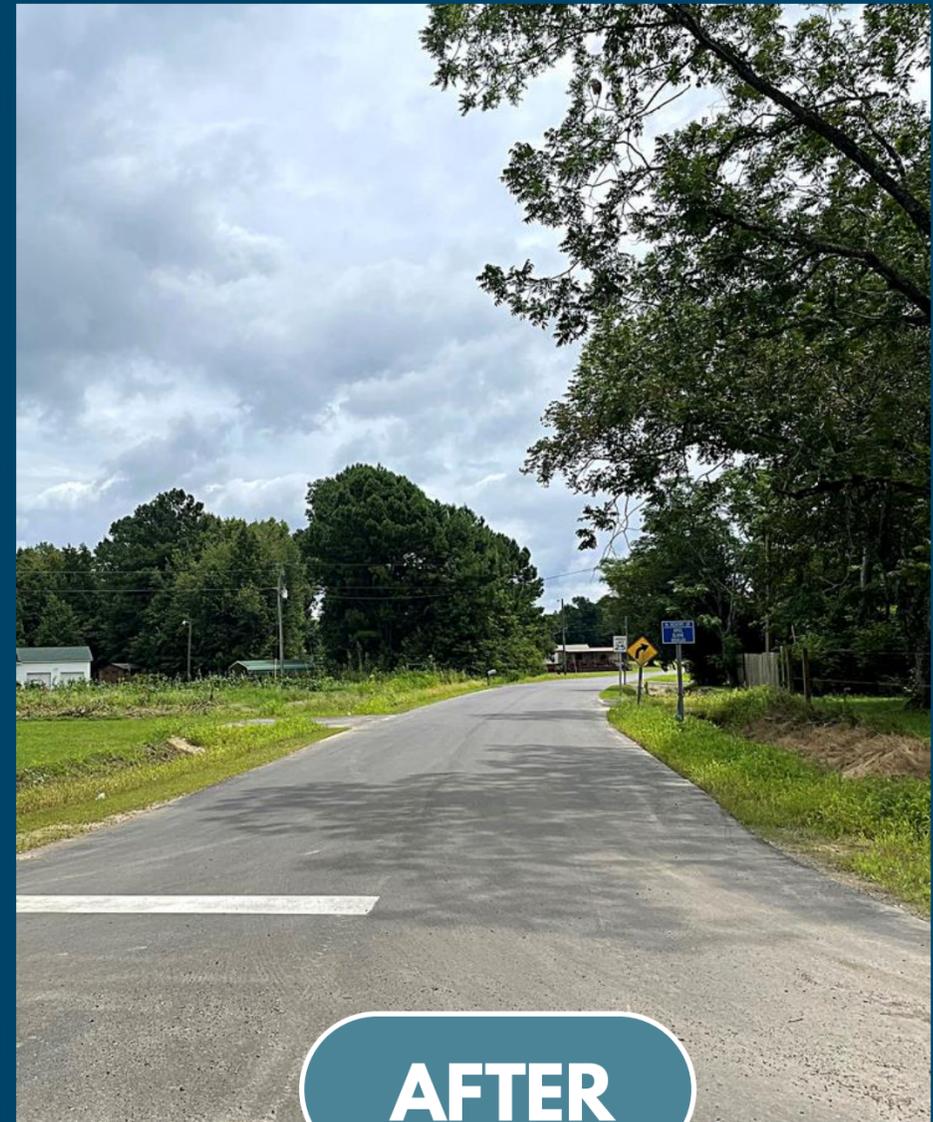
2022

TBD

Ambassador Avenue (Moncks Corner)



BEFORE



AFTER



2014

Bushy Park Channel
Dredge

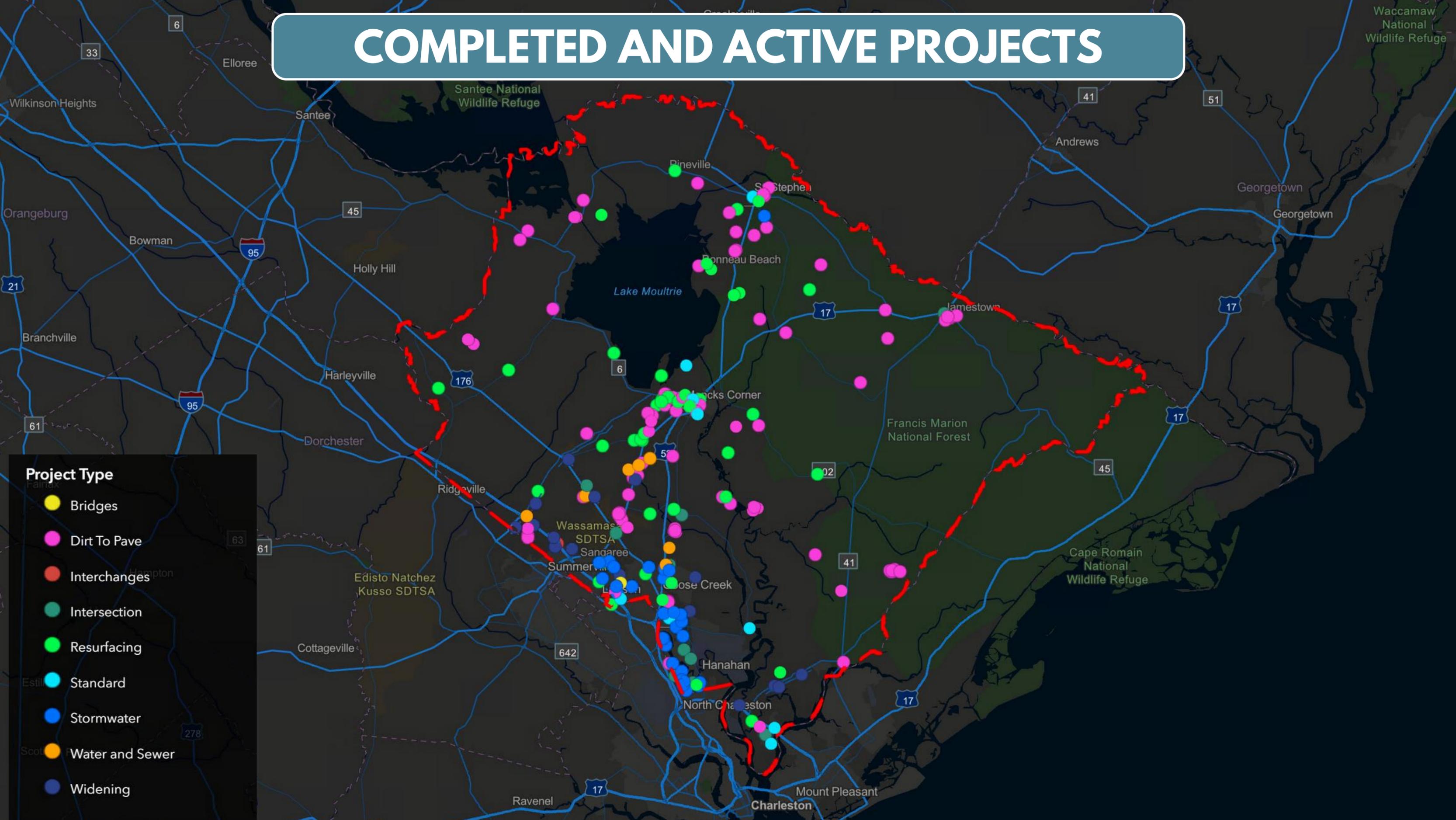
OTHER PROJECTS

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

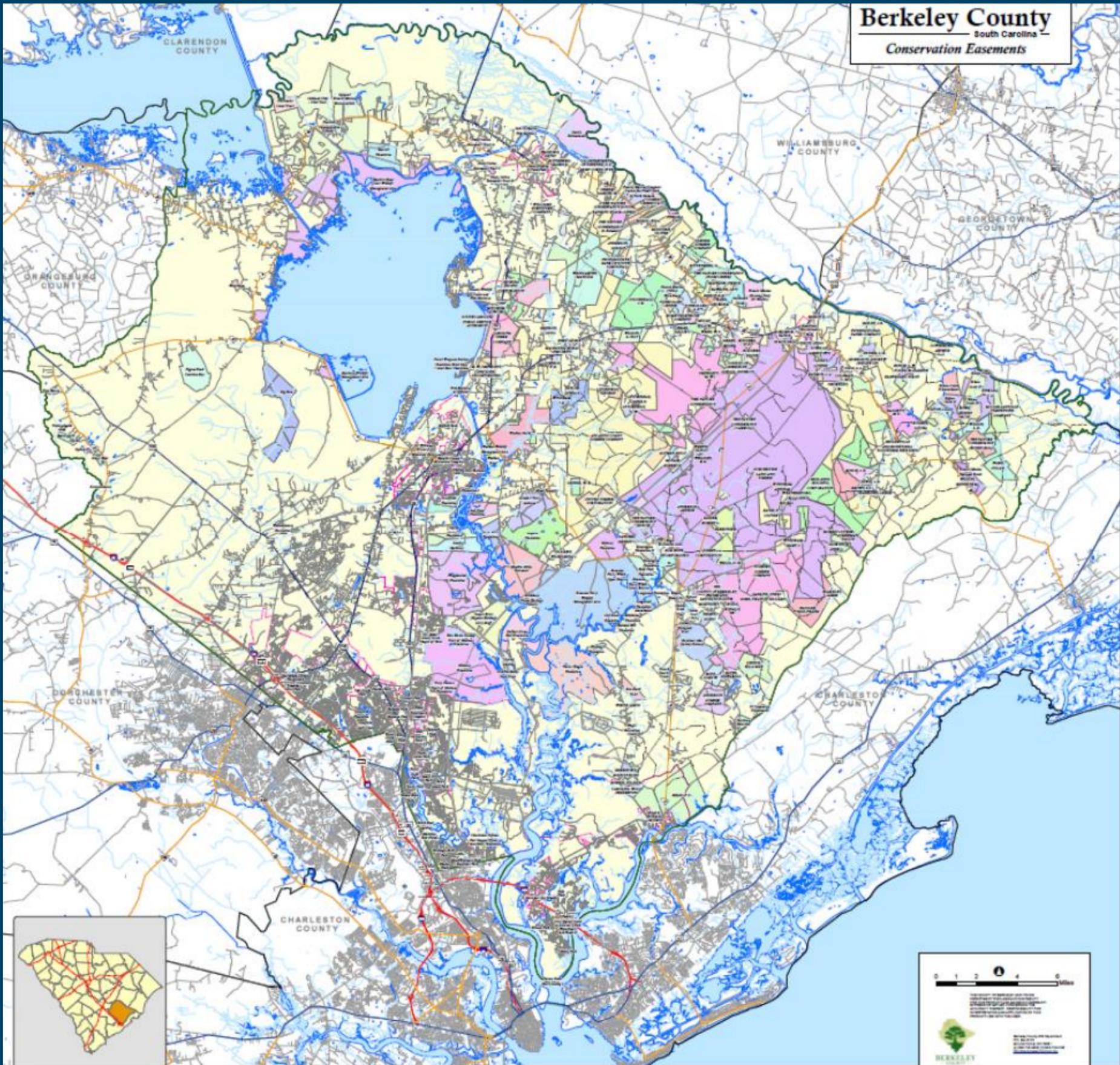


COMPLETED AND ACTIVE PROJECTS



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).”

”



NORTH ISLAND PROPERTY

DANIEL ISLAND (115 ACRES)



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

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



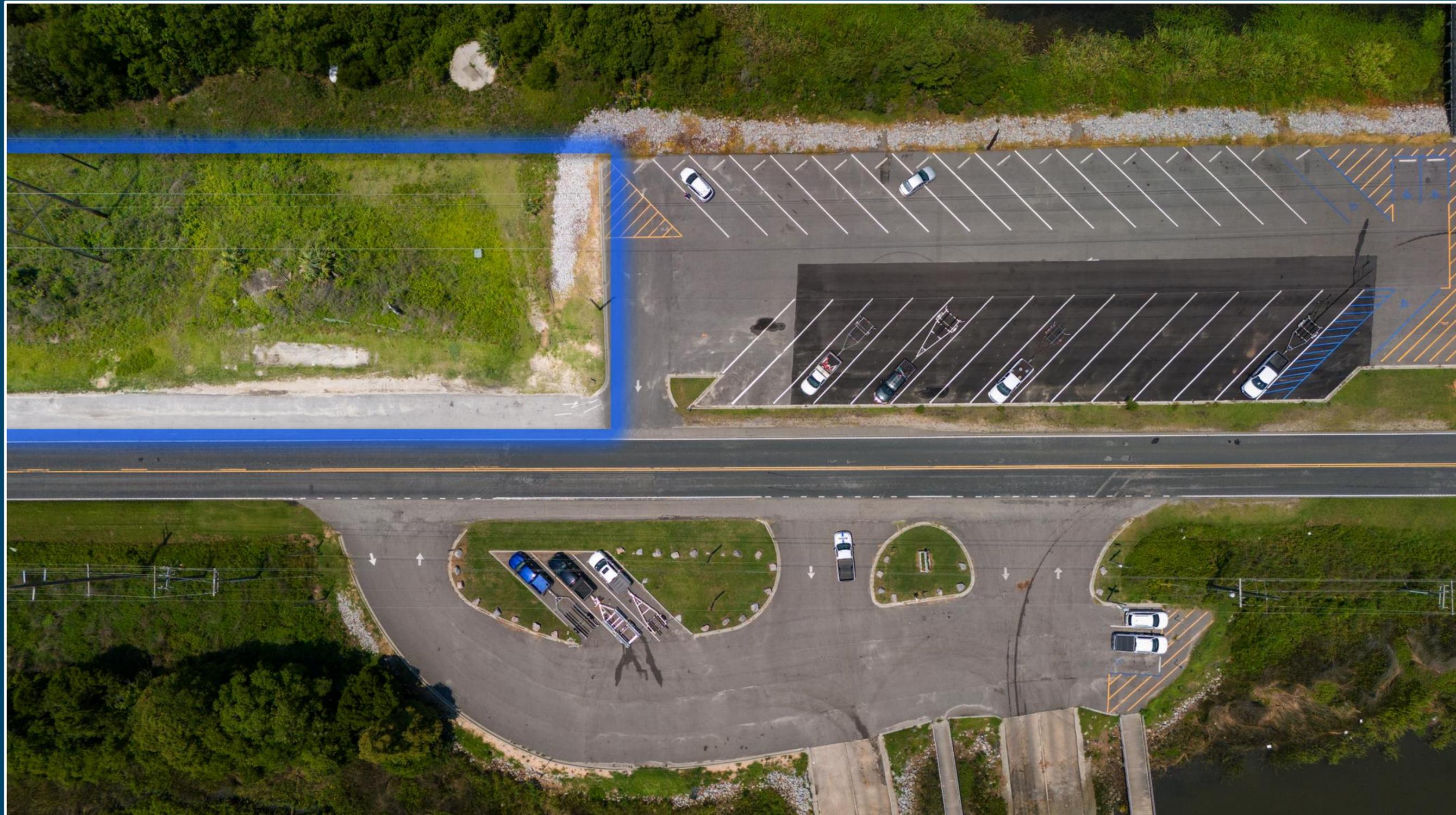
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CYPRESS SPLASH PAD



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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Permits Near Me



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Vehicle ...

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Schools



Courts



Utilities



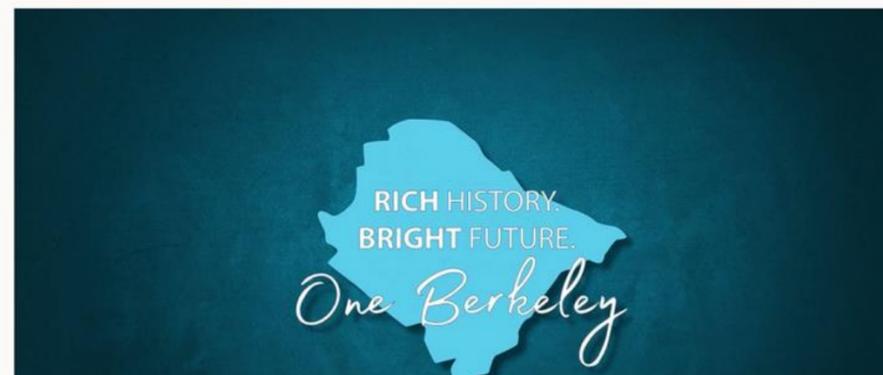
Internet



Other Services



Representatives



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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

