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Survey of SCAPA Membership

The Programs Committee is planning the slate of conferences for 2003. In light of budget constraints with local governments and an overall declining trend of attendance at conferences, we want to do everything possible to ensure we are providing programming that is effective for our members. Please take a moment to answer the following questions and email your answers to me at tripp@arnettmuldrow.com. Each person who submits a completed survey to me by **February 15th** will be eligible for a drawing of **ONE FREE REGISTRATION** to the fall conference this year. I welcome any additional comments as well. Thanks.

Tripp Muldrow, AICP
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Name _____

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Jurisdiction _____

1. Have you attended a SCAPA Conference in the past year? ___ Yes ___ No

2. If you checked no, why not?

3. How can SCAPA encourage more members to attend conferences?

4. Please propose a topic title that you would like to see at an upcoming conference. (Please be as specific as possible)

5. I **don't** want to see _____ as another topic this year.

6. Please indicate where you would like to see a SCAPA conference take place in 2003.

7. Additional comments:



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Sharon Richardson

Is it inappropriate for me to begin my two years as President of SCAPA thinking of a song from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"? I feel like I'm in a 'time warp'. It seems impossible to believe that two years have passed since I was elected President-Elect and that it is now time for me to assume the duties of the presidency. I'm writing this two days from the end of the year and I'm in a very reflective mood. So, that said, I've decided to use my first message as president to outline my goals for the next two years. If it helps make this easier to read, try humming the melody to the song while you read.



GOAL 1: Continue our efforts to change the perception of planning as simply an act of government bureaucracy to that of the work of practitioners of a bona fide profession comparable to other recognized professions such as law, medicine, architecture, etc. I vividly recall a conversation I once had with a former employee. He made the mistake of beginning our talk by saying planners "just work for the government". If he happens to read this, I'm quite sure he will remember the long lecture that followed, the gist of which was that he "might just work for the government, but I was a member of a distinct profession and accepted the responsibilities that come with that distinction". Being an active member of SCAPA is one of the ways I've chosen to express that belief.

GOAL 2: See SCAPA grow both in terms of the numbers of members and the number of members actively engaged in chapter activities. Currently, our membership hovers at around 350 members. We, as an organization, need to do more to encourage our fellow planners (both professional and citizen) to join our ranks and become active in our statewide efforts. This ties into a second issue confronting SCAPA— an urgent need for more members becoming actively involved in our programs. So, if you have ideas for conferences, volunteer and Tripp Muldrow will welcome you onboard! If you share my concern over the always looming threat of takings legislation or are concerned that many pieces of proposed legislation (regardless of how well intentioned) miss the mark from a planning perspective, Harold LeaMond and the Legislative Committee need your input! Want to share exciting programs and success stories in your community or region, write an article for the Palmetto Planner (Cheryl Dean will be your friend for life)! Appreciate the progress we've made with the Academy and wondered what you could do to help, ASK and Cheryl Matheny will be glad to put you to work. Want to see membership services and options expanded, talk to Phil Lindler and get those ideas into action. Ever said "why doesn't SCAPA ..." "why can't we..." or "am I the only planner that would like to see..." (feel free to add the endings that work for you), then VOLUNTEER!!!! SCAPA is entirely dependent on its members to do most of its work. All of our committees need new members. We only have one paid person in our ranks (many, many thanks to Reva without whom nothing would get done!). Sadly, most of us think of only a handful of people when asked to identify SCAPA. That needs to change. Most of those folks have put in time above and beyond the call of duty and they are tired. We need fresh blood to keep SCAPA moving forward. If you have ideas, opinions, complaints, and/or lots of enthusiasm, SCAPA needs you, so VOLUNTEER!!! If you don't, be warned — I'm not shy and I will be calling!!

GOAL 3: Continue to work with allied professions to advance the cause of good planning and protect the vital public interests we serve. Yes, this means we need to continue to oppose any legislation that would redefine takings. It also means we continue to take an active role in providing options and relevant information so that good ideas that promote sound planning can be considered. It means expanding our connections to forge new partnerships in new directions (recent meetings with HBA representatives are a good model of what we need to do). We need to continue to avail ourselves of the services and technical support provided by APA. We need to build on the success of our first three Legislative Breakfasts and keep SCAPA's name out there as a professional resource. We need to expand the number of folks experiencing the Academy's programs because solid information and understanding of planning concepts is the best way to promote good planning in SC. In other words, we need to keep up what we have been doing that works, expand those programs to meet a wider need, and create new opportunities for promoting SCAPA as "the" planning organization in the state.

