



The Town of James Island



2014 Greenbelt Application



Brief History – What is the Greenbelt Program?



November 2004 - Charleston County voters approved levying a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and greenspace preservation

\$221 million dedicated to preserving greenspace



Greenbelt Plan

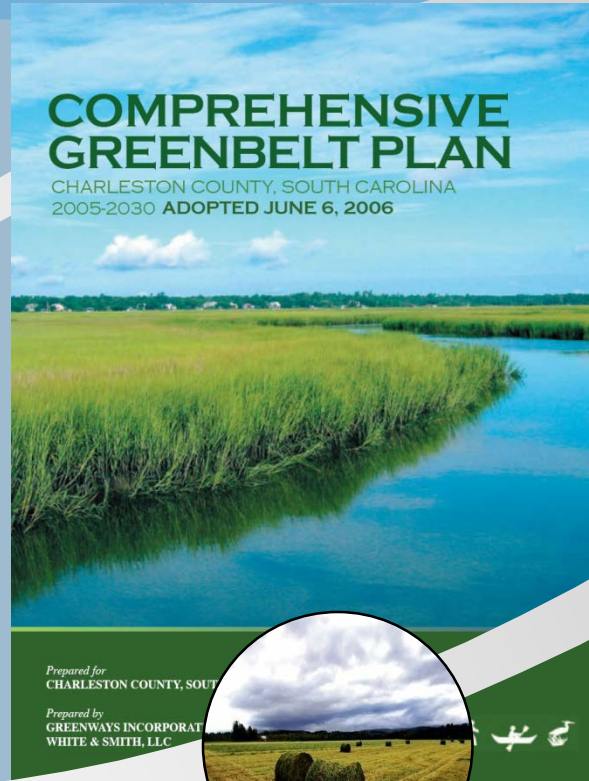
Corridors



Active
Greenspace



Natural
Infrastructure



Productive
Landscapes



Passive
Greenspace



Natural
Resources



Heritage
Landscapes





Where the Green Goes

\$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



Land to Preserve

- Municipalities, etc. team-up with willing property owners
- Greenbelt funds dedicated to the Town - \$1,102,130
- Greenbelt funds spent - \$200,000
- Greenbelt funds remaining - \$902,130
- Property that meets Greenbelt *and* Public Input criteria identified



Public Input

Charleston County held 3 Public Workshops on the Greenbelt Program in 2005:

Majority of participants: West Ashley, Mt. Pleasant & James Island

- **Providing Public Passive Recreational Amenities**
- **Preservation of Natural Resources and maintaining good quality of life**
- **Providing safe bicycle/walking trails and paths**



Public Input continued...

Public Mapping Comments

Map Comment Summary	James Island
Conservation / Preservation	31
Bike Lanes	14
Trail Development	13
Sidewalks	3
Parks	1
Green Infill	0
Water Access	0



