



Town of James Island, Regular Town Council Meeting  
October 20, 2016; 7:00 PM; 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC 29412

Notice of this meeting was published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

Members of the public addressing Council during the Public Comment period must sign in. Comments should be directed to Council and not the audience. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

1. Opening Exercises: Boy Scout Troop #50
2. Presentation: Walk/Bike Plan: Vonie Gilreath, BCD Council of Governments: Vonie Gilreath  
Presentation: FY 2015/2016 Financial Statement: Henry Wilson, Wilson & Quirk CPA
3. Public Comment
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes: September 15, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting
  - b. Proclamation, National Colonial Heritage Month
5. Information Reports
  - a. Finance Report
  - b. Administrator's Report
  - c. Public Works Report
  - d. Island Sheriffs' Patrol Report
6. Requests for Approval
  - a. Design Option for Dills Bluff Sidewalk – JLA
7. Committee Reports
  - Land Use Committee
  - Environment and Beautification Committee
  - Children's Commission
  - Public Safety Committee
  - History Commission
8. Resolutions
  - a. Resolution #2016-15: Resolution in Support of an Application to BCD COG for Transportation Alternatives Program Funding for Dills Bluff Sidewalk, Phase I
9. Ordinances up for Second Reading:
  - a. Ordinance #2016-10: An Ordinance Amending the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance, Number 2013-07, Section 153.211 Animals, and Corresponding Applicable Ordinances in Livability Regulations, Section 90.17
10. Ordinances up for First Reading: None

11. New Business:
  - a. Light at Mikell Drive
12. Executive Session: The Town Council may/will enter into an Executive Session in accordance with 30-4-70(a) Code of Laws of South Carolina.
13. Return to Regular Session
14. Adjournment:

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC, on Thursday, September 15, 2016. The following members of Council were present: Mayor Pro-Tem Leonard Blank, Garrett Milliken, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, Joshua P. Stokes, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, who presided. A quorum was present to conduct business. Also present: Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Merrell Roe, Senior Finance Clerk, Kristen Crane, Planning Director, John Porcelli, Jr., Building Inspector, Sergeant Shawn James, Island Sheriff’s Patrol, Bonum S. Wilson, Town Attorney, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Woolsey called the meeting to order. He opened in prayer and followed with the Pledge to the Flag. FOIA: This meeting was published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

Public Hearing: Ordinance #2016-08: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR), Section 153.334 Tree Protection and Preservation, (A) General, (4) Measurements and Definitions, adding a provision to protect 18” DBH trees within 25’ from the edge of the road in residential zones: Mayor Woolsey opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke.

Public Comment:

Tom Sheridan, 1038/1046 Folly Road: Mr. Sheridan addressed Town Council last month about the chicken ordinance. He submitted 100 signatures in support of chickens/roosters. He feels roosters need to be included in the ordinance for humanitarian and animal welfare reasons. Last month he distributed scientific data about roosters. He told his girls about tonight’s meeting and they were upset thinking their roosters would be taken away. He said roosters are more elegant than hens and people collect them for visual impact. People generally take care of their animals; they either get enjoyment or sustenance from them.

Julie McElroy, 1142 Skiff Street, a CCSD Nurse, has kept backyard chickens for five years. She previously asked the Planning Commission and Town Council to reconsider the limit on the number of chickens someone may have. She used numbers to illustrate what was a reasonable request and is grateful Council listened. She feels property owners should have the right to do what they want on their property as long as it does not infringe upon the rights of others. Items B-F in the ordinance addresses those rights without limiting a property owner’s rights. 13 people were present at the last Council meeting and spoke in favor of chickens; no one spoke against. She asked Council to consider striking “A” from the ordinance; if “B-F” is maintained, “A” is unnecessary.

Fred Jainchill, 1152 Bradford: commented the Town is not 30 years ago; and it is not rural anymore. People are only allowed to have a certain number of cats and dogs. Regarding roosters in residential neighborhoods, he asked if we are a farming neighborhood? These things should be taken into consideration with the neighborhood and surroundings.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of August 18, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting
- b. Constitution Week Proclamation, September 17-23, 2016

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken and passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Presented by Senior Finance Clerk, Merrell Roe. Councilman Milliken asked about the \$541 expenditure under the Elected Officials category. Ms. Roe explained a billing problem with Verizon that has been resolved.
- b. Administrator’s Report: Presented by Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan. Mrs. Kellahan introduced Building Inspector, John Porcelli. The Town will soon conduct Plan Reviews in-house.

- c. Public Works: Provided. Mrs. Kellahan announced Alexander White, engineering intern in Public Works with Mark Johnson.
- d. Annual Report: Provided. Mrs. Kellahan presented an overview of goals and objectives for 2015-2016 by department. The report contains information on two large capital projects: Pinckney Park and Town Hall.
- e. Island Sheriffs' Patrol Report: Sergeant James updated Council on a recent checkpoint on Camp Road, monthly crime statistics, and Island Sheriffs' Patrol reports.

#### Requests for Approval

- a. Town Hall Site Clean-up Proposal: Target Contractors: Mrs. Kellahan reported that Target Contractors has been retained to remove a large amount of debris, an old house, and a concrete pad on the property. Cost is \$19,500. Motion made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken asked if an inspection for hazardous materials had been done. Mrs. Kellahan said it is being done. We do not expect the house to have asbestos because of its age. Terracon, (Environmental Engineers) will begin that process and if asbestos is found, there will be a slight change in the cost; between \$500 - \$1,000 to remove it. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Fort Johnson Vegetation Control Proposal: Natural Directions: Mrs. Kellahan gave an overview of a proposal from Natural Directions. The request is for vegetation control on Fort Johnson Road; (Bayview Soccer Complex to Bayview Farms subdivision). Cost is \$11,500. Natural Directions recommends that the Town develop a maintenance plan for future vegetation control. Motion made by Councilman Milliken, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Councilman Milliken said a maintenance plan is a good idea and perhaps it could be done in spring before new growth begins. He asked if the City could help with the maintenance costs because Bayview Farms is City and it seems reasonable to ask for help along that stretch. Mayor Woolsey suggested this could be an item of discussion at the Intergovernmental Council meeting. Councilman Stokes noted that the proposal did not include cleaning debris from the previous tree operation. Mrs. Kellahan said the dump truck the company uses to haul debris is being repaired; however, the cleanup will occur. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Pinckney Park Signage Design and Quote: Signature Signs: Mrs. Kellahan presented a proposal from Signature Signs for Pinckney Park for \$3,800. She noted that the base of the sign will be done in "old Charleston" brick; two-sided; and the design will tie in with the surrounding neighborhoods. Mrs. Kellahan said she would like to have the sign installed prior to bidding Phase I. Motion made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken said it is good to have signage at a park but he is concerned about consistency. He compared this sign to that at Dock Street Park and would like the Town to have a branding process as we develop designs for signs. He is also concerned about the cost of \$3,800. Mrs. Kellahan explained that the sign will be a concrete wall with the bricks. She said most of the cost will go towards building the foundation. Motion passed; Councilman Milliken voted no.

