

# Charleston County Greenbelt Programs Update



Charleston County Finance Committee  
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# Program Update

- **Total Projects** **188**

Conservation Easements	60	Rural	109
Fee Simple	121	Urban	79
Minor Improvements	7		
- **Total Acres Protected** **24,041**

Conservation Easements	17,021	Rural	22,396
Fee Simple	6,830	Urban	1,645
Minor Improvements	190		
- **Total Funds Awarded** **\$127.6M**

Conservation Easements	\$29.9M	Rural	\$80.9M
Fee Simple	\$97.1M	Urban	\$46.7M
Minor Improvements	\$ 0.6M		





# Program Update

- **Average Cost Per Acre** **\$5,226**

Cons. Easements	\$ 1,764	Rural	\$ 3,248
Fee Simple	\$13,657	Urban	\$36,549
- **Match Provided** **\$164.9M** (129%)

Cons. Easements	\$100.4M (336%)	Rural	\$104.8M (129%)
Fee Simple	\$ 64.2M (66%)	Urban	\$ 60.1M (129%)
Mnr. Improvements	\$ 0.28M (49%)		
- **Public Access (includes CCPRC)**

Total Acres	10,957 (42%)
Total Funds	\$141.7M (87%)



# Minority Lands

- **Minority Lands Funding** **\$52.6 M**
- **Minority Lands Acres** **3,264**
- Land purchased by a Settlement area neighborhood association, such as Snowden, Ten Mile, Four Mile, etc.
- Land located in one of the following municipalities:
  - Awendaw - 57.16% minority (54% African American, Hispanic 2.16% and Asian 1%) and 14.6% poverty level
  - Hollywood - 44.76% minority (43.3% African American, Hispanic 1.46%) and 9.33% poverty level
  - Lincolnville – 51.78% minority (49.1 African American, 2.68% Hispanic) and poverty level 22.3%
  - North Charleston - 59.71% minority (46.8% African American, 7.94% Hispanic, 2.92% Two or More Races, 2.05% Asian and 22.8% poverty level
  - Ravenel - 52.34% minority (43.6% African American, 8.4% Hispanic and Asian 0.34%) and 24.8% poverty level
- Land purchased specifically to serve minority groups
- Land is located in a predominately minority neighborhood





# Greenbelt Goals Update

Greenbelt Component	Goal	2017 Inventory	Since 2017	Total Acres Protected	% of Goal
Rural Lands	16,240	11,397	3,016	14,413	89%
National Forest	10,275	11,438	1,186	12,624	123%
Wetlands	5,610	7,900	991	8,891	158%
Urban Lands	2,000	666	717	1,383	69%
Corridors	1,200	155	2	157	13%
County Parks	4,675	5,933	0	5,933	127%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>37,489</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>43,401</b>	<b>109%</b>

Note:

- 2017 inventory includes Greenbelt Lands and Partner-protected lands
- Lands Protected Since 2017 includes only Greenbelt Lands



# Closings

## Closed Since Nov 2021

- SI Elementary Beach Path
- Howle Avenue Park
- Reserve at Meggett
- Jeremy Creek Expansion
- Pappy's Island II
- Whooping Island Scenic Buffer
- Griffith Tract

## Closing Pending

- Deer Head Oak
- Phillips Community Park
- Little Britton Easement
- SI Station 27 Beach Path

## Closing Pending

- SI Station 18 Boardwalk
- ADA Walkover at 34A Beach Access
- Legacy Live Oak Memorial Park Expansions B, C and D
- Peters Point-Vergot Easement
- Sea Islands Small Farmers Cooperative
- Ravenswood
- Oakville-Burden Creek
- Mount Pleasant Way Whipple Trail
- Mount Pleasant Way Scanlonville





# Greenbelt Funding Update

## Total Funds Currently Available

### Total Funds Available

	Balance from 1st Allocation	Annual Allocations to Date	Funds Awarded Since 2018	Balance Available
Rural	\$ (0)	\$ 30,450,000	\$ (11,639,575)	\$ 18,810,425
Urban	\$ 1,839,078	\$ 24,050,000	\$ (18,759,932)	\$ 7,129,147
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,839,078</b>	<b>\$ 54,500,000</b>	<b>\$ (30,399,507)</b>	<b>\$ 25,939,571</b>



# Greenbelt Funding Update

## Urban Funds Remaining for Lifetime of Program

Total Urban Allocation				
Municipality	Urban Allocation	Balance from 1st Allocation	Awarded to Date	Balance
Charleston	\$ 38,907,085	\$ 159,807	\$ (8,962,828)	\$ 30,104,064
Folly Beach	\$ 607,457	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 607,457
Isle of Palms	\$ 1,270,749	\$ -	\$ (120,000)	\$ 1,150,749
James Island	\$ 3,397,142	\$ 6,234	\$ (232,774)	\$ 3,170,602
Kiawah Island	\$ 588,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 588,456
Lincolnton	\$ 335,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 335,300
Mt. Pleasant	\$ 26,543,663	\$ -	\$ (2,563,366)	\$ 23,980,297
N. Charleston	\$ 25,378,736	\$ 1,589,607	\$ -	\$ 26,968,343
Seabrook Island	\$ 599,272	\$ 59,365	\$ -	\$ 658,637
Sullivan's Island	\$ 552,792	\$ 9,064	\$ (117,884)	\$ 443,972
Summerville	\$ 724,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 724,388
Unincorporated	\$ 10,094,958	\$ 15,000	\$ (6,715,060)	\$ 3,394,899
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 109,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,839,077</b>	<b>\$ (18,711,912)</b>	<b>\$ 92,127,166</b>





# FY23 Application Cycles

- FY23 Summer Application Cycle
  - Opened June 13, 2022
  - Closed July 29, 2022
  - 7 Applications; 4 Rural; 3 Urban
- FY23 Winter Application Cycle
  - Opens October 31, 2022
  - Closes January 27, 2023