GOAL 4: Remind people how much satisfaction, benefit and fun (yes FUN) membership and service in such a vital profession as planning can be. SCAPA is our best means for accomplishing that mission. "It's just a step to the left and then a jump to the right..." (Politically correct and it has a catchy beat!!!)

There you have it — my first official plank as SCAPA President, but not my last (unless there is a recall movement started once the Palmetto Planner hits the desktops around the State). These will be the reoccurring themes of my term, so prepare for some "hammering". And finally, in case you were wondering, I have it on good authority that ranting is a grand tradition in the SCAPA President's Message and I am a firm believer in tradition!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Let's make 2003 a year of accomplishment and pride in what SCAPA can and will achieve!

PREFILED BILLS AS OF JANUARY 5, 2003

**** VERY SIGNIFICANT ****

Bill Number	Issue
H 3028	Corporate Taxation Reduction
H 3031	Billboard Compensation
H 3044	Catawba River Basin Water Quality Protection
H-3045	Deletion of Mass Transit & Regional Transportation Authority Responsibility from SCDOT
H 3068	Expand SCDOT Maintenance For Rural Roads in Distressed Counties
H 3082	Requires Affirmative Approval of State Rules by the GA (rather than merely letting them go into effect w/o action) Numerous Proposed Constitutional Amendments Regarding State Government Reorganization
H 3194	Severe limitation On Local Government Regulations
H 3143	Postpones Effective Date of Conservation Bank Act to July 1, 2005
S 13	Limits Ad Valorem Tax to 1 % of Its 12/31/98 Assessed Value
S 82	Prohibits Municipalities From Requiring Annexation As A Conditional of Extending Water & Sewer Service Into Unincorporated Areas
S 101	Limitations On DHEC Septic Tank Approval Process
S 108	Takings
S 120	Huge Environmental Penalties Act

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Articles may be edited.



STUDENT NEWS

outgoing President, Brian Grady

I would like to thank all the individuals that bid on items at our auction at the Fall Conference. Although limited to a "silent auction" for most items, the fundraiser was a success as we raised over \$1,600. We knew things were going well when a Gamecock fan bought a Tommy Bowden-autographed football. We use these important funds to help cover the cost of meetings and some travel.

Elections were held prior to Winter Break for the new class of Student Chapter Officers. Since then Brian Grady has handed over the reigns to myself, Lauren Betterton, as Student Chapter President. Five other individuals—Mike Romeo, Randy Burkett, Josh Reinhardt, Howard Koontz, and Ben Klein—join me in continuing the hard work of the previous class. We appreciate the opportunity and look forward to working with SCAPA over the next year.

Please Welcome
Lauren Betterton
New
Student Chapter President

Citizen-Based SPATS Transportation Enhancement Master Plan Will Provide Quality-of-Life Improvements

By Lisa Bollinger, SPATS Intermodal Transportation Planner, Spartanburg County Planning Department

SPARTANBURG COUNTY - It was a hubbub of activity – a planner's dream of citizen involvement. Approximately 60 citizens attended the Oct. 17th SPATS (Spartanburg Area Transportation Study) Transportation Enhancement Visioning Workshop. Spartanburg County citizens identified and prioritized ways to creatively link future transportation enhancements (sidewalks, greenways, bike trails, and beautification projects) to be funded in the SPATS area in the next ten years.

Participants entered the meeting room and found a menagerie of visuals and renderings, from colored designs to maps of the SPATS area. Walls were lined with examples of transportation enhancement designs, educational videos that outlined local beautification and alternative mobility visions, and posters that reviewed potential enhancement opportunities. SPATS urban area maps and illustrations were on display that featured base data (streets, utility corridors, etc.), past enhancement projects, and principal destinations (schools, parks, shopping, etc.). One map even provided a planning exercise in itself. After plotting the location of their home with a dot sticker, citizens were then able to relate their immediate world to the larger SPATS urban area. These various planning tools helped citizens visualize possible links between their home and the places they travel to most.

In the meeting's short two hours, a dynamic planning process unfolded. Citizens were challenged by Lisa Bollinger, SPATS Intermodal Transportation Planner, to think of their everyday trips and which of those trips could be undertaken by foot or by bike. In typical planning fashion, consultant Howard Landers of HDR Engineering outlined the master planning process, reviewed the inventory of mobility and beautification enhancement efforts to date, and recognized the work of resource groups in these areas. Citizens were treated to a pictorial inventory of SPATS' special places, current enhancements, and examples of enhancements from other areas.

