

Charleston County Greenbelt Program



Application Workshop
November 28, 2018



Transportation Sales Tax



November 2004 - \$1.3 billion:

- **\$221 million for Greenbelts**
 - **\$36 million for CCPRC**



November 2016 - \$2.1 billion:

- **\$210 million for Greenbelts**

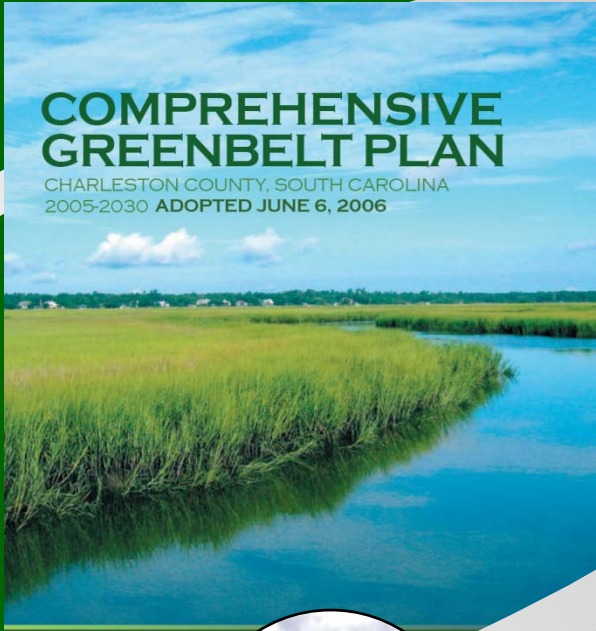


Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB)

- **Ordinance 1343:**
 - Primary Advisory Body for Greenbelts
 - Review and revise Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan every 5 years
 - Prepare and deliver to Council findings, recommendations and comments regarding the Plan.
 - Receive input from public through extensive public input process
- **2017 Greenbelt Plan Update:**
 - Sub-committee of GAB will review both Rural and Urban Greenbelt projects
 - GAB will review recommendations of sub-committee and make final recommendations to Council



Greenbelt Plan



Prepared for
CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
Prepared by
GREENWAYS INCORPORATED
WHITE & SMITH, LLC

