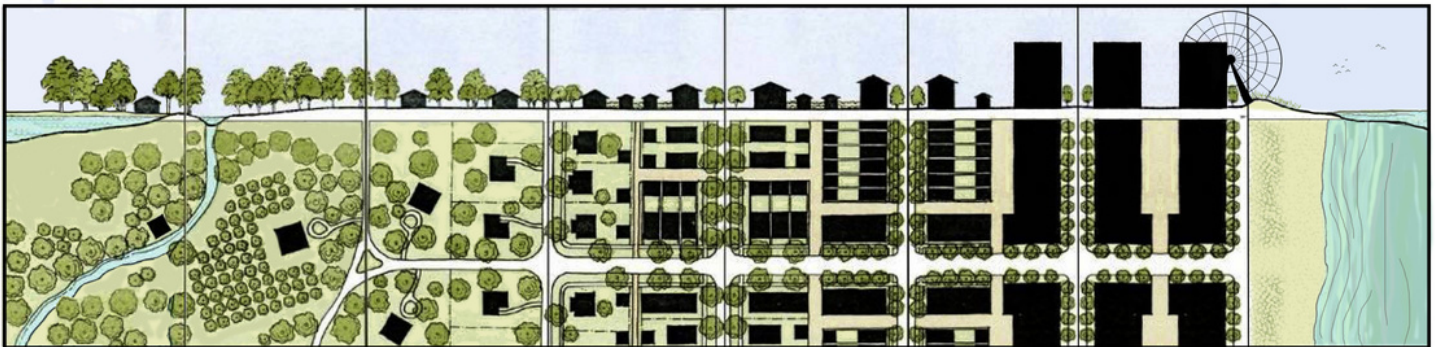


The Planning & Zoning
Department

FISCAL YEAR 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

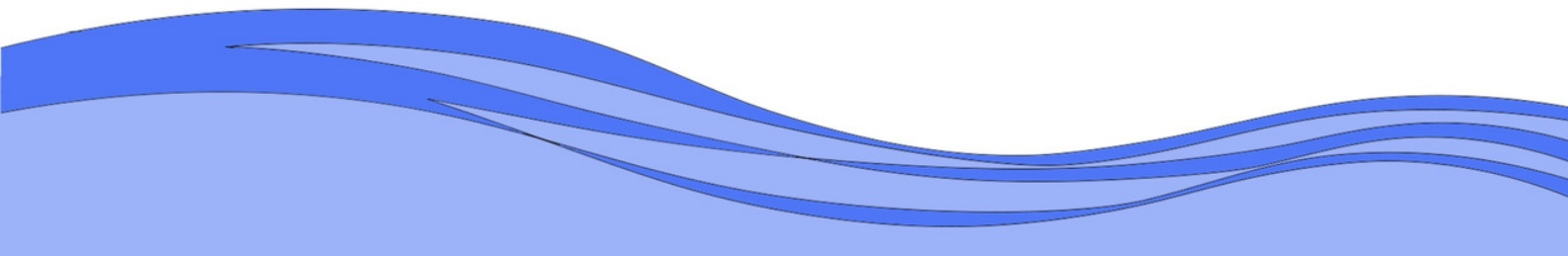


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FROM THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, DAVID SCHWERD

The close of the 2020 Fiscal Year marked the end of a decade of growth and change in Horry County. Over the last decade, the County is estimated to have grown by 100,000 people. This rate of growth led us to being the second fastest growing metropolitan area in the nation for the last 3 years. The extensive change can be seen throughout the County with new home construction, new shopping centers, new hospitals and emergency centers, burgeoning schools, and, of course, road construction projects.

I am proud to say that our staff, which makes up one of the largest planning departments in the state, is doing an amazing job keeping up with the rapid growth and the sheer volume of projects it is reviewing. Last year alone, our development review staff reviewed 169 new major residential projects, almost 1,800 minor plats, and just under 1,000 commercial reviews. In addition, our staff and the Planning Commission reviewed 91 rezoning cases which amounted to the possibility for 2,208 new single family units, 388 multi-family units, and 148 townhome units.

While these numbers may seem daunting, the supply of available housing continues to remain low in comparison to demand. This can be seen in the increase in home prices, rental rates, and available units on the market. COVID-19 has brought about its own suite of challenges. Impacts to the housing market include increased demand, as families from more urbanized areas have opted to move here to enjoy a higher quality of life, lower densities, and lower taxes.

For a few short months at the beginning of the pandemic, new residential construction slowed. This short-lived dip quickly turned around, and as of the end of September 2020, new single family home permits are up 30% over last fiscal year.

The challenges from COVID-19 have also led to some positive changes in our departmental operations. We now accept most forms online or via email. We've also begun live broadcasting our Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings through the Horry County Government Access Channel and website to ensure the public can stay informed and participate remotely, even if they can't attend in person.

Alongside all of the change that has been occurring, our department has been making significant strides to implement the **IMAGINE 2040 Comprehensive Plan**. Numerous ordinances have been revised or are in the process of being revised, including our Lighting regulations, Sign Ordinance and Landscape Buffer and Tree Preservation Ordinance. The 2021 Fiscal year will include a major simplification of the County's zoning ordinance, along with the release of the **Preservation Plan**, the **Parks and Open Space Plan**, and the **Beach Management Plan**.

I cannot express how proud I am of the way that our team has adapted and continues to diligently work to meet the needs of the community and our customers during this unprecedented time. I would also like to thank our dedicated board and commission members and community members for their time and devotion to shape a brighter future for Horry County. I am looking forward to a year of positive change.



TEAM PLANNING & ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Department consists of three divisions: 1) Current Planning, 2) Land Development, and 3) Long Range Planning. We also have an Administrative team and Enforcement Team.



Meet the Director and Deputy Director!!

David
Director

John
Deputy
Director



Meet the Land Development Team!!



Brent
Chief Plans
Reviewer



Crystal
Commercial
Plans Reviewer



Denice
Plans
Reviewer



Darra
Plans
Expediter



Tom
Principal Planner

*Not Pictured: Brandon Plans Reviewer

*Not Pictured: Caroline Plans Reviewer



Leigh
Principal Planner



Ashley
Senior Planner

*Not Pictured: Lou, Senior Planner



Todd
GIS Planning Analyst

*Not Pictured: Grayson, Intern



Hannah
Intern

Meet the Long Range Planning Team!!

Number of Staff with Bachelors Degrees: **14**

Number of Staff with Masters Degrees: **8**

Staff Continuing Education hours in FY 2020: **88**

Total Number of Staff Positions: **29**

**Meet the
Current Planning Team!!**



Charles
Principal Planner



Desiree
Senior Planner



Katie
Senior Planner



Pam
Zoning Administrator

*Not Pictured: Brooke, Intern

**Meet the
Zoning Enforcement Team!!**



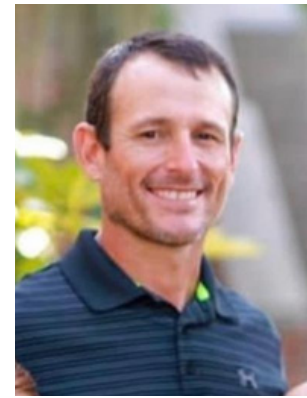
Leon
Zoning Inspector



Justin
Zoning Inspector



Erica
Zoning Inspector

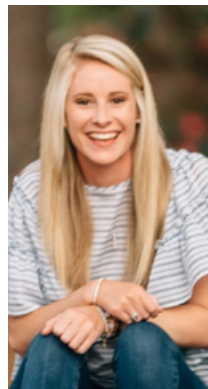


Stevie
Chief Zoning Inspector

Meet the Administrative Team!!



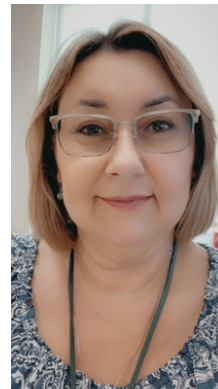
Nancy
Office
Manager



Grayson
Administrative
Assistant



Marnie
P & Z Tech



Susi
P & Z Tech



Tammie
Addressing
Supervisor

STAFF PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS

Coastal Management, Environmental Science & Planning, Landscape Architecture, Architecture, CAD & GIS, Hazard Resilience, Redevelopment & Revitalization, Environmental Education & Planning, Parks & Recreation Design & Planning, Mining Reclamation, Economics, Political Science, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Environmental Permitting & Policy, Historic Preservation & Policy, Golf Course Management, Non-Profit Organizations, Graphic Design, Surveying, Forestry, Business & Accounting, Paralegal Services, Communications - Public Relations, Human Resource Management, Geography, Urban and Regional Planning, Transportation Planning, and Sports Management.

DEVELOPMENT TRENDS

FY 2020 APPROVED RESIDENTIAL UNITS

Single Family

2,208 Units

approved by County Council (In FY 2019, Council Approved 2,262 Units, Making this 58 units less than FY 2019)

Multi Family

388 Total Units

184 Senior Living
148 Townhomes approved by County Council (In FY 2019, Council Reduced the Multi Family unit count by 410)

Total of 2,744 Units approved by County Council through the Rezoning Process **in FY 2020**

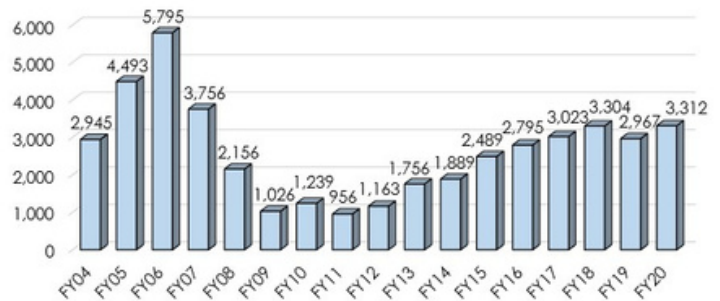
Approximately **54,533 Residential Units Available for Construction in Unincorporated Horry County**
38,114 Single Family Units
16,419 Multi Family Units
As of the end of May 2020

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ANNUALLY

3,312

FY 2020 Residential Permits Annually from FY 2003 to FY 2020 tracked by Code Enforcement show an increase of 345 from FY 2019 to FY 2020.

Residential Permits Annually, FY03 - FY2020



NEW MAJOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS

