

# Charleston County Greenbelt Programs Update



Charleston County Finance Committee  
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# Program Update

- **Total Projects**

**194**

Conservation Easements

60

Fee Simple

127

Minor Improvements

7

Rural

112

Urban

82





# Program Update

• <b>Total Acres Protected</b>	<b>24,652</b>
Conservation Easements	17,010
Fee Simple	7,452
Minor Improvements	190
Rural	22,572
Urban	2,080



# Program Update

• <b>Total Funds Awarded</b>	<b>\$134.9M</b>
Conservation Easements	\$ 29.9M
Fee Simple	\$104.4M
Minor Improvements	\$ 0.6M
Rural	\$ 83.7M
Urban	\$ 51.2M





# Program Update

• <b>Average Cost Per Acre</b>	<b>\$5,357</b>
Cons. Easements	\$ 1,798
Fee Simple	\$13,618
Rural	\$ 3,345
Urban	\$29,154



# Program Update

• **Match Provided \$194.5M (144%)**

Cons. Easements \$ 98.2M (328%)

Fee Simple \$ 96.0M ( 92%)

Mnr. Improvements \$ 0.3M ( 49%)

Rural \$106.1M (127%)

Urban \$ 88.4M (173%)





# Program Update

- **Public Access (includes CCPRC)**

Total Acres	11,578	(43%)
Total Funds	\$148.9M	(87%)
- **Minority Lands Funding \$57.5 M**
- **Minority Lands Acres 3,703**



# Greenbelt Goals Update

Greenbelt Component	Goal	2017 Inventory	Since 2017	Total Acres Protected	% of Goal
Rural Lands	16,240	11,397	3,146	14,543	90%
National Forest	10,275	11,438	1,186	12,624	123%
Wetlands	5,610	7,900	1,277	9,177	164%
Urban Lands	2,000	666	917	1,583	79%
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>6,528</b>	<b>44,017</b>	<b>110%</b>

Note:

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





# Closings

## Closed Since Nov. 2022

- Church Flats Battery Expansion A
- Keefe-Kinlaw Scenic Buffer
- Little Britton/G King Easement
- Horres Park
- Peter's Point-Vergot Easement
- Botany Bay Heritage Preserve Expansion

## Closing Pending

- ADA Walkover at 34A Beach Access
- Ravenswood
- Mount Pleasant Way Whipple Trail
- Mount Pleasant Way Scanlonville
- 1321 Sumner Avenue
- Ingleside-Weber Park System
- Phillips Community Park
- Little Britton Easement
- SI Station 27 Beach Path
- SI Station 18 Boardwalk



# Greenbelt Funding Update

## Total Funds Currently Available

### Total Funds Available

	Balance from Initial Allocation	Annual Allocations to Date	Funds Awarded Since 2018	Balance Available
Rural	\$ (0)	\$ 30,450,000	\$ (14,421,605)	\$ 16,028,395
Urban	\$ 1,839,078	\$ 24,050,000	\$ (23,261,282)	\$ 2,627,797
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,839,078</b>	<b>\$ 54,500,000</b>	<b>\$ (37,682,887)</b>	<b>\$ 18,656,191</b>





# Greenbelt Funding Update

## Urban Funds Currently Available

### Current Annual Urban Allocation

Municipality	Balance from 1st Allocation	Total Annual Allocations	Awarded Since FY19	Balance
Charleston	\$ 159,807	\$ 8,942,731	\$ (8,962,828)	\$ 139,710
Folly Beach	\$ -	\$ 182,648	\$ (385,000)	\$ (202,352)
Isle of Palms	\$ -	\$ 304,310	\$ (120,000)	\$ 184,310
James Island	\$ 6,234	\$ 812,658	\$ (232,774)	\$ 586,118
Kiawah Island	\$ -	\$ 124,228	\$ -	\$ 124,228
Lincolville	\$ -	\$ 83,105	\$ -	\$ 83,105
Mt. Pleasant	\$ -	\$ 5,284,660	\$ (2,563,366)	\$ 2,721,294
N. Charleston	\$ 1,589,607	\$ 5,825,839	\$ (4,164,370)	\$ 3,251,076
Seabrook Island	\$ 59,365	\$ 129,881	\$ -	\$ 189,246
Sullivan's Island	\$ 9,064	\$ 131,978	\$ (117,884)	\$ 23,158
Summerville	\$ -	\$ 94,742	\$ -	\$ 94,742
Unincorporated	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,133,221	\$ (6,715,060)	\$ (4,566,839)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,839,077</b>	<b>\$ 24,050,000</b>	<b>\$ (23,261,282)</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,796</b>





# Greenbelt Funding Update

## Urban Funds Remaining for Lifetime of Program

### Total Urban Allocation

Municipality	Urban Allocation	Balance from 1st Allocation	Awarded to Date	Lifetime Balance Projection
Charleston	\$ 38,907,085	\$ 159,807	\$ (8,962,828)	\$ 30,104,064
Folly Beach	\$ 607,457	\$ -	\$ (385,000)	\$ 222,457
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	\$ (4,164,370)	\$ 22,803,973
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>\$ (23,261,282)</b>	<b>\$ 87,577,796</b>





# FY24 Application Cycles

- **FY23 Winter Application Cycle**
  - Closed January 27, 2023
- **FY24 Summer Application Cycle**
  - Opens June 5, 2023
  - Closes July 28, 2023
- **FY24 Winter Application Cycle**
  - Opens October 27, 2023
  - Closes January 26, 2024