

2,456 Acres Protected During 2008

Bringing total rural acres to 7,980

During 2008 the Greenbelt Bank Board conducted three funding cycles for the Rural Greenbelt Program and made recommendations to Charleston County Council to fund 14 projects that resulted in:

- 2,456 acres protected
- \$7.3 million in rural funds awarded
- \$2,985 cost per acre
- \$17 million in match, including \$100,000 from the State Conservation Bank
- 3 fee simple projects
- 11 conservation easement projects



Ravens Point, Johns Island



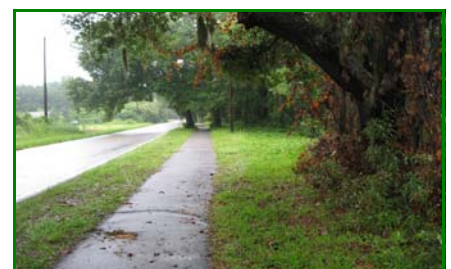
Two Pines, McClellanville



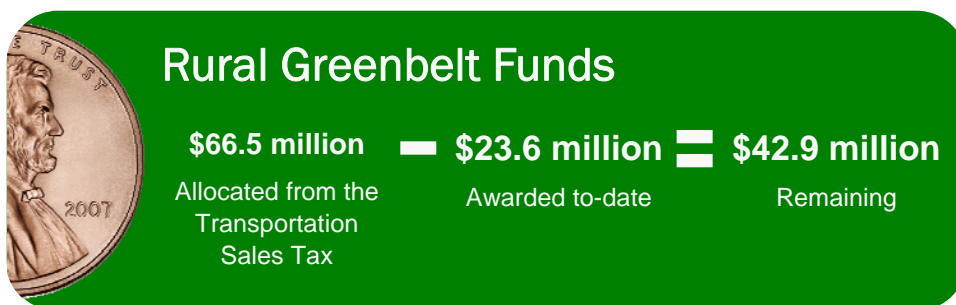
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Bulls Bay Village, Awendaw



