(Friday, April 25 program continued)

2:15 PM Florence's Approach to Creating Diverse **Recreational Opportunities**

As Florence County and the City of Florence experience substantial growth, numerous park and recreation projects have created an amenity-rich community and fostered positive economic impacts.

Speaker: Nathan Dawsey • Director • Florence County Parks & Recreation

Speaker: Tim Wilson • Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism . City of Florence

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM Swamp Fox Trail - Sumter-Florence Rail Trail

Imagine, over 32 miles of uninterrupted greenway connecting Sumter, Mayesville, Lynchburg, Timmonsville, and Florence. Sumter-Florence Rail Trail Preliminary Feasibility Study does just that by assessing the conversion of a disused section of CSX railroad into a bicycle and pedestrian path.

Speaker: Chris Chockley, AICP, PLA . Senior

Landscape Project Manager • Bolton & Menk

Speaker: Nathan Dawsey • Director • Florence County

Parks & Recreation

Speaker: Lorna Allen, PLA • Senior Project Manager •

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4:00 PM **Conference Adjourns**







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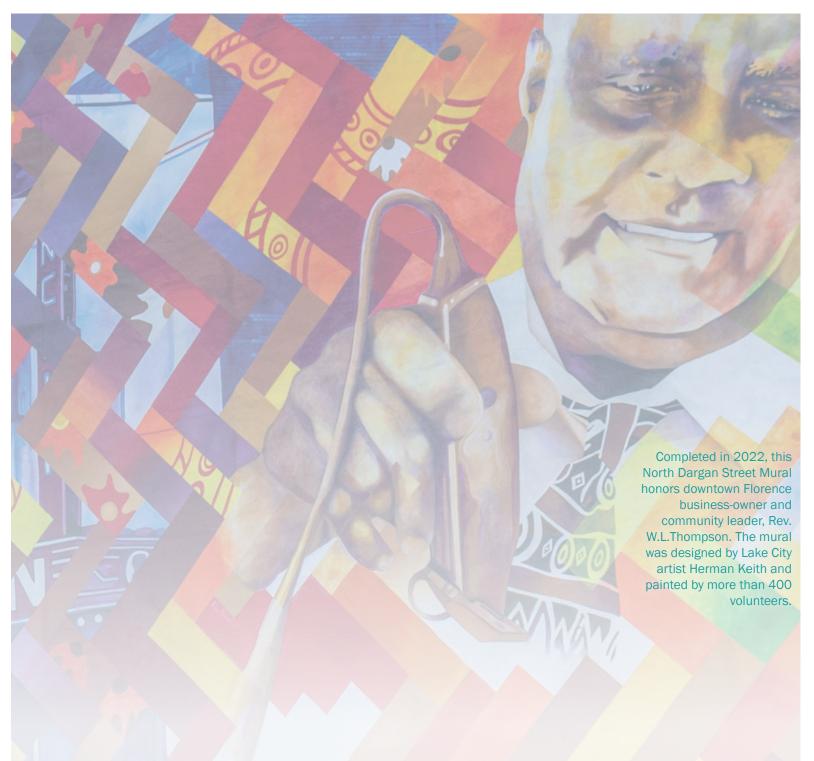
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