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Conway Becomes More Beautiful

Conway, South Carolina – The Horry County Planning & Zoning Department’s Keep Horry County Beautiful (KHCB) Committee has partnered with the City of Conway Parks & Recreation Department for the Conway Beautification Project.

The Conway Beautification Project locations include the section of US 501 (Bypass) beach bound between the Waccamaw River and the intersection with SC544. There are four cutouts within the median where ornamental plants and shrubs, such as Day Lillies, Knockout Roses, and Crepe Myrtles were planted.

The second location is also along US 501 (Bypass) south-bound on the right shoulder on the overpass over US 701S. The City of Conway has begun planting trees, ornamental shrubs, and grasses to complement the beautification efforts.

Lastly, at the corner of US 501 Business and Depot Rd., just before the historic Main Street Bridge into downtown Conway, ornamental trees and flowers have been planted, including Palmetto trees, Little Gem Magnolias, Knockout Roses, Day Lillies and others.

All work was completed by mid-October.

The funding for the Conway Beautification Project was provided by an \$8,000 “Keep South Carolina Beautiful” Affiliate grant from PalmettoPride (the state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful). This grant was applied for in furtherance of the KHCB goal of beautifying main gateways throughout Horry County.



Various pictures from Beautification Sites: Above—Slope between Lake Busbee and US501; Below left—At Depot Rd. and US501 Bus.; Right: Median of US 501 Bypass;



Highways and Byways...

Visit

www.ridingonapenny.com
for the complete list of the
fifteen Road Improvement
Projects, including Maps,
Upcoming Meeting No-
tices, and past Community
Meeting Presentations.



Latest Updates on "Riding on a Penny" Road Improvement Projects

SC707 Widening Project: The S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is still involved in Right-of-Way Acquisition and Permitting stages.

Glenns Bay Road Widening & Interchange Construction: This "Riding on a Penny" project is currently still within Final Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Permitting stages.

International Drive: Paving of International Drive is slated to begin in Fall 2013 / Spring 2014.

Cost Overview of recently completed and ongoing "Riding on a Penny" projects:

* *Backgate (Socastee Blvd. at US17):* \$49.5M (Originally estimated) / \$119.6M (Actual, validated)

* *SC707 Widening:* \$132.3M (Originally estimated) / \$88.3M (Actual, validated)

* *Aynor Overpass (completed):* \$46M (Original estimate) / \$17.6M (Actual cost)

* *Glenns Bay Rd. Widening:* \$76M (Original estimate) / \$78.6M (Actual, validated)

* *100 Miles of County Dirt Roads Surfaced:* \$109.2M (Original est.) / \$60M (Actual cost)

* *Resurfacing of 67 Miles of County Roads:* \$5.8M (Original est.) / \$8.0M (Actual cost)

* *International Drive Paving Project:* \$6.5M (Original est.) / \$15.5M (Actual, validated)

Horry County Receives 265 trees for Highway Beautification Projects!

After much success with beautification projects in the Carolina Forest area, the Horry County Planning & Zoning Department once again applied for the **PalmettoPride Tree Grant**. This grant offers free trees to municipalities and neighborhood groups. Applicants must sign a Maintenance Agreement and participate in the "Great American Cleanup", a statewide and national litter cleanup event.

Horry County successfully received 265 trees to be used for Highway Beautification Projects as well as enhancing the landscaping of the new South Strand Recreation Complex off Scipio Road. The trees are comprised of 188 Crepe Myrtles (White), 50 Red Buds, 15 Red Maples and 12 River Birches.

Horry County is currently working on beautification projects in the following areas:

- 1) **Hwy 17 & 22 Interchanges**
- 2) **Hwy 544 and Hwy 17 Bypass Interchanges**
- 3) **Hwy 501 corridor east of Carolina Bays Parkway**
- 4) **Hwy 17 Business in Garden City.**



HORRY COUNTY BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN



The Horry County Planning & Zoning Department is currently working on a Bike and Pedestrian Plan for the entire county. This plan will focus on the many benefits of bicycling and walking, and will highlight the most effective measures that it will take in specific areas of Horry County to make bicycling and walking more attractive and safe. The first area this plan will deal with is the fast-growing community of Carolina Forest, where community residents and leaders have asked the county to specifically analyze how and where to best place more bike and walking trails. Overall benefits from biking and walking are:

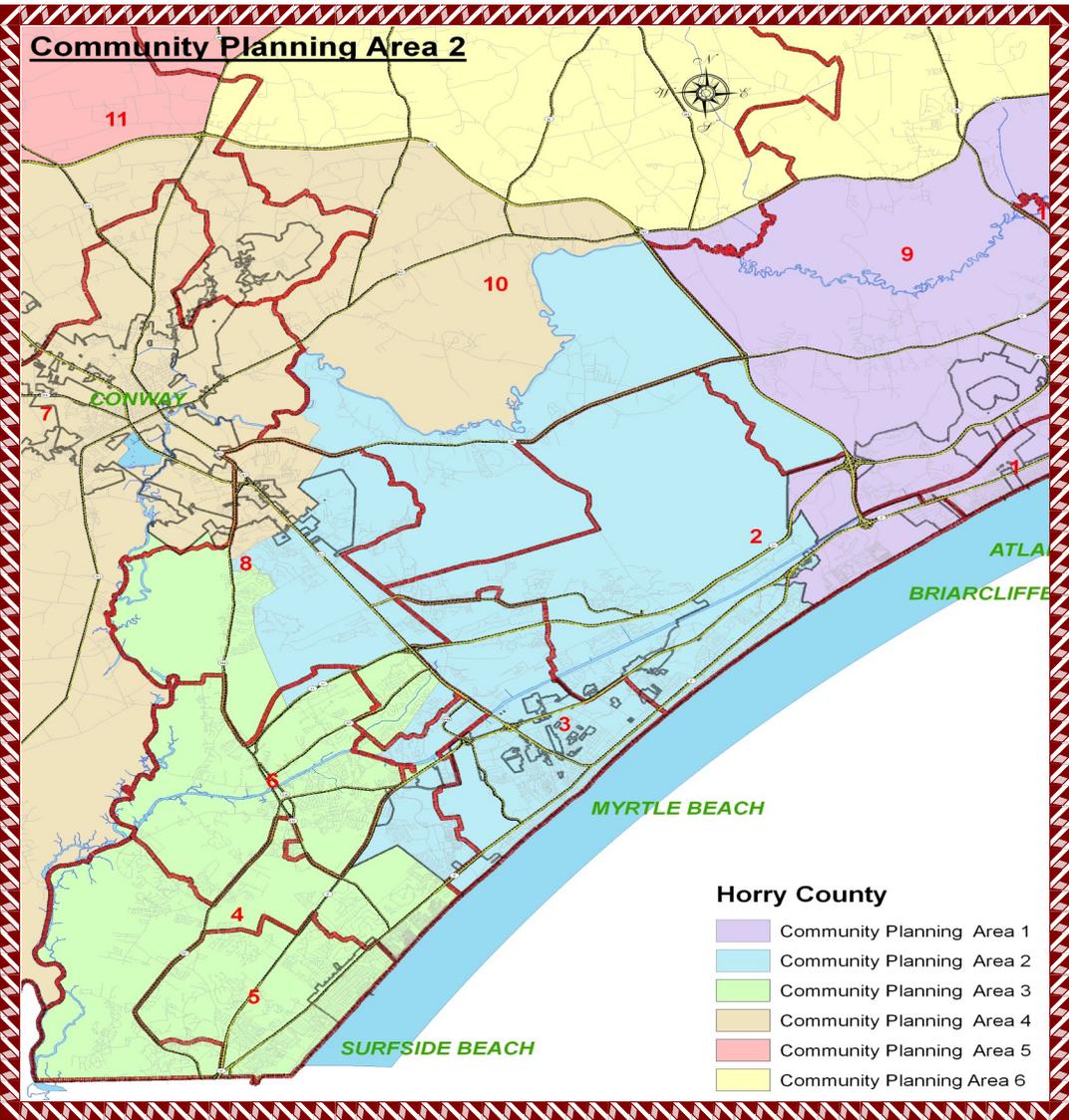
- Improving public fitness and health;
- Creating positive impacts on the local economy and desirability;
- Providing transportation choices for everyone;
- Enhancing environmental conditions; and
- Establishing a sense of community and quality of life.



Picture: Example of potential network improvements in Carolina Forest

Community Planning Area 2

Community Planning Area Two includes the communities of Bear Bluff, Carolina Forest, Forestbrook, Myrtle Beach, Nixonville, Hand and South Conway/Red Hill. It encompasses an area of 125 square miles, and based on Census 2010 is home to 65,825 persons. The following Horry County Councilmen represent Community Planning Area Two: Brent Schulz (District 2); Marion Foxworth, III (District 3); Carl Schwartzkopf (District 8) and Jody Prince (District 10). Current Planning goals in this area are: **a)** Better Bike and Pedestrian accessibility and connectivity; **b)** highway beautification and litter control; **c)** collaboration with municipalities of Conway and Myrtle Beach in joint planning measures, such as (future) land-use planning; parks and open space; redevelopment/revitalization and transportation. Community Planner: **Christopher Klement**, Senior Planner; Phone: **915-7899**.