#### Committee Report:

Land Use Committee: Councilman Blank gave an update on Planning and Zoning: subdivision approval of four (4) homes on Highland Avenue; Hen & the Goat Restaurant opens this fall; Sermets and the Blues Burger Joint are now open; Planning Director, Kristen Crane will attend the American Planning Association (APA) conference next week and present the Complete Streets Folly Road project; Bootlegger subdivision is undergoing extensive storm water review.

Environment and Beautification: Councilman Milliken announced a successful James Island Pride Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 individuals volunteered along with 3 Boy Scout Troops, James Island Charter HS Student Council, the National Honor Society,

and the Exchange Club. Over 100 bags of litter were collected estimating 1,785 pounds. Next pickup is Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced the Children's Commission is working with the Kaleidoscope Program on the Second Annual Lights Out event. The event will be held Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10-12 N. in the parking lot of Town Hall. Next Children's Commission meeting is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced the Neighborhood Council meeting on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

History Commission: Mayor Woolsey announced the SC Department of Archives and History approved the historical marker for the Battle of Dills Bluff. The marker has been ordered and a dedication ceremony will be scheduled. The marker will be erected on Dills Bluff Road near the court.

Resolutions:

- a. Resolution #2016-14: Provide Local Match for MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant: Mrs. Kellahan reported this is the first Economic Development Grant by the Municipal Association. The Grant promotes small businesses in the community. This grant will be used for the Folly Road Streetscape/Parking Improvements Project to help minimize curb cuts, parking, and sidewalk. The Town is required to pass a Resolution and commit to a match of \$3,750 (15%) to receive a \$25,000 Grant. Motion made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Blank. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second Reading:

- a. Ordinance #2016-09: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR); Section 153.207, Accessory Structures in Residential Office (OR) Zoning Districts, adding a Provision for Accessory Structures over 120 square feet: Mayor Woolsey reported this Ordinance addresses accessory structures in setbacks. Motion made by Councilman Blank, and seconded by Councilman Stokes. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for First Reading:

- a. Ordinance #2016-08: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR); Section 153.334 Tree Protection and Preservation, (A) General, (4) Measurements and Definitions, adding a provision to protect 18" DBH trees within 25' from the edge of the road in residential zones: Motion made by Councilman Mullinax and seconded by Councilman Milliken.

Councilman Mullinax said he wants to offer a balance and preserve some 18" trees, while allowing people the flexibility to do what they desire on their property. He said the amendment is 25' from the edge of the road; and has nothing to do with public right of way. Trees within 25' from the edge of the road will be 18"; and those beyond that will be at 24". He said this will give homeowners the ability to access trees that may be damaging a home's foundation; and they can build a porch, garage, or a room. This is a balance that would stand the test of time and not change with every new Council; it will be consistent, simple, and precise.

Councilman Blank said there should be one definition for a grand tree; not two. He believes this will confuse residents and they will have to figure out whether they are 25' from the edge of a road. If someone lives on a dirt road, they would not be able to determine where the edge of the road is.

He does not understand why there should be a difference in a tree 25' from the edge of a road than a tree anywhere. There should be one size for grand trees.

Councilman Milliken said he would like to offer an amendment that may satisfy Councilman Blank's concern about the present definition of a grand tree. What he proposes is already in Councilman Mullinax's amendment but separates clearly what a grand tree is and what a tree that is 25' from the edge of the road is. Councilman Milliken moved that under Section 153.334 Tree Protection and Preservation, (A) General, (4) Measurements and Definitions: Trees located 25' or less from the edge of a road in residential zones; that trees located in such a zone would be protected if measured 18" or greater DBH. Grand Trees and trees located within 25' of roads in residential zones measuring 18" DBH or greater are prohibited from removal unless a tree removal permit is issued. He said this adds criteria for trees that are 25' from the edge of a road. Councilman Mullinax seconded. No further discussion. Motion failed 3-2; Councilmembers Blank, Stokes, and Mayor Woolsey voted no. Main Motion: Failed 3-2; Councilmembers Blank, Stokes, and Mayor Woolsey voted no.

- b. Ordinance #2016-10: An Ordinance Amending the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance, Number 2013-07, Section 153.211 Animals, and Corresponding Applicable Ordinances in Livability Regulations, Section 90.17: Mayor Woolsey recalled at the last Council meeting that discussions were discontinued and amendments were made and sent to the Planning Commission for advice. Council then resumed discussion on the proposed Ordinance as amended with the two amendments: 1) one chicken per 2500 square feet with a limit of 12; and, 2) if greater than 12 chickens are to be housed in a residential zoning district, an approved chicken housing permit must be issued.

Mayor Woolsey said he would like to propose some amendments. After reviewing the Ordinance over the last few weeks he said there are areas of concern in the Ordinance that refers to the Livability Ordinance. Mayor Woolsey moved to amend under Section 90.17: Raising/Keeping Chickens on Residential Property: Chickens: strike "in residential zoning districts"; Councilman Blank seconded. Mayor Woolsey said this is mostly an editorial change but it is not appropriate to refer to Zoning Districts in the Livability Ordinance. Councilman Blank asked the staff's opinion on permitting chickens. Mayor Woolsey said staff is willing to work towards what Council decides; however, they believe it would be complicated and difficult. Councilman Milliken asked to review the ZLDR because he would like to know what it says about other pets. Mayor Woolsey said that is not in the Zoning Ordinance; it is in the Livability Ordinance. Councilman Blank noted the majority of the Town is in a Residential Zoning District and it does not need to be in the Ordinance. Councilman Milliken said since we are passing this for homeowners to keep chickens, he agreed that it would be redundant. Motion passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Woolsey moved to strike the second sentence of Section (A): If greater than 12 chickens are to be housed in a residential zoning district, an approved chicken housing permit must be issued; Councilman Blank seconded. Mayor Woolsey said he is personally supportive of a chicken permit, however, the language has several problems. He is troubled by the last three words that says "must be issued". He thinks the intention is that the homeowner must have a permit; but the homeowner will not issue it, the Town will - - we do not want to say that the Town must issue, it should read "may" issue. The second concern is the sentence includes in a "residential zoning district", which is not appropriate in the Livability Ordinance. The third concern is it seems the Town would only be authorized to issue chicken permits for 13 and more chickens. If a homeowner has a half-acre parcel, under the regular rules they would be allowed to have 9 chickens but a permit could only be issued for 13. There would be no legal permit for 10, 11, or 12 chickens. He thinks the wording is inappropriate and it should be changed. Mayor Woolsey asked to strike "If greater

than 12 chickens are to be housed in a Residential Zoning District, an approved chicken housing permit must be issued”.

Councilman Blank stated his concerns about criteria for a permit and said until that is determined, the language should be stricken. Councilman Stokes expressed similar concerns about issuing a permit for greater than 12 chickens and gave examples of the number someone could have under the current language. Councilman Milliken said it would be easy to modify the language to address these concerns; however, he detects a lack of desire to permit any chicken use on the island for numbers that people presently have. He explained why he suggested a permit because he thought it was unfair to people who had a greater number of chickens presently. Further, he said his amendment was written in haste in a meeting but he was glad that it passed. Council expressed they were not being critical of the amendment but the language needs to be changed for the betterment of all. There was some discussion about the legality of chickens in the Town. Mayor Woolsey said chickens are illegal. Councilman Blank asked Attorney Wilson if chickens are legal while there is a pending ordinance and he answered ‘no’, they are illegal. After discussion, Councilman Milliken moved to strike under Section A: one chicken is allowed per 2500 square feet per parcel, and require a permit for all chickens. No second was offered and the motion failed. Mayor Woolsey called for the vote to strike: Section (A): If greater than 12 chickens are to be housed in a residential zoning district, an approved chicken housing permit must be issue. The motion passed. Councilmembers Milliken and Mullinax voted no.

Mayor Woolsey motioned to add the following amendment: (B) In exceptional circumstances, the Town may issue a special chicken housing permit to allow for chickens otherwise prohibited by this section. Criteria including the size of the parcel, the character of the neighborhood, current development of neighboring parcels, distance to neighboring residences and agreement by nearby residents may be considered. The Town may revoke a special chicken housing permit at its sole discretion. Councilman Stokes seconded.

Councilman Milliken offered an amendment to strike “character of the neighborhood”, Councilman Mullinax seconded. Councilman Stokes asked the reason for wanting to strike this and Councilman Milliken said character of the neighborhood is not well defined; and a problem having something that is not well defined in an ordinance. No vote was taken.

Councilman Blank moved to table (B), Councilman Milliken seconded. Councilman Blank asked Council to put their thoughts together and forward them to the Planning Director. He also thought it would be a good idea to have a one-day ad hoc meeting to discuss and review this matter. Motion to table Amendment (B) passed unanimously.

Mayor Woolsey asked for further discussion on the main motion. No discussion. Mayor Woolsey announced Ordinance #2016-10 and Amendment (A) passed First Reading. Mayor Woolsey said the permitting process under (B) can be brought off the table at the next meeting for Second Reading or a future date.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Frances Simmons  
Town Clerk



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, The CHARLES TOWNE CHAPTER, of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century of Charleston, South Carolina, is locally sponsoring **National Colonial Heritage Month** during the month of October 2016; and

WHEREAS, **National Colonial Heritage Month** brings to mind the first courageous settlers who arrived in America and who determined the direction for the formation of our country; and

Whereas, the members of this Society, by virtue of their lineal descent from those early arrivals, feel an obligation to work for the preservation of the priceless legacy that the early arrivals left to all American citizens; and

Whereas, they continue to convey the true meaning of the inheritance by reminding us that our privilege to live in a free country has stemmed from "loving our country, obeying its laws, respecting its flag and defending it against all enemies."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Woolsey, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2016, AS

### **NATIONAL COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH**

In the Town of James Island, South Carolina, and encourage all citizens of the Town of James Island, to observe this month as a means of reinforcing the priceless legacy that we inherit with our citizenship, in order to help preserve our rich culture and heritage with deep respect for the principles upon which our great country was founded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of James Island, South Carolina, to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

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Bill Woolsey, Mayor

ATTEST

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Frances Simmons, Town Clerk

# Town of James Island

% FY Complete 25%

## Monthly Budget Report

Fiscal Year 2016/2017

1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			TOTAL	BUDGET
July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June		

### GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Accommodations Tax												-	-	
Brokers & Insurance Tax		33										33	430,500	
Building Permit Fees		9,017	947									9,964	10,000	
Business Licenses	1,688	9,973	8,266									19,927	230,000	
Contributions/Donations-Park												500		
Franchise Fees	163,859											163,859	465,500	
Interest Income												-	-	
Alcohol Licenses -LOP												-	10,000	
Local Assessment Fees		421										421		
Local Option Sales Tax (rev)			33,399									33,399	353,000	
Miscellaneous	200	200	200									600	1,000	
Planning & Zoning Fees	526	553	927									2,005	12,000	
State Aid to Subdivisions		26										26	260,000	
Telecommunications												-	45,000	
Transfer In from Funds Balance												-	477,632	
		<b>20,224</b>	<b>43,738</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>Total</b>	<b>230,735</b>	<b>2,294,632</b>
												<b>% of Budget</b>		<b>10%</b>

### ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	16,827	16,875	25,301									59,003	221,300	
Fringe Benefits	5,653	5,664	8,522									19,839	73,405	
Copier	345	75	634									1,054	5,300	
Supplies	1,155	1,174	283									2,613	13,000	
Postage	595											595	6,700	
Information Services	2,313	2,404	5,064									9,782	40,000	
MASC Membership												-	5,500	
Insurance		11,922										11,922	22,000	
Legal Services		2,625	223									2,848	60,000	
Town Codification		203	1,088									1,291	2,500	
Advertising	60	297	187									544	5,000	
Audit												-	12,500	
Elections												-		
Mileage Reimbursement	29	54	28									111	800	
Bonding			350									350	1,870	
Employee Training / Screening			40									40	850	
Dues and Subscriptions	75											75	1,060	
Training & Travel												-	2,500	
Mobile Devices	338	108	111									557	1,350	
Children's Commission	146	56										203	1,000	
Business Development Council												-	500	
History Commission			2,120									2,120	2,500	
Employee Appreciation			21									21	500	
Bank Charges	49	79	74									202	1,000	
	<b>27,586</b>	<b>41,534</b>	<b>44,047</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>Total</b>	<b>113,167</b>	<b>481,135</b>
												<b>% of Budget</b>		<b>24%</b>

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Salaries	3,769	3,769	5,654									13,192	50,000	
Fringe Benefits	2,196	2,196	3,294									7,685	30,000	
Mayor Expense	28											28	2,000	
Council Expense												-	4,000	
Mobile Devices	166		273									439	1,600	
	<b>6,159</b>	<b>5,965</b>	<b>9,220</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>Total</b>	<b>21,344</b>	<b>87,600</b>
												<b>% of Budget</b>		<b>24%</b>

**GENERAL OPERATIONS**

Salaries	14,133	15,057	27,372									56,562	241,500
Fringe Benefits	4,603	5,140	9,077									18,820	93,182
	18,736	20,197	36,449	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,382	334,682
												Total	
												% of Budget	23%

**PLANNING**

Supplies		53	100									153	600
Advertising		127										127	2,000
Mileage Reimbursement			167									167	100
Dues and Subscriptions			280									280	325
Training & Travel			569									569	1,000
Mobile Devices	(18)	35	26									43	660
Uniform / PPE												-	250
Planning Commission		500	200									700	4,000
Board of Zoning Appeals	250	250										500	4,000
	232	965	1,343	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,540	12,935
												Total	
												% of Budget	20%