Due to the large number of citizen participants, Landers split breakout groups into those focused on mobility and on beautification, respectively. Facilitators for breakout groups included Jim D'Amato (SPATS

Senior Transportation Planner), Debbie Clark (Heartwise), Yon Lambert (Palmetto Conservation Foundation), Eron Smith (HDR), Dan Curley (HDR), and Lisa Bollinger (SPATS). They led citizens in identifying enhancement opportunities and priorities, listing groups or organizations that could provide matching funds, and developing general vision statements for mobility and beautification. One person from each breakout session reported to the overall group, and everyone was able to see community priorities surface.

At the second "Alternatives Workshop," participants will review HDR's recommendations based on citizen priorities from the first Visioning Workshop. The chosen alternatives will create a "plan and program strategy" for implementation. The second workshop is tentatively scheduled for December 10. Heartwise and Palmetto Conservation Foundation are generously providing refreshments for the workshops.

The Transportation Enhancement Master Plan will guide Spartanburg County in creating new travel patterns, provide links to interesting destinations, and reduce congestion on our roadways. Once complete, the plan will provide coordinated quality-of-life improvements that will be vital to Spartanburg County's future competitive standing in the region.



Upper Savannah Regional News

Greenwood City/County – The Dr. Benjamin Mays Birthplace was recently moved from the Epworth community in Greenwood County to a site in the City of Greenwood. Dr. Mays was a leader in the Civil Rights movement, president of Morehouse College, and advisor to Presidents Johnson and Carter. The home will be turned into an interpretive center on Dr. Mays life and the Civil Rights movement. The site is adjacent to the Heritage Corridor, and will become one of the main attractions on the Corridor for Greenwood County. Palmetto Conservation Foundation assisted in the purchase and moving of the home.

Uptown Greenwood Development Corporation will be holding a strategic planning session in January to plan for the coming year. Upper Savannah COG is assisting in facilitating the process.

Laurens County – A countywide referendum on zoning was defeated in November. After this decision, County Council rescinded the first two readings of the proposed ordinance that had passed prior to the November ballot.

Upper Savannah Region – At the end of 2002, the new Upper Savannah Land Trust celebrates the protection and preservation of over 750 acres in the region.

Upper Savannah COG will be assisting the county Emergency Preparedness Directors in each of the six counties to develop Hazard Mitigation Plans and Natural Hazard Risk Assessments. Planning will start in January and should be completed by June. Once completed, these plans will allow local governments to apply to a special mitigation fund in the event of a federally declared disaster.

Dedication Ceremony Held for Wiltown Community Center

A number of officials gathered to dedicate the new Wiltown Community Center in the Parkers Ferry Community of Charleston County. On hand for the dedication were Congressman James Clyburn, representatives from Charleston County Council, Wiltown Improvement Organization, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, and Liollo & Associates. Each was recognized as a key component in making the center a reality.

Through the efforts of 6th District US Congressman Jim Clyburn, a \$462,000 United States Housing and Urban Development Special Appropriation Grant was awarded to the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments to build a community center for the use of the citizens in the Parkers Ferry Community of Charleston County.

Charleston County provided the Wiltown Improvement Organization with a \$60,000 grant for the deep water well and commercial septic system.

The Wiltown Community Center is a 5,000 square foot building that will offer after-school youth programs, recreations, mentoring, tutoring, and social programs. The center is operated by the Wiltown Improvement Organization, which serves Parkers Ferry Community, Sugar Hill Community, Osborne Community and Moss Hill Community.

SCAPA Updates Bylaws

by Tripp Muldrow, AICP

A special committee of the SCAPA Executive Committee was established to revise and update the SCAPA Bylaws. This is the first major overhaul of the bylaws in many years. Several key changes have taken place:

1. The roles of the officers have been listed more specifically and several of the duties specifically assigned to officers have been relegated to the executive committee in accordance with practice.
2. Standing Committees have been revised to reflect current practice in the organization.
3. The balloting process has been revised eliminating the former practice of allowing for "dual-running" elections for officers and at-large candidates to the more traditional practice of running for one office.
4. The order of succession has been clarified to eliminate an "election crisis" should any of the officers not be able to fulfill their terms.

Please review the changes in full on the SCAPA web site www.scapa.org. If you have any questions or comments, please submit them to Tripp@arnettmuldrow.com.