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The **Horry County Parks and Open Space Board** is currently working to implement the Parks and Open Space Plan which calls for more green infrastructure connections between existing parks and open spaces that can be created either through greenways, recreational trails or other conserved undeveloped land connections. For more information, visit <http://www.horrycounty.org/boards/openspace/Board.asp>



The **Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee** was founded in 2011 as a subcommittee of the Horry County Parks and Open Space Board. The Committee is currently involved in various beautification efforts around the County and is continuously looking for new Community Cleanup Partners that agree to adopt public parks, boat landings or stretches of County Roads for regular litter cleanup. For more information either search for "Keep Horry County Beautiful (KHCB) on Facebook or go to: <http://www.horrycounty.org/planning/KHCB/KHCBDefault.pdf>



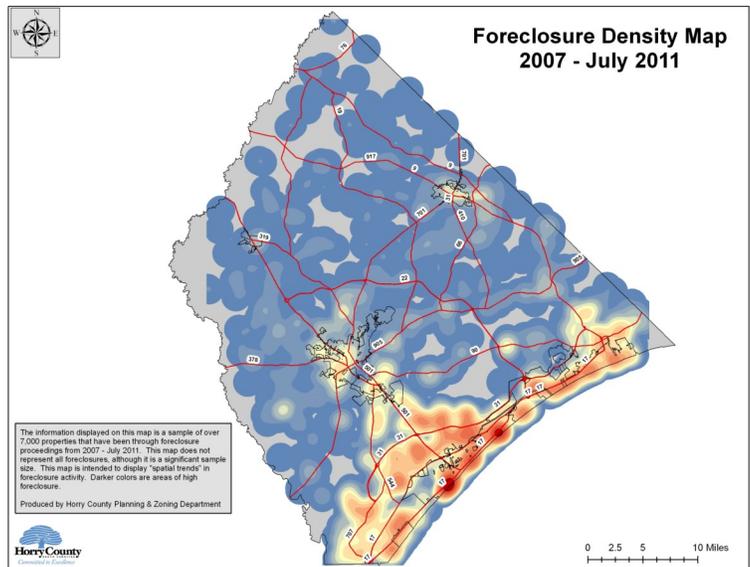
The Horry County Board of Architectural Review

The **Horry County Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation (BAR)** is holding their first Historic Video Contest. All High Schools students in Horry County are invited to participate by creating a short film detailing the history of a site or structure in Horry County. The winning video will receive \$250, second place \$100 and third place \$50. For more details, please visit <http://www.horrycounty.org/planning/BAR/Content/Video App.pdf>



Horry County Affordable and Workforce Housing Commission

The **Horry County Affordable and Workforce Housing Commission (AHC)** has been tracking foreclosure data for the past year. A unique product for this tracking is Foreclosure Density Mapping. Maps are produced on a monthly basis, and each displays the density of distressed properties in our neighborhoods and communities. The theory is that the higher the density of troubled properties within a geographically confined area, the greater the negative impact on surrounding property values. The Housing Commission has also started tracking the number of distressed properties. The full map series is available at <http://www.horrycounty.org/planning/AWHC/Default.pdf>



2012 Meeting Calendar



November

- 1 Planning Commission; 5:30PM
- 5 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30PM
- 12 Veterans Day (Office closed)
- 13 County Council; 6:00PM
- 20 Board of Architectural Review; 2:30PM
- 21 Affordable Workforce Housing Commission; 1:00PM
- 22 Thanksgiving (Office closed)
- 23 Office closed
- 27 Keep Horry County Beautiful; 2:30PM
- 29 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00PM



December

- 6 Planning Commission; 5:30PM
- 10 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30PM
- 18 County Council; 6:00PM
- 24 Christmas Eve (Office closed)
- 25 Christmas Day (Office closed)
- 26 Office closed
- 27 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00PM



One last note:

Horry County Planner elected Secretary-Treasurer of SC Chapter of American Planning Association (SCAPA)



Mr. John Danford, AICP who has been a staff member with the Horry County Planning and Zoning Department since 2006, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (SCAPA).

John's election to the SCAPA Board marks the first time any Horry County planner has held a statewide elected position with our affiliate APA organization. Horry County Planning and Zoning is committed to engaging the larger planning community, assisting with fostering positive change in our communities, and supporting the Planning profession throughout South Carolina.