**BUILDING INSPECTION**

Mileage Reimbursement												-	200
Mobile Devices		54	54									107	660
Supplies		914	249									1,163	1,000
Equipment / Software												-	1,500
Uniform / PPE												-	250
Dues & Subscriptions												-	800
Travel & Training												-	1,000
	-	968	303	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,271	5,410
												Total	
												% of Budget	23%

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Mileage Reimbursement												-	150
Training & Travel	295	717										1,012	1,000
Projects		86,680	2,442									89,122	325,000
Mobile Devices		54	54									108	660
Traffic Control Devices												-	15,000
Uniform / PPE												-	500
Supplies		227	45									272	2,000
Emergency Management			6,531									6,531	7,000
Groundskeeping	375	7,724	264									8,363	30,000
	670	95,401	9,335	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,406	381,310
												Total	
												% of Budget	28%

**CODES & SAFETY**

Mobile Devices												-	660
Mileage Reimbursement												-	300
Equipment												-	500
Radio Contract			342									342	1,400
Training												-	1,000
Supplies												-	500
Uniform / PPE												-	250
Sheriff's Office Contract	9,112	21,399	14,351									44,862	207,500
Unsafe Buildings Demolition												-	20,000
Overgrown Lot Clearing												-	1,800
Crime Watch Materials												-	250
Neighborhood Council	237	348										585	1,500
Teen CERT Program												-	500
	9,349	21,746	14,693	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,788	236,160
												Total	
												% of Budget	19%

**PARKS & RECREATION**

Recreation		1,130	1,415									2,545	5,000
Special Events												-	8,000
Youth Sports Program												-	10,000
	-	1,130	1,415	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,545	23,000
												Total	
												% of Budget	11%





# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sep-16

## ADMIN NOTES

- a. Met with HGB and JIPSD regarding sewer lines for new facilities at Pinckney park and received verbal approval on placement
- b. Currently getting bid documents ready for Pinckney park which should go out in next few weeks advertised in P&C and SCBO - we will also hold a pre-bid conf
- c. Met with First Baptist Church and architect/engineer team to finalize plans for joint overflow parking lot - currently awaiting on demo-in-place permit for Town Hall property cleanup
- d. Scheduling 4 roofing projects from last year's waiting list with Habitat for Repair Care, and Home Works will be able to do 1 minor home repair this Fall
- e. Attended WebEOC training - Recovery training that was set for 10/4 was postponed due to Matthew

**TOTAL Business Licenses 38**

\*23 processed at Town hall

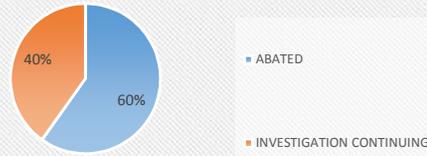
### Code Enforcement Cases

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>ABATED</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>INVESTIGATION CONTINUING</b>	<b>94</b>
RANK VEGETATION / SOLID WASTE	59
NUISANCE PROPERTY	41
TREE CASES	22
INOPERABLE VEHICLE	22

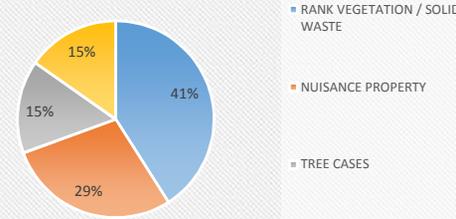
### Building Permits

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED 69**

### Code Enforcement - Case Status



### Code Enforcement - Case Type



PERMIT TYPE	Sep-16
ACCESSORY STRUCTURE	-
CLEARING & GRUBBING	-
DEMOLITION PERMIT	-
EXEMPT PLATS	-
FIREWORK STAND	-
HOME OCCUPATION	5
LSPR	-
NON-EXEMPT PLAT	-
PD AMENDMENT (REZONING)	-
RESIDENTIAL ZONING	10
REZONING	-
SPR	-
SIGN PERMIT	2
SITE PLAN REVIEW	-
SPECIAL EVENT	1
SPECIAL EXCEPTION	-
TEMPORARY ZONING	-
TREE REMOVAL	12
TREE TRIMMING	-
VARIANCE	-
ZONING PERMIT	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>

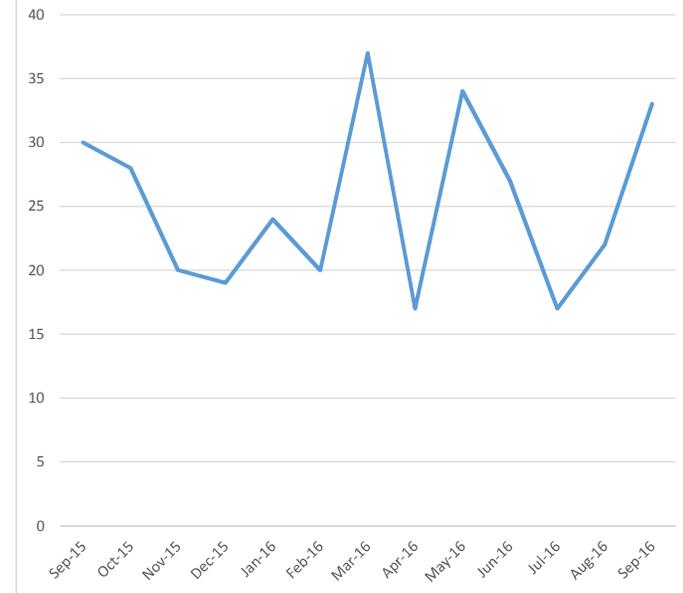
## PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

- 1) Tropical Storm Hermine: Little damage, drainage good, few trees down.
- 2) Experienced some issues with the computer system after Hermine. These have been identified and dealt with.
- 3) Conducted several traffic studies on neighborhood roads. (Godber, Foxcroft, Regatta and Jordan)
- 4) Successfully completed the Clemson Extension certification program for Post-Construction BMP Inspector.
- 5) Attended Third Quarter SCASM meeting in Columbia with engineers from CC Stormwater.
- 6) Had CCPW repair the drainage ditch on Godber Street at Mikell drive.
- 7) Had tree root damage to roadways in Lynnwood neighborhood repaired by Superior Blacktop Services.
- 8) SCDOT and Heart Pine Landscaping cleared vines and vegetation from Fort Johnson ROW.
- 9) Island drainage performed well during T.S. Hermine and T.S. Julia.
- 10) Continued to perform Stormwater Plan Reviews.
- 11) Answered various requests for service.

### Island Sheriff's Patrol

Forthcoming

### ZONING PERMITS - 13 MONTH HISTORY



RESOLUTION #2016-15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE BERKELEY-CHARLESTON-DORCHESTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (BCDCOG) FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT DILLS BLUFF SIDEWALK, PHASE I

WHEREAS, TAP funds are intended to support projects that will improve the quality of life in communities across the CHATS planning area by providing means to take on projects that might not otherwise be feasible; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island is a local government in the CHATS urbanized area and thus eligible for funding; and,

WHEREAS, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including non-motorized paths, are a priority for funding under this program and the Dills Bluff sidewalk Phase I is a worthwhile pedestrian sidewalk / gravel pathway / boardwalk project that will make strong transportation connections to other areas of James Island;

WHEREAS, the cost estimate for this project phase is \$478,400 and the Town's estimated match portion of 20% is \$95,680;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JAMES ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

1. An application for the TAP funding is approved by James Island Town Council.
2. This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016

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Mayor

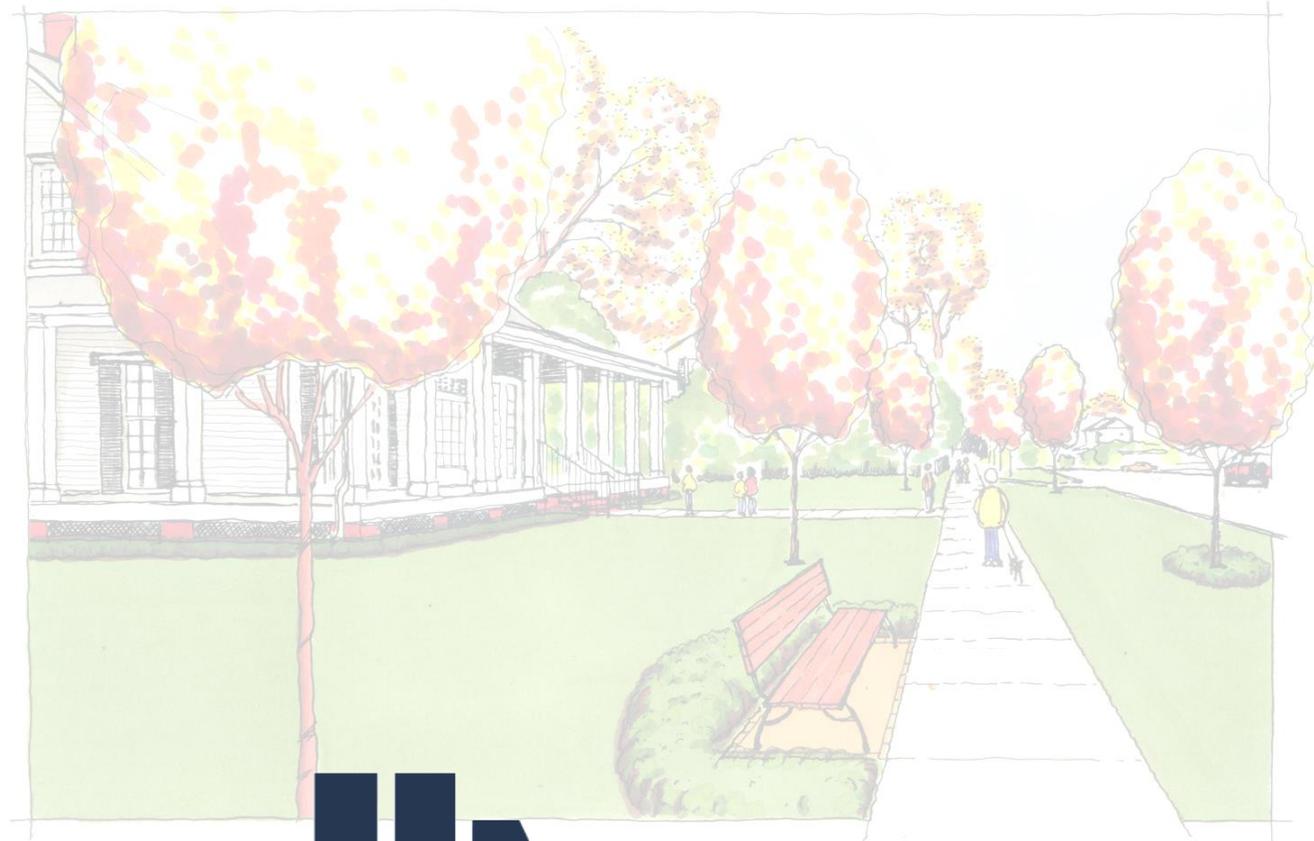
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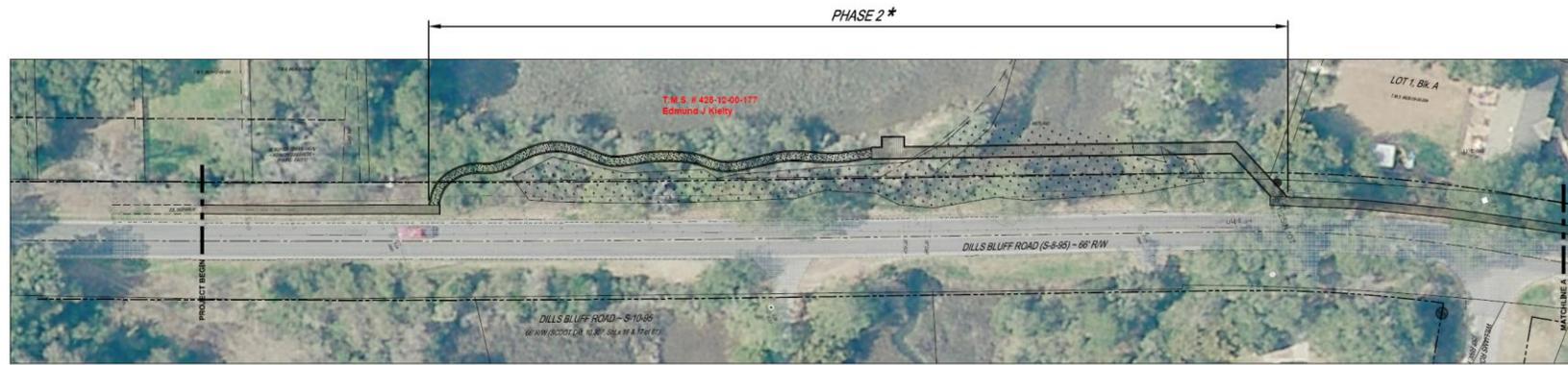
Town Clerk

# New Sidewalk on Dills Bluff Road

*Design Development Summary and Option Analysis of Marsh Area*



Johnson, Laschober & Associates, P.C.  
Architects • Engineers • Landscape Architects



**PROJECT BEGINNING - MATCHLINE A**



**MATCHLINE A - MATCHLINE B**

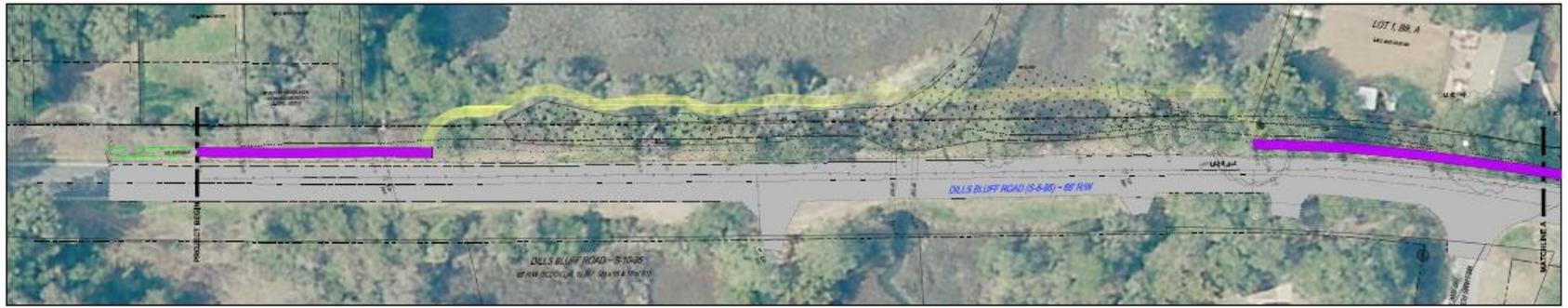


**MATCHLINE B - PROJECT END**

\* PHASE 2 WORK AS SHOWN ABOVE. ALL REMAINING SIDEWALK WORK IS PHASE 1.



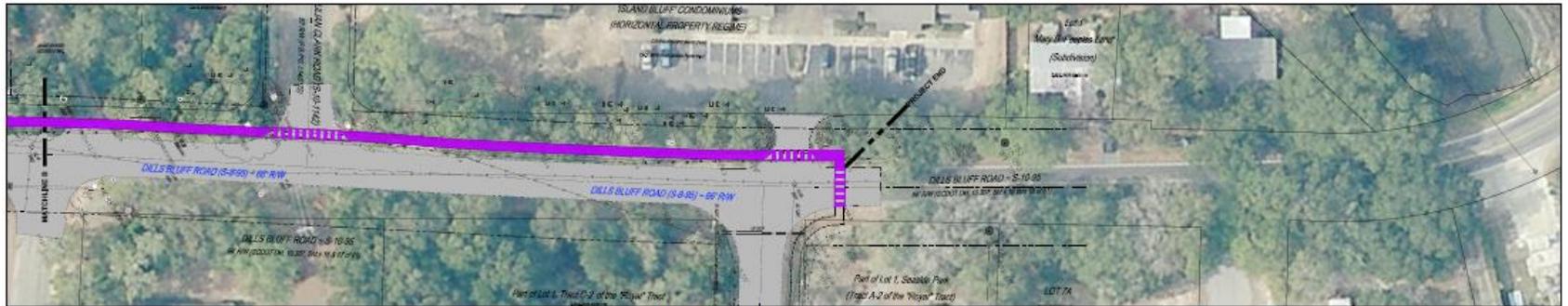
# Overall Site Map



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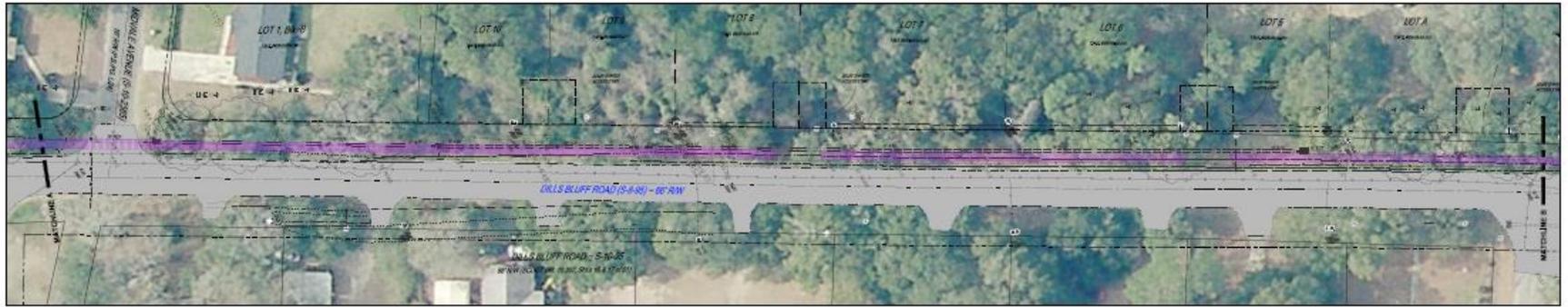
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Phase 1



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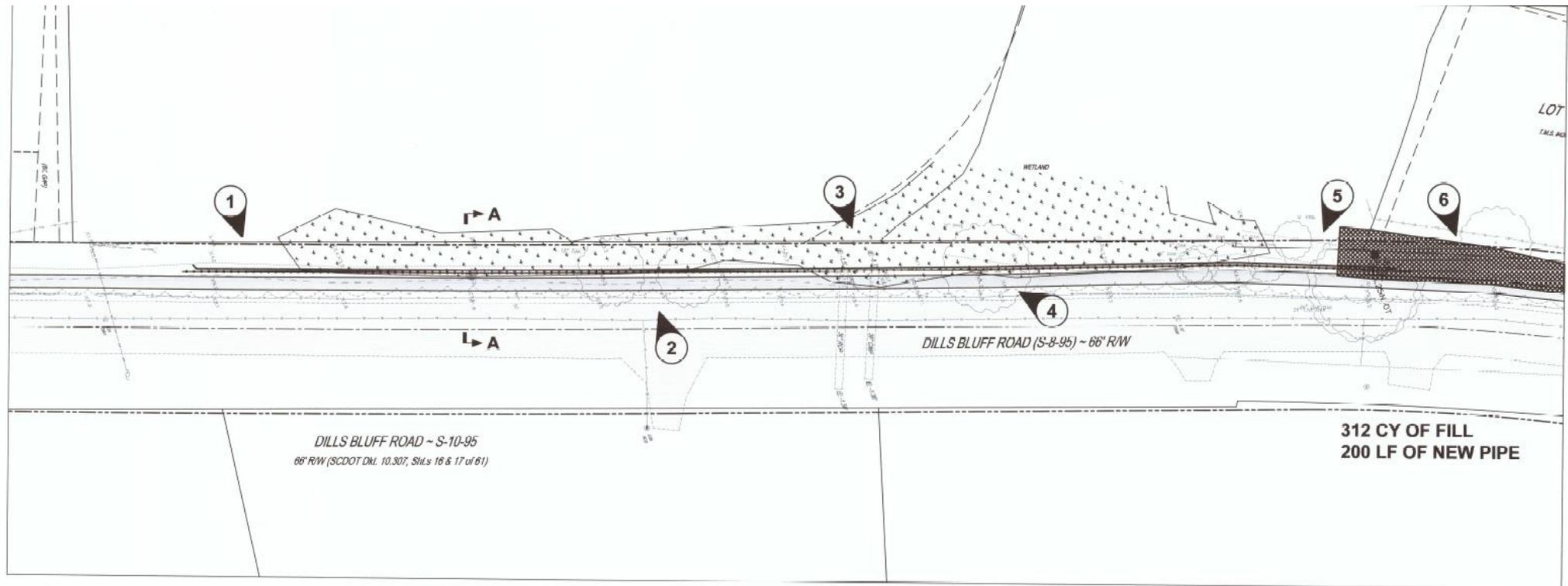
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**MATCHLINE B - PROJECT END**



Phase 2



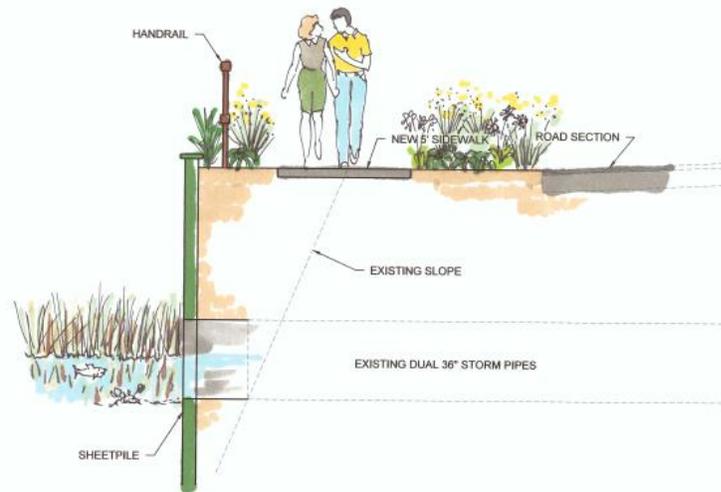
**PROS**

- MAINTAIN STRAIGHT ALIGNMENT
- VERY LITTLE LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE

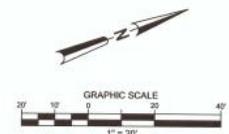
**CONS**

- 1 475-LF OF SHEET PILE & HAND RAILS
- 2 REMOVING 15" OAK AND 16" OAK
- 3 EXTEND EXISTING 36" DRAINAGE PIPES
- 4 REMOVE 21" PINE
- 5 REMOVE CLUSTER OF TREES INCLUDING 26" LIVE OAK
- 6 FILL AND PIPE DITCH
- 7 MOST CUMBERSOME PERMIT
- 8 CONSTRUCTION DIFFICULTIES
- 9 HIGHER COSTS

**SHEET PILE & FILL WETLAND**



Option A





**PROS**

- COMMUNITY FRIENDLY OBSERVATION PIER
- LESS INTRUSIVE TO TRAFFIC DURING CONSTRUCTION

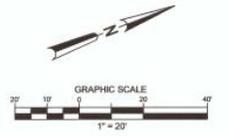
**CONS**

- 1 MAINTENANCE
- 2 LIGHTING NEEDED

**BOARDWALK OVER THE CREEK**



Option B





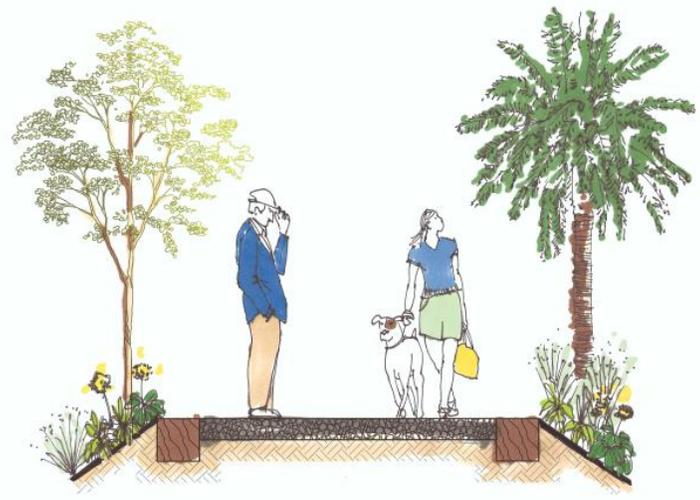
**PROS**

- UTILIZES NATURAL RESOURCES
- COST EFFECTIVE WHILE MAINTAINING AMENITIES
- UNIQUE TO JAMES ISLAND

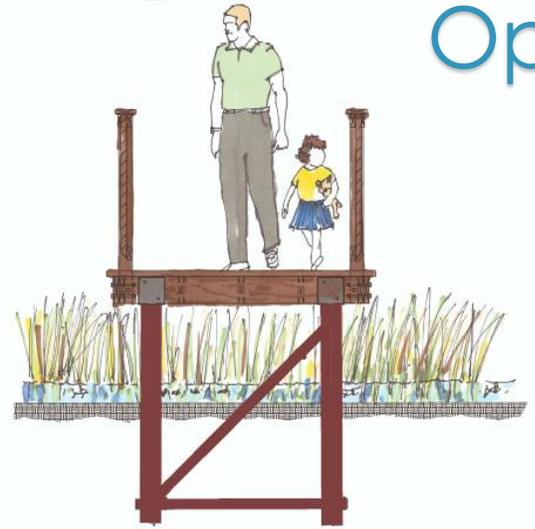
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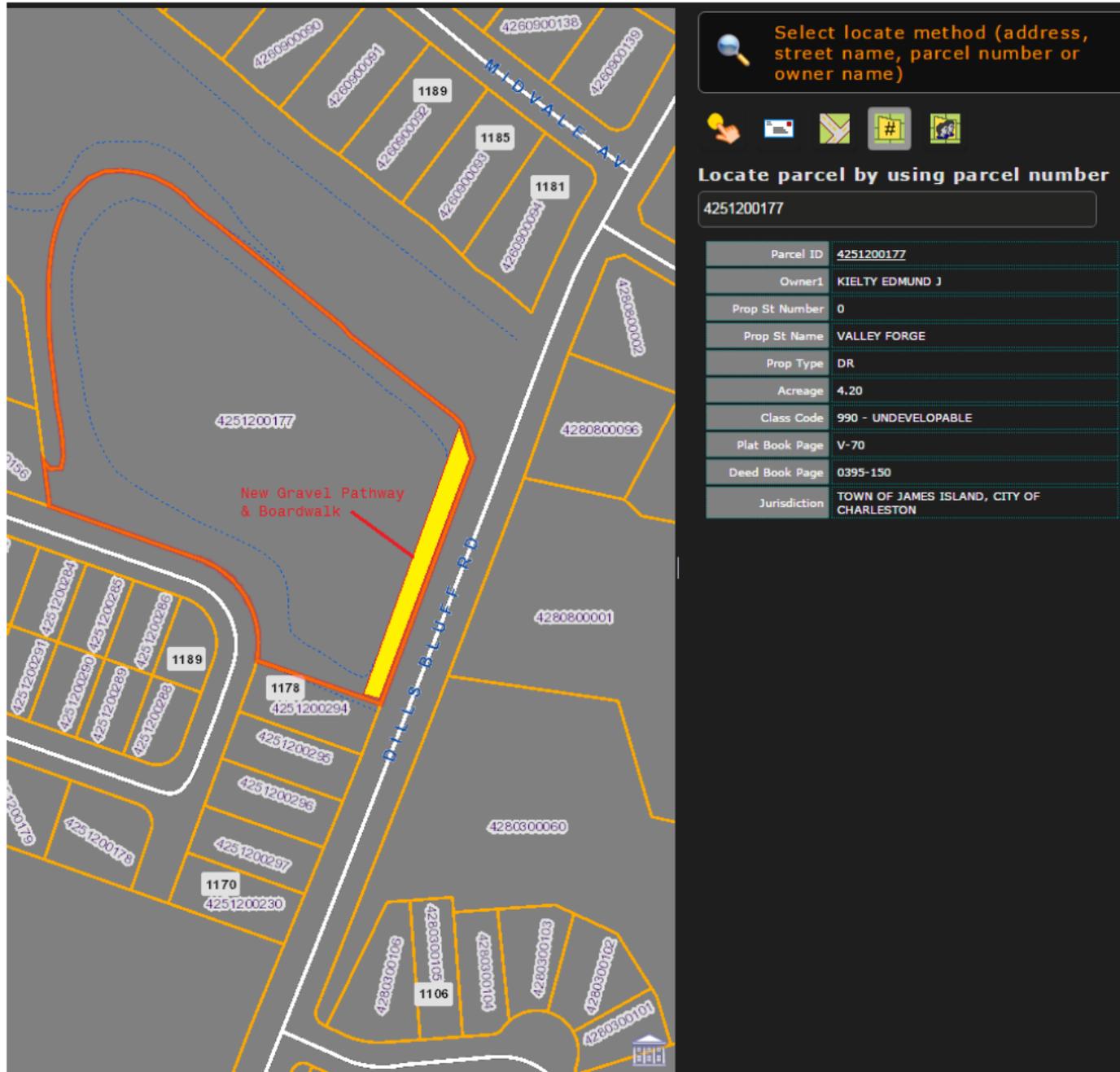
**COMBINATION BOARDWALK & GRAVEL PATHWAY**



SECTION - A



Option C



- Yellow area indicates the general area of the proposed gravel pathway/boardwalk on private property.

# Involved Properties

James Island Sidewalk, Phase I	\$225,400.00
James Island Sidewalk, Phase II	
• Option A - Sheetpile	\$560,200.00
• Option B - Boardwalk	\$414,000.00
• Option C - Gravel Pathway & Boardwalk	\$253,000.00

## Summary of Costs

**ORDINANCE 2016-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, NUMBER 2013-07, SECTION 153.211 ANIMALS, AND CORRESPONDING APPLICABLE ORDINANCES IN LIVABILITY REGULATIONS SECTION 90.17;**

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, Sections 6-29-310, et seq., 6-29-510 et seq., 6-29-710 et seq. and 6-29-110 et seq., of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, authorizes the Town of James Island to enact or amend its zoning and land development regulations to guide development in accordance with existing and future needs and in order to protect, promote and improve the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed text amendment of the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR) in accordance with the procedures established in State law and the ZLDR, and has forwarded their recommendations to the Town of James Island Council regarding the proposed text amendment of the ZLDR as set forth in Section 153.211 Animals, as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the recommendations of the Planning Commission, Town Council held at least 1 public hearing and after close of the public hearing, Town Council approves the proposed text amendment based on the Approval Criteria of Section 153.042 (F) of the ZLDR;

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined the proposed text amendment meets the following criteria:

- (1). The proposed amendments correct an error or inconsistency or meet the challenge of a changing condition;
- (2). The proposed amendments are consistent with the adopted Town of James Island

Comprehensive Plan and goals as stated in Section 153.005; and

- (3). The proposed amendments are to further the public welfare in any other regard specified by Town Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, be ordained it, by the Town of James Island Council in meeting duly assembled, as follows:

**SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED**

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION II. TEXT AMENDMENTS OF THE ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE**

The Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance is hereby amended to include the text amendment of Sections 153.211, are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this Ordinance by reference.

**SECTION III. SEVERABILITY**

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following second reading by the Town Council.

ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Woolsey  
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frances Simmons  
Town Clerk

Public Hearing: August 18, 2016  
First Reading: September 15, 2016  
Second Reading: October 20, 2016

Exhibit "A"

**Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations:**

**§ 153.211 ANIMALS:**

- (A) The keeping of household pets shall be allowed as an accessory use in all zoning districts in which residential dwelling units are permitted.
- (B) The keeping of exotic or wild animals shall not be allowed as an accessory use and shall only be allowed if approved as a Special Exception in accordance with the procedures contained in §§153.040 through 153.055 of this Code.
- (C) The keeping of chickens shall be allowed as an accessory use in accordance with the conditions contained in §90.17 of the Town of James Island Livability Regulations.

**Town of James Island Livability Regulations:**

**§ 90.17 RAISING/KEEPING CHICKENS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:**

Chickens: Chickens may be permitted for personal use only, subject to the following conditions:

- (A) One chicken per 2500 square feet is allowed per parcel, with a total maximum of twelve chickens allowed per parcel regardless of lot size.
- (B) Roosters are prohibited.
- (C) Chickens shall be confined to the back yard of the property and shall not be allowed to roam off the owner's property. Should a property owner keep chickens without a pen/coop/enclosure, the area where the chickens are kept must be fenced. Fences shall comply with all applicable provisions of the zoning ordinance and may require a permit.
- (D) Chickens shall be maintained in a healthy and sanitary manner to avoid potential health hazards or offensive odors.
- (E) Pens/coops/enclosures shall meet all applicable provisions of the Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance relating to accessory structures and shall be at least 5' from any property line. The structure may require a permit.
- (F) Nothing in this amendment to the Livability Ordinance shall be deemed to override private deed restrictions or homeowner/neighborhood association requirements that prohibit or regulate chickens or farm animals on the affected property.



SUBMITTED

Officials from James Island monitor Hurricane Matthew from the Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the Greenwood County Courthouse.

# Offering a helping hand

## Greenwood County opens emergency operations center to James Island

**By CONOR HUGHES**  
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After James Island was evacuated during Hurricane Matthew's approach, 10 town officials — including the mayor and the town administrator — took shelter in the Upstate.

They struggled to monitor the storm from their hotel and reached out to Greenwood Mayor Welborn Adams, according to George McK-

inney, Greenwood County emergency management coordinator.

When Adams contacted him about the situation, McKinney said he opened the Greenwood Emergency Operations Center to them.

"The center has everything from IT and computers to television," McKinney said. "We have radios, interactive flat panel screens and a lot of different things that are

available to help them manage their system as they go through and monitor the situation and plan."

This kind of collaboration among officials and administrators from around the state is crucial in emergency situations, McKinney said.

"We all work together whenever something like this happens," McKinney said. "We work together whenever we need to, and we're real-

ly just trying to help out as much as we can."

McKinney said working together proved beneficial.

"It's been a great experience working with them," he said. "We learned a few things from them as well, so it's always nice to support people when we can."

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