Planner, City of North Augusta, South Carolina - Salary: \$39,560 DOQ - Reports To: Director of Economic & Community Development

Duties include professional urban planning tasks, zoning/development regulation administration, drafting comprehensive planning documents/policies, collecting/analyzing City planning data, land use, code enforcement, and writing technical reports/memoranda. Qualified candidates must possess a bachelors degree in urban and regional planning, public administration or geography; minimum of 3-5 years experience in city planning, land planning/research, or combination of education/experience. Masters degree preferred. Knowledge/experience with geographic information systems desirable. Professional AICP certification desirable. Must possess a valid driver's license. Medical insurance & excellent benefits provided. Resumes will be accepted to George M. "Skip" Grkovic, Director of Economic and Community Development, Municipal Building (2nd floor), 400 East Buena Vista Avenue, North Augusta, S.C. 29841, mail to PO Box 6400, North Augusta, SC 29861 or fax to 803.441.4232. This position will remain open until filled. EOE

Jarvis Creek - A Unique Stewardship Development Project

By Dan Fairey, Resource Consultant, Columbia, SC, (803) 256-1209

In 1998 the Town of Hilton Head Island began the planning of a unique drainage improvement and community park project that became known as the Jarvis Creek Project. The final phase of the project, the construction of a passive park, is now underway and is expected to be open this spring. The project is located in the northern half of the island, south of US Hwy 278 near the entrance to the Cross Island Parkway.

In 1995 Hilton Head Island conducted an island wide drainage study to identify stormwater improvement needs. The study recommended upgrading the stormwater outfall under US 278 and enlarging the natural freshwater creek upstream of the tidal Jarvis Creek. This recommendation was aimed at reducing periodic flooding in the Main Street commercial areas and in nearby Hilton Head Plantation residential areas during large storm events. In 1997 the Town began the design for the enlargement of an existing ditch that crossed under US 278 and lead into Jarvis Creek. With sloping of the banks of the channel, a 100 foot canal would have been created which would have destroyed adjacent forested upland habitat and approximately four acres of freshwater wetlands. This caused the Town to begin to consider alternatives to widening and lengthening the ditch.

During this time (1996-97), the Town was negotiating the purchase of the Jarvis Creek Tract adjacent to the existing Jarvis Creek ditch. The alternative drainage plan that finally arose involved the construction of a borrow pit on the upper end of the tract into which pumps would deliver stormwater from the upstream drainage area. The borrow pit would form the central feature of a passive park to be constructed at the final stage of the project. A one acre transitional wetland would be constructed at the outfall of the borrow pit lake and a wetland littoral shelf would be included in the lake. From the lake, the water would flow through a vegetated spillway and discharge into the headwaters of Jarvis Creek.

The plan was adopted and construction began in 1999. The Town contracted for the construction of the project and was the sole financial backer of the project. Nearby Hilton Head Plantation also benefitted from the project by being able to release more of its stormwater to the project. The Town constructed a pump station just beyond the ditch's crossing of US 278 and aligned four large underground pipes to carry the water through the wooded area to the lake. The layout of the pipes was carefully done to maintain as many of the existing large live oaks and pines as possible.



Once the pipes were laid, the road to the future park was aligned on top so as not to disturb any other natural habitat. The constructed transitional wetland at the outfall of the lake into Jarvis Creek was designed using only native plants. Plants ranged from pickerel weed near the lake's edge to reeds and grasses in the middle to cypress and red maple at the spill out area.

The Town sold the soil from the borrow pit / pond site to a contractor to be used on the Cross Island Connector. The funds received were used to aid in the construction of the passive park. The Town was able to obtain Stormwater Flood Mitigation funding to assist with the cost of the project for 1998 and 1999 – the total amount allocated for the state for both years. In addition, the project was reviewed by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources and was awarded a Stewardship Development Award in 2000.

The Jarvis Creek Park is designed as a passive recreational area with walking trails, picnic areas, and a boardwalk through the wetlands. The majority of the site will be left in a natural state



through restrictive covenants. designed to blend in with the

locals and outsiders. Ginger Natural Resources Division of the al public school classes and the natural science aspects of

Scott Liggett, Town Engineer

named Planning Director

for Greenwood City/County. Claude Thomas has been named Deputy Planning Director.

Harold LeMond, Jr., is a new father!

Christopher Dowling LeMond was born on December 20th, weighing in at 9lbs 6oz and 22 inches long. Mother and child are doing fine!