Corridors

Active
Greenspace

Natural
Infrastructure

Productive
Landscapes

Heritage
Landscapes

Natural
Resources

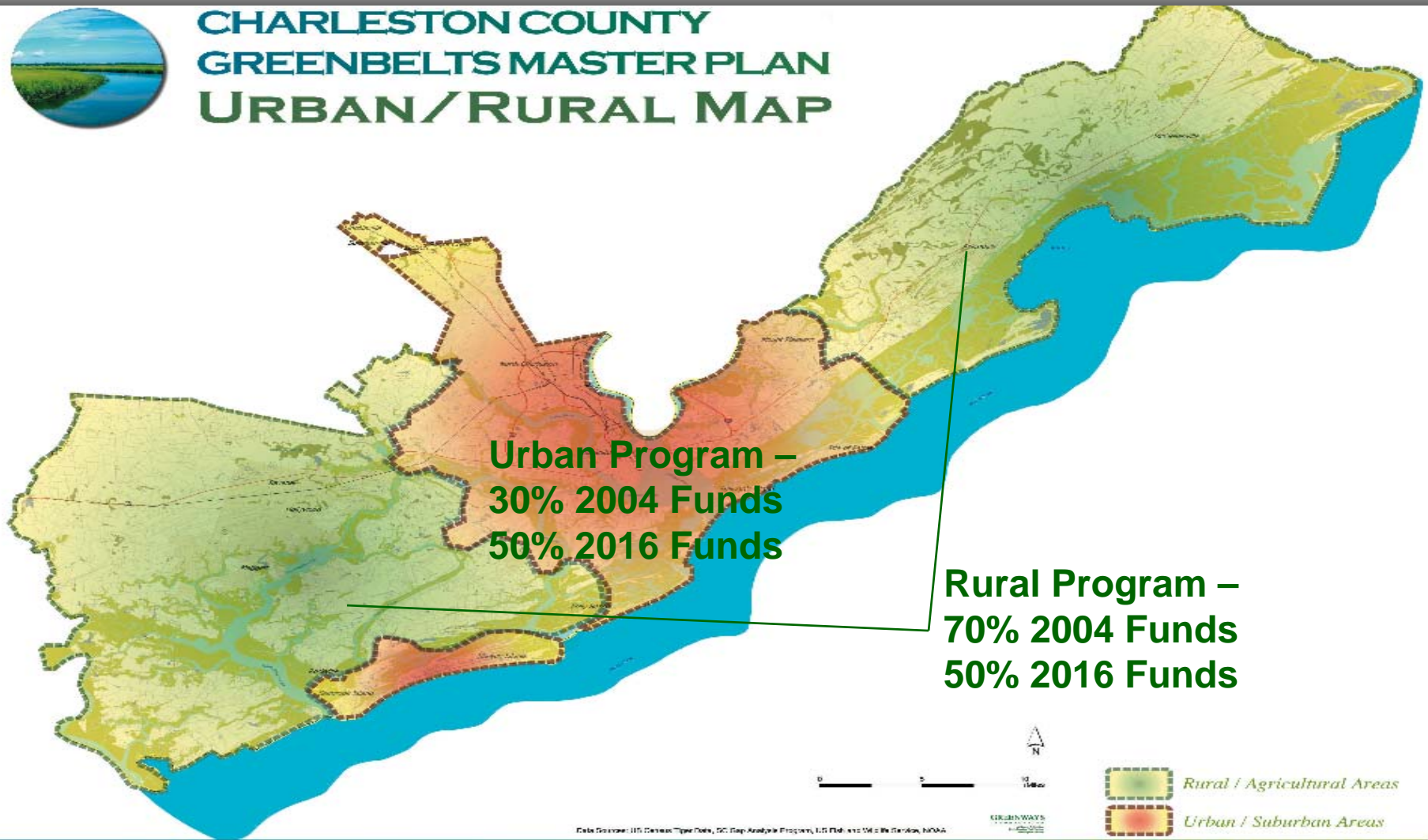
Passive
Greenspace



Urban/Rural Programs



CHARLESTON COUNTY GREENBELTS MASTER PLAN URBAN/RURAL MAP





Where the Green Goes

2004 Sales Tax

\$221 Million

\$36 Million
County
Parklands

\$66.5 Million
Rural Greenbelt
Program

\$28.5 Million
Urban
Greenbelt
Program

\$90 Million
Debt Service and
Program
Administration



Where the Green Goes

2016 Sales Tax

\$210 Million

\$100 Million
Rural Greenbelt
Program

\$100 Million
Urban
Greenbelt
Program



2004 Funds Remaining

Municipality	Funds Awarded	Total Acres	Funds Remaining
Charleston	\$ 9,730,698	173	\$ 155,707
Folly Beach	\$ 218,990	.43	\$ 0
Isle of Palms	\$ 474,305	1.07	\$ 0
James Island	\$ 1,095,896	7.37	\$ 6,234
Kiawah Island	\$ 120,361	0	\$ 0
Lincolnton	\$ 93,557	0	\$ 0
Mt. Pleasant	\$ 4,927,161	189.58	\$ 0
N. Charleston	\$ 6,315,000	188.72	\$ 1,412,345
Seabrook Island	\$ 70,000	0	\$ 59,365
Sullivan's Island	\$ 197,774	190	\$ 0
Unincorporated	\$ 3,459,290	21.64	\$ 0
Total	\$ 26,609,475	771.83	\$ 1,633,652



Greenbelt Goals Status

	Total Acreage	% of 2006 Target
Total Protected Since 2006		
Rural Greenbelt Lands	11,397	70%
Francis Marion Forest	11,438	111%
Lowcountry Wetlands	7,900	141%
PRC Regional Parks	5,933	127%
Urban Greenbelt Lands	666	33%
Greenway Corridors	155	13%
Total	37,628	94%



Greenbelt Program Status

	County's Rural & Urban Programs	CCPRC	Totals
Acres Protected	18,158	4,857	21,170
Funds Awarded	96.2 m	\$36 m	\$132.2 m
Funds Remaining	\$1.6 m	\$0 m	\$1.6 m

Funding



FULL ALLOCATION	1st Sales Tax Fund Balance (70% Rural 30% Urban)	2nd Sales Tax Revenues (50% Each)	Totals
Rural Funds	\$ 21,000,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 121,000,000
Urban Funds	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 109,000,000
Total	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 200,000,000	\$ 230,000,000

Allocation Based on Funds Available	1st Sales Tax Fund Balance (70% Rural 30% Urban)	2nd Sales Tax Revenues (50% each)	Totals
Rural Funds	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 12,000,000
Urban Funds	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 8,000,000
Total	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 20,000,000



Urban Funds Allocation

2018 Funds on Hand Urban Allocation

Municipality	Population (U.S. Census 2010)	Percent of Population	Urban Allocation
Charleston	120,083	37.63%	\$ 3,010,457
Folly Beach	2,617	0.82%	\$ 65,608
Isle of Palms	4,133	1.30%	\$ 103,613
James Island	11,034	3.46%	\$ 276,620
Kiawah Island	1,626	0.51%	\$ 40,764
Lincolville	1,139	0.36%	\$ 28,555
Mt. Pleasant	67,843	21.26%	\$ 1,700,811
N. Charleston	78,201	24.51%	\$ 1,960,484
Seabrook Island	1,714	0.54%	\$ 42,970
Sullivan's Island	1,791	0.56%	\$ 44,900
Summerville	998	0.31%	\$ 25,020
Unincorporated	27,930	8.75%	\$ 700,200
Total	319,109	100%	\$ 8,000,000



Finding Land to Preserve



County does not purchase or manage land



Municipalities, other government agencies and non-profit environmental conservation groups team-up with voluntary, willing property owners



County awards greenbelt money as grants to other governments or conservation groups to purchase property or rights



Other governments or conservation groups manage land



Eligible Greenbelt Fund Recipient

- Charleston County or a municipality in Charleston County;
- any agency, commission, or instrumentality of the County;
- not-for-profit charitable corporation or trust authorized to do business in this State and organized and operated for natural resource conservation, land conservation, or historic preservation purposes;
- an agency or instrumentality of the United States Government; and
- any other entities as may be approved at the discretion of County Council on a case-by-case basis.



Eligible Projects

- Acquisition of Land or Interests in Land
- Minor Improvements, limited to:
 - Boardwalks
 - Foot bridges
 - Unpaved Trails
 - Unpaved Roadways
 - Unpaved Small Parking Areas



Application Process

- Submit Notice of Intent for each project
- Receive link to online application
- Submit application (on-line & 2 paper copies) by EOB 2-28-19
- Staff Review & GAB Review
- Council Decision
- Grant Agreement, Closing, Funds Dispersed
- Annual Monitoring



Application Timeline

- Application Period Opened 11-7-18
- Workshop 11-28-18
- Projects Due by EOB 2-28-19
- Staff Review and Site Visits – March 2019
- GAB Review – April 2019
- Council Review – May 2019



Greenbelt Contact

New Website

<https://greenbelt.charlestoncounty.org>

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