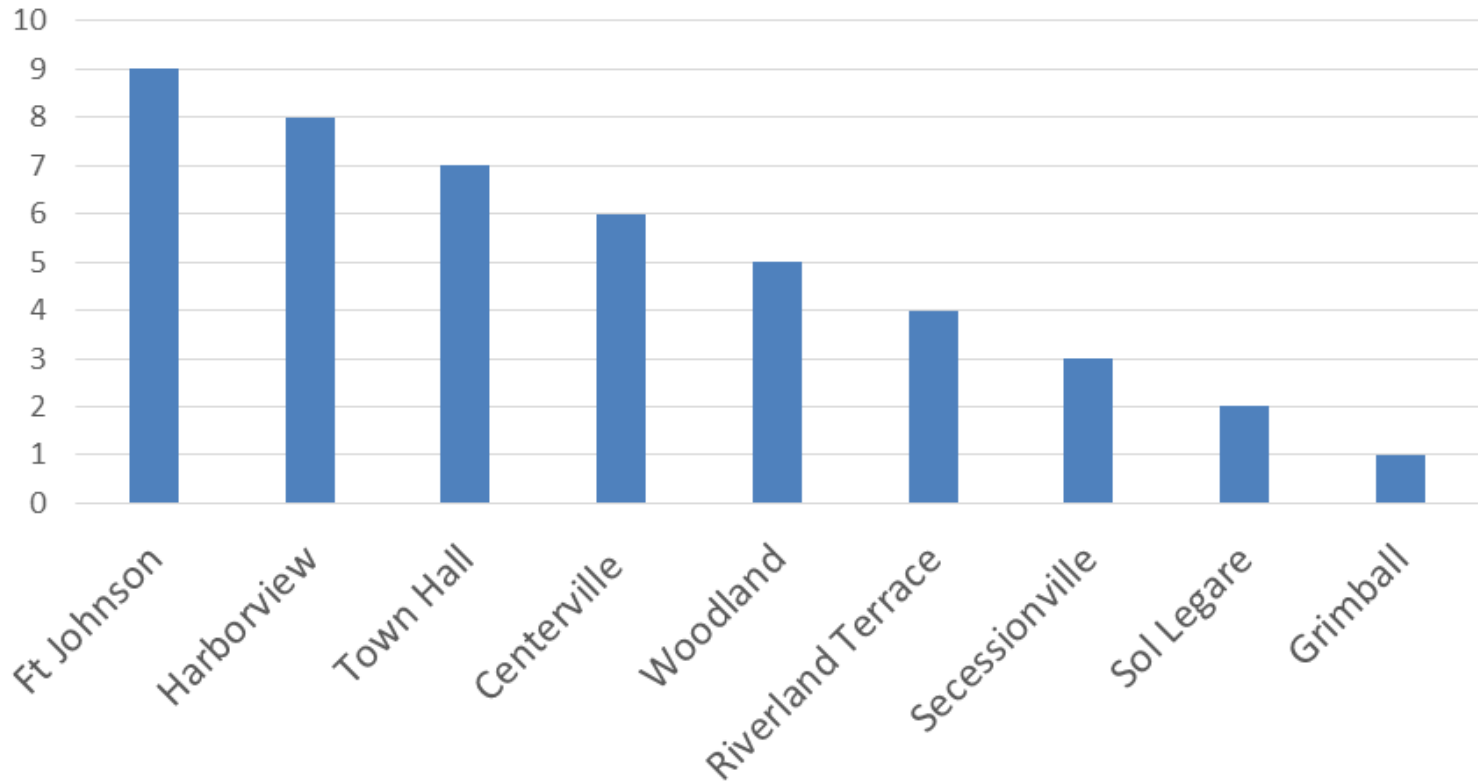
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- Spring 2013 Public Input Solicited by Town
- James Island Messenger and Questionnaire on Town Website
- 61 Responses Received and Data compiled



Town Sponsored Workshop

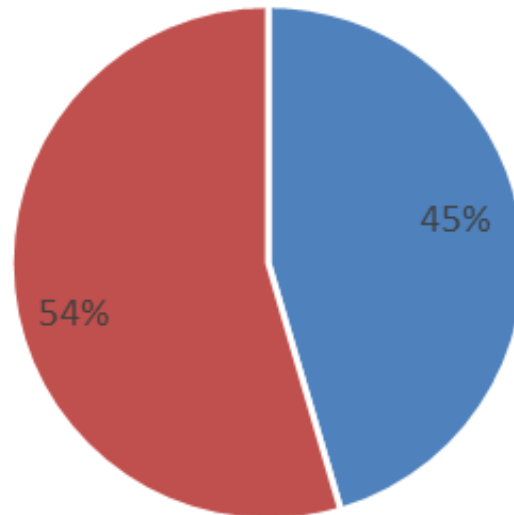
Location for Park





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Type of Lot

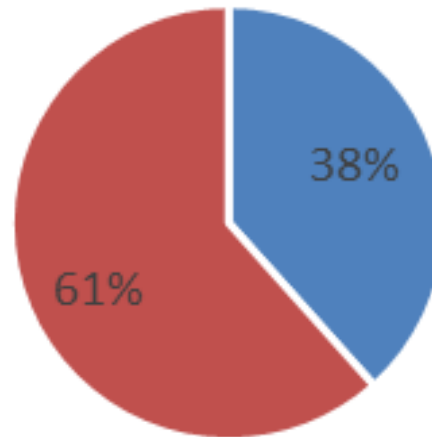


■ Marsh ■ Interior



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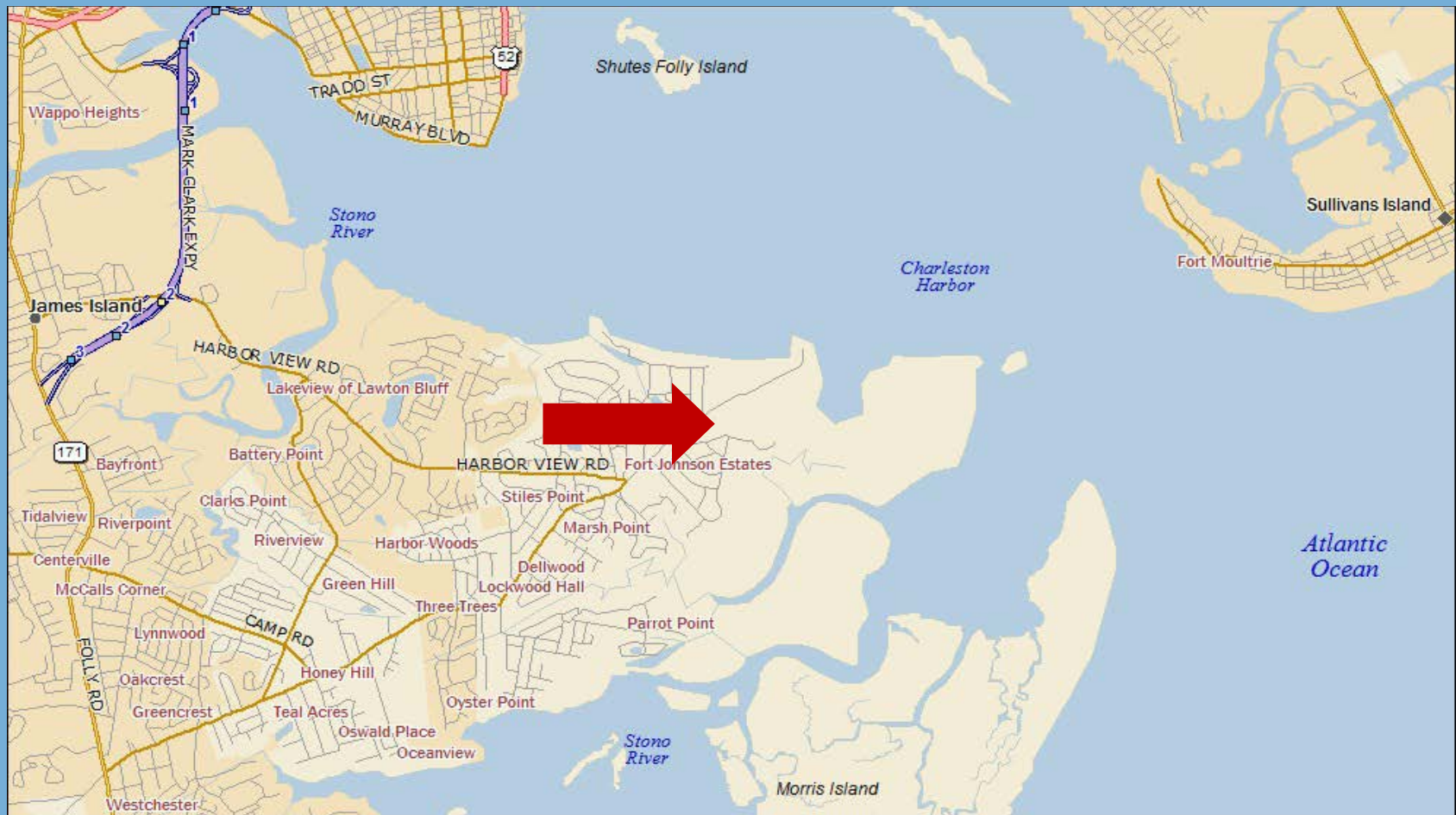
Size of Lot



■ Multiple ■ Large

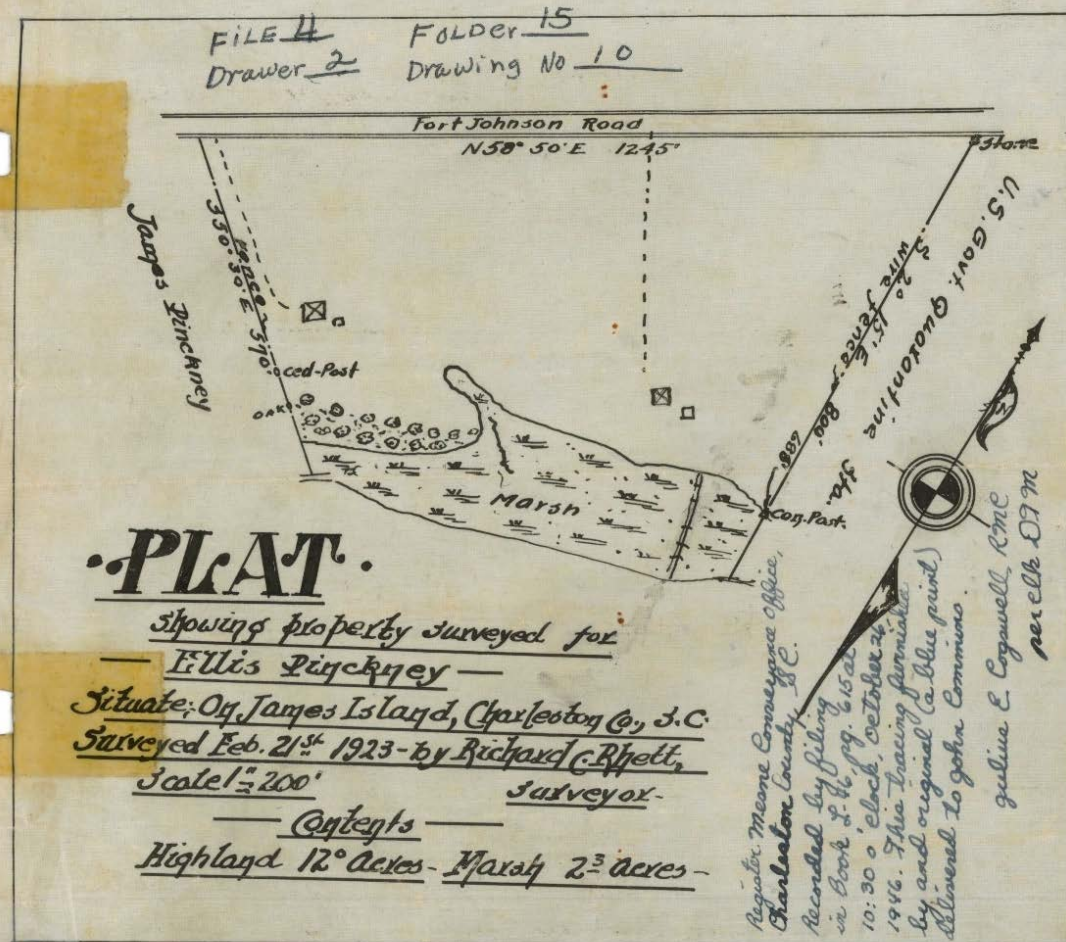


461 Fort Johnson Road





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- Appraisal Sept 25, 2014 – Sass, Herrin & Associates, Inc.
- 7.37 Acres – 6.12 acres of Highland
- Appraised Value of Land only - \$890,000
- Total Offer - \$890,000



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Eligible Costs

- Acquisition of Land or Interests in Land
- Minor improvements limited to:
 - Boardwalks
 - Foot bridges
 - Unpaved trails
 - Unpaved roadways
 - Unpaved parking areas



Application Process

- Pre- Application Meeting
- Application Submission and Staff reviews
- Greenbelt Board reviews
- Parks and Rec Commission recommends for approval
- County Council Considers for Final Approval
- Grant Agreement Executed / Funds dispersed
- Annual Evaluations and Site Visits



Public Input

- Future Public Workshops
- Features, Landscaping, etc.



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QUESTIONS?