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INDUSTRIAL SPECULATIVE BUILDING DEDICATION CEREMONY HELD

Local officials, business leaders, and members of the community were in attendance to dedicate the first industrial speculative building in Upper Dorchester County. This building was created with the cooperation of the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Regional Development Corporation (BCDRDC), Dorchester County, the Town of St. George, Edisto Electric, and the Dorchester County Economic Development Board.

The 10,000 sq. ft. building and its 4-acre site, located in the New Century Industrial Park, is being marketed for \$300,000 and can be expanded immediately to add 10,000 more feet. Its development is a joint venture designed to lure an industry looking for the simplicity of an existing shell building that has the entire necessary infrastructure in place.

BCDCOG's Economic Development Manager, Becky Ford, told the group how the COG's non-profit regional development corporation assisted in the formation of this and other preceding speculative building projects in Dorchester County.

"The COG is proud to assist with activities that create new jobs and expand the local tax base" said Ms. Ford.

The upper end of Dorchester County is struggling and growth is not near what it is in the more urban end of the County. The county is looking for ways to encourage industry near St. George, thereby increasing the tax base.

The speculative building program is a development priority of the County's. Four other speculative buildings have gone up in the Summerville area. This building in St. George is just the beginning of the plans the partners have for the New Century Industrial Park.

SC ACADEMY FOR PLANNING: A NEW LOOK FOR 2003 By Cheryl Matheny, Chair

Philip Slayter told you about the changes that are coming in the S.C. Academy for Planning curriculum in his article for the Fall 2002 issue of the Palmetto Planner. I'm happy to say that the changes have been finalized and the new curriculum is in place and ready for the SCAPA Winter 2003 conference. In a nutshell, we have consolidated several classes and reduced the total overall number of class requirements. Beginning in January of 2003, Planning Commissioners will be required to complete seven (7) classes and Board of Zoning Appeals and Board of Architectural/Design Review members will be required to complete six (6) classes. In addition, all classes are now required - three electives will no longer be included in the curriculum. As before, the class offerings will be offered in conjunction with SCAPA conferences, however the Academy Board will be considering new ways to deliver classes in the coming year.

For those of you who already have Planning Academy classes under your belt, there's no need to worry - allowances will be made for those participants who have already taken some classes prior to the inception of the 2003 curriculum to avoid overlapping of classes and to expedite certificate completion.

The Academy will also be developing a graduate curriculum to accommodate board and commission members who have already received completion certificates and are interested in taking more advanced classes. Several of the former electives will now be offered as graduate courses, including the Chairpersons Workshop and the Mock Planning Commission and BZA Meetings.

The new SCAPA Executive Committee are meeting to discuss incoming President Sharon Richardson's Planning Academy Board appointments for their upcoming term of office, proposed bylaws for the Planning Academy, and how best to fully integrate SCAPA programs and Planning Academy classes to effectively serve the needs of both SCAPA members and Planning Academy Participants.

On behalf of the Planning Academy Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Philip Slayter for his tireless devotion to the Planning Academy since its inception. The Academy would not be the success that it is today without Philip's hard work and his vision of what the Academy could and should be. We will miss Philip and wish him luck in his future ventures. We would also like to welcome Joe Heard as our newest Academy Board member.

Full course descriptions, course schedules, completion requirements and other information can be found at SC Academy for Planning on the SCAPA website: www.scapa.org. If you have any questions or need further information, please call Cheryl Matheny at 803-356-9475.

SC HOME TO KEY STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS by Rick Green

What do a cemetery in **Oconee County**, a park in **Aiken**, a residential development on **Lady's Island**, and **Fort Jackson** have in common? They are all past winners of the *Stewardship Development Award*. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and a committee consisting of representatives of statewide development organizations have administered this award since 1994. The goal of the program is to promote the conservation, protection, and enhancement of the State's natural resources, while recognizing the necessity for the built environment to meet the physical and social needs of the citizens.

Three mechanisms are utilized to accomplish the goal: recognition, advocacy, and technical assistance. **Recognition** through an awards selection process will promote those projects and people that have gone beyond the accepted norms, whether regulatory or perceived, in conserving, protecting, and enhancing our natural resources. **Advocacy** is the ongoing promotion of stewardship concepts to design professionals, community leaders, environmental and natural resource user groups and the general public. Outlets for the advocacy efforts include making presentations, hosting conferences and workshops, producing printed materials, creating public service announcements and other available means. The third mechanism is **technical assistance** to local governments, community planning groups, and landowners.