Cassina Street, McClellanville

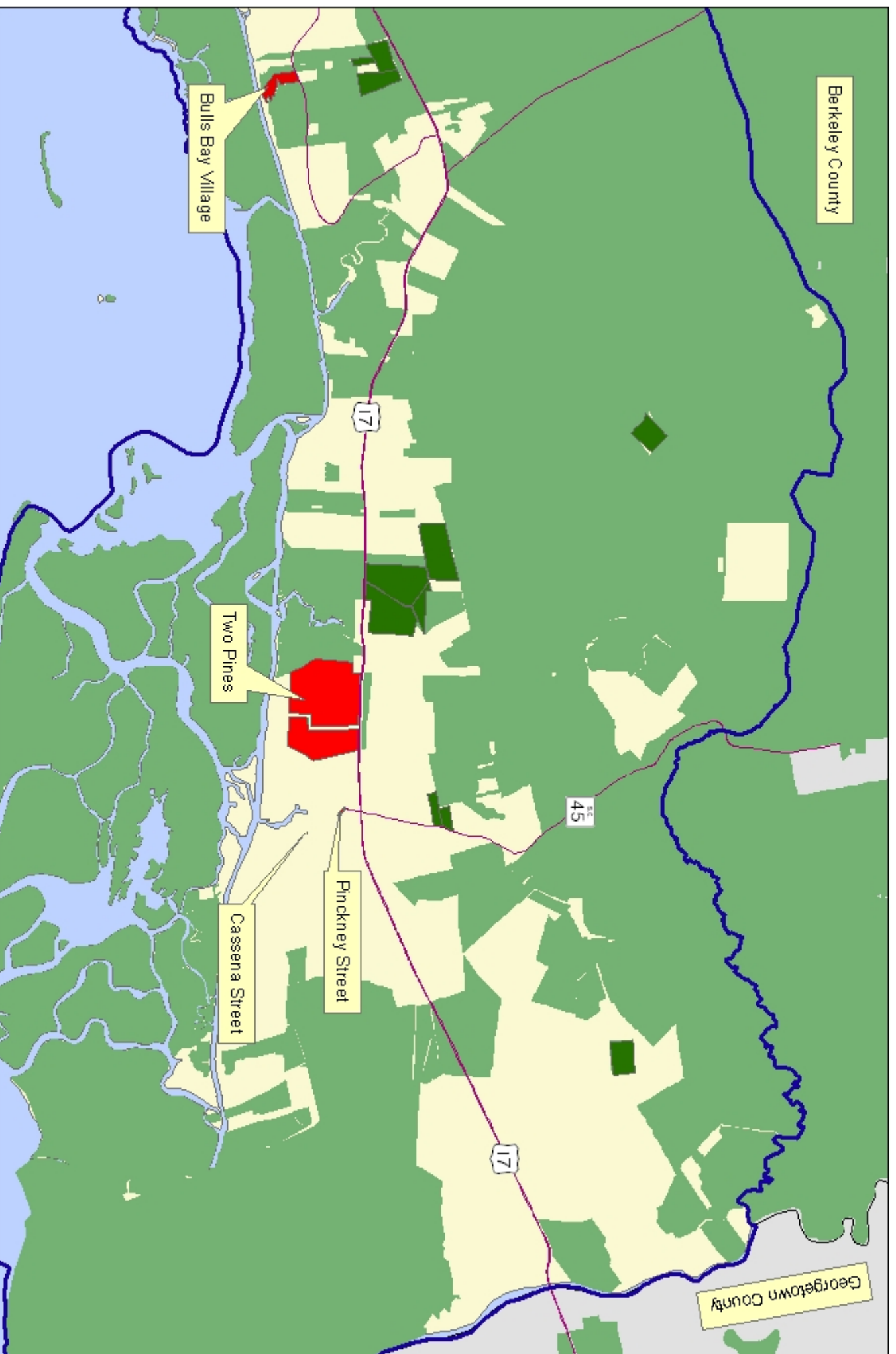


Greenbelt System Goals

The Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan set a goal of protecting 40,000 acres throughout Charleston County.

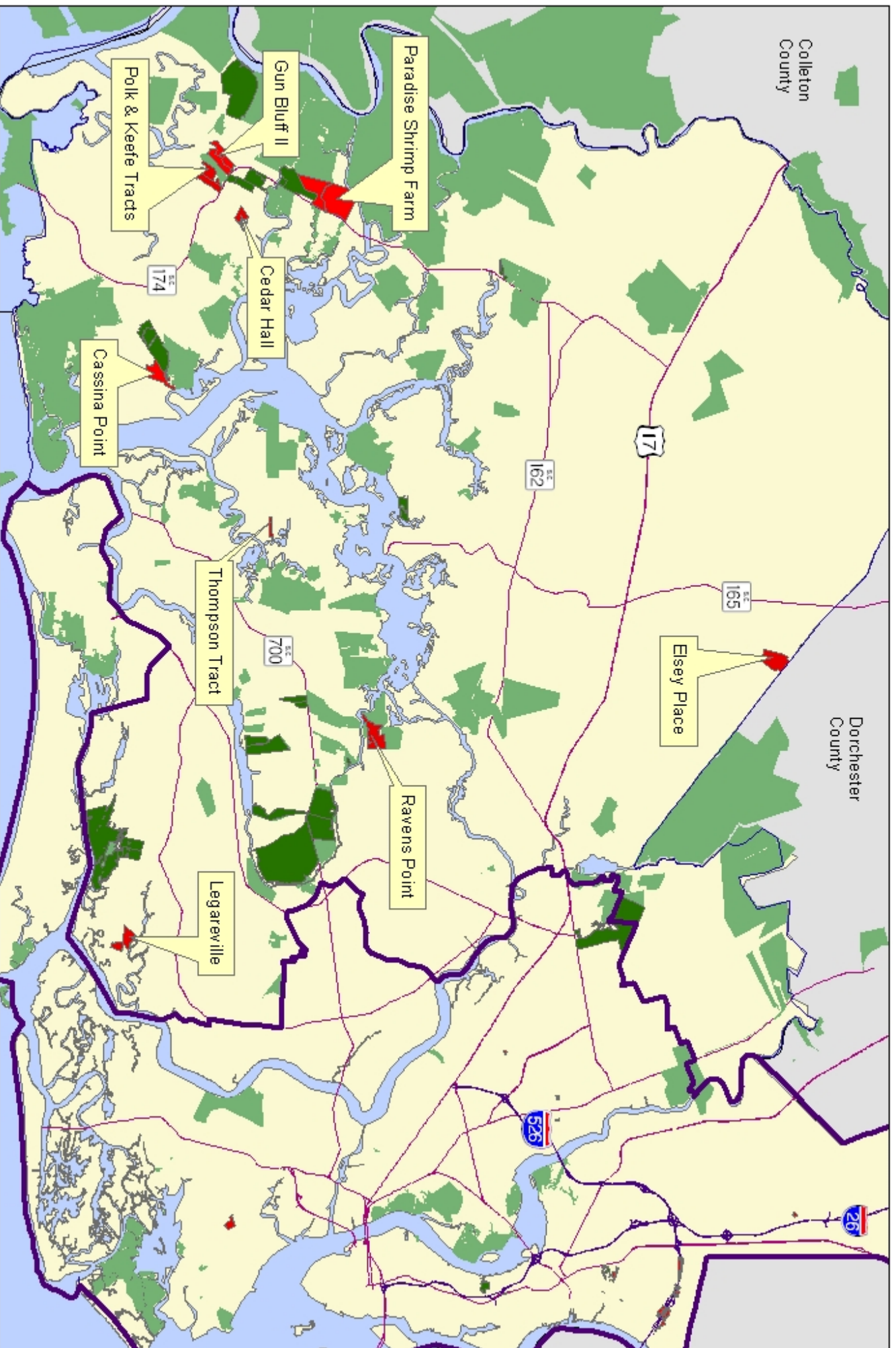
Rural land protected since the inception of the program in 2007 through 2008 has contributed the following toward meeting this goal:

- 3,961 acres of rural greenbelt lands (24% of goal of 16,240 acres)
- 2,061 acres in the Francis Marion Forest (20% of goal of 10,275 acres)
- 1,958 acres of rural wetlands (34% of goal of 5,610 acres)



Charleston County Rural Greenbelt Program - 2007 and 2008 Rural Greenbelt Projects (East County)

- 2007 Greenbelt Projects
- 2008 Greenbelt Projects
- Other Protected Lands (Federal, State, Private)
- Charleston County Boundary

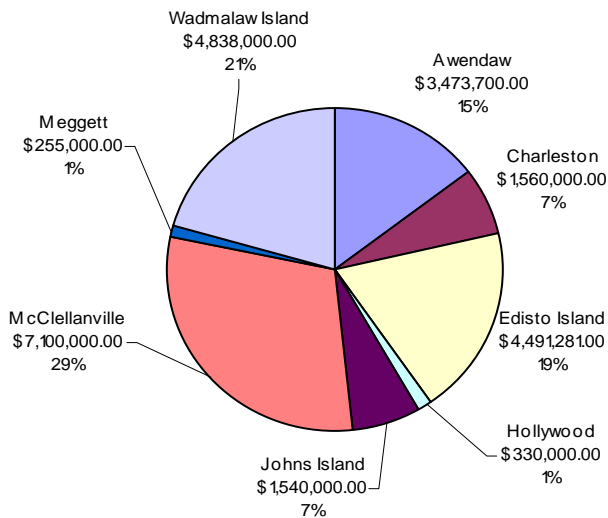


Charleston County Rural Greenbelt Program - 2007 and 2008 Rural Greenbelt Projects (West County)

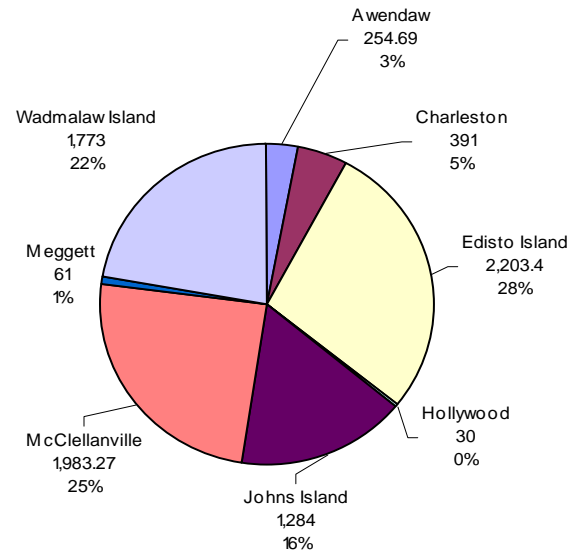
- 2007 Greenbelt Projects
- 2008 Greenbelt Projects
- Other Protected Lands (Federal, State, Private)
- Suburban Rural Edge

The charts below demonstrate the distribution of greenbelt funds and lands protected during the first two years of implementing the Rural Greenbelt Program (2007-2008).

Rural Funds by Location



Rural Acres by Location



About the Rural Greenbelt Program

Charleston County will operate a rural grants program to promote rural land conservation, wetlands protection, historic and cultural preservation, parkland acquisition, greenway and trail acquisition, and waterway access acquisition. Except for the minor improvements stated below, rural funds can be used for the acquisition of land and/or purchase of development rights on property within the rural area. Minor improvements will be limited to: boardwalks, foot bridges, unpaved trails, unpaved roadways and unpaved small parking areas.

Section 5.6.1 of the Charleston County Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan

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