SCAPA appoints one member of the committee to review nominations and recognize award winners. Other committee members represent the Home Builders Association, the Forestry Commission, SC PRT, DHEC, the state landscape architects association, and the conservation districts, among others. **Applications** are usually due to SC DNR before the end of August, with awards being made by December. The committee reserves the right to decline giving an award based on the quality of the applications in any given year.

Examples of past winners reach from the mountains to the sea. In the Upstate, the **Ramsey Creek Preserve** in **Oconee County** was created for the purpose of providing a site for an environmentally responsible cemetery. The preserve contains scenic upland forests as well as several former agricultural fields. Low density burials will take place on the preserve for people who desire chemical free interment. Grave markers, if any, will be constructed of native stone.

In **Aiken**, a high volume urban runoff drainage area was converted to a series of three landscaped wetland ponds that allow water to rise and fall during storms. The ponds and constructed wetlands naturally remove sediments and other pollutants from the water. The landscaped ponds are the scenic focal points for the city's **Hopelands Gardens** and **Rye Patch Park**.

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by Frank Curti, AICP

For the AICP Class: Well its a new year and that means a new class of recruits for the AICP Exam. SCAPA provides a series of review classes for the AICP Exam each year. This year the classes will be held at the Central Midlands COG offices in Columbia. The classes cover a variety of topics that are likely to be tested on the exam. Topics include:

Planning History, Census, Planning Theory, Land Use Law, Budgeting/CIP, Demographics, Finance, Management, Zoning/ Subdivisions, Housing, Recent Trends in Planning, Environmental Planning, Transportation Planning, Quantitative Analysis, Public Participation, Social Justice/ Ethics

The topics are covered over five classes, which run from 9:30 am to 3 pm. The class dates are:

**January 16, January 30,
March 6 April 3, April 29**

If you know of anyone in your office taking the exam, please try to help them prepare as much as possible. The exam is scheduled for **May 10, 2003**. Good luck to all of the participants!

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Fort Jackson was recognized in 1996 for protection of native plants and animals, water quality enhancement, and energy conservation, reuse, and recycling efforts. The facilities resource planning team strives to maintain, enhance, and expand critical habitats, such as longleaf pine and wetland ecosystem. Major areas disturbed and eroded in the past have been identified and efforts are underway to restore and protect these areas.

In addition to these examples, there are many other good **stewardship development projects** in South Carolina which we plan to highlight in future editions of the Palmetto Planner. Excellence in natural resource planning should be a goal of every development in the state. Recognizing extraordinary achievements in this area benefits not only the built environment, but also the professions that seek to promote distinctive management practices, and encourages others to follow their example. For more information on other ways to help, contact **Rich Scharf at (803) 734-9135**.

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COG Assists Folly Beach Design Review Board

BCDCOG planners spent a September Saturday morning facilitating a workshop for members of the **Design Review Board (DRB)** and administrative staff of the **City of Folly Beach**. The workshop was held to: (1) examine the roles and responsibilities of the DRB under State and City codes, (2) address the process by which the Board reviews projects under its jurisdiction, and (3) discuss what aspects of a project under review are design elements subject to consideration of the Board and how these elements can be influenced to ensure that the project is in harmony with the appearance standards of the City.

Senior Planner **Kathryn Basha** led the discussion of the first topic area, guiding the group through not only the scope and role of the DRB, but also those of the Zoning Administrator, assigned to staff the Board. This portion of the workshop served to clarify the duties and parties responsible for land development review with regard to design, project compliance with local zoning and development standards, and the identification and rectification of non-compliance or other conflict.

Planning Director **Dan Hatley** took the reins for the second portion of the workshop addressing the administration of the City's design review ordinance. This included how to streamline the procedure of design review and explanation of the expectations of the developers in their application for review at each step of the process. Planner **Alec Brebner** wrapped up the workshop by highlighting aspects of design commonly addressed by design review boards, including the impacts these aspects may have in the context of the surrounding built environment.

The workshop yielded an interest to examine the content of Folly Beach's Design Review Ordinance to determine how it might be streamlined to better serve the city as well as the development community engaged in the review process. COG planners subsequently provided recommendations to revise the Ordinance to the City and the Board at a meeting in early November. The COG will continue to serve the Design Review Board, as requested, when needs arise.

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Photos taken during the SPATS "Vision Workshops" to identify and prioritize ways to link future transportation enhancements, such as sidewalks, greenways, bike trails and beautification projects. Details on pages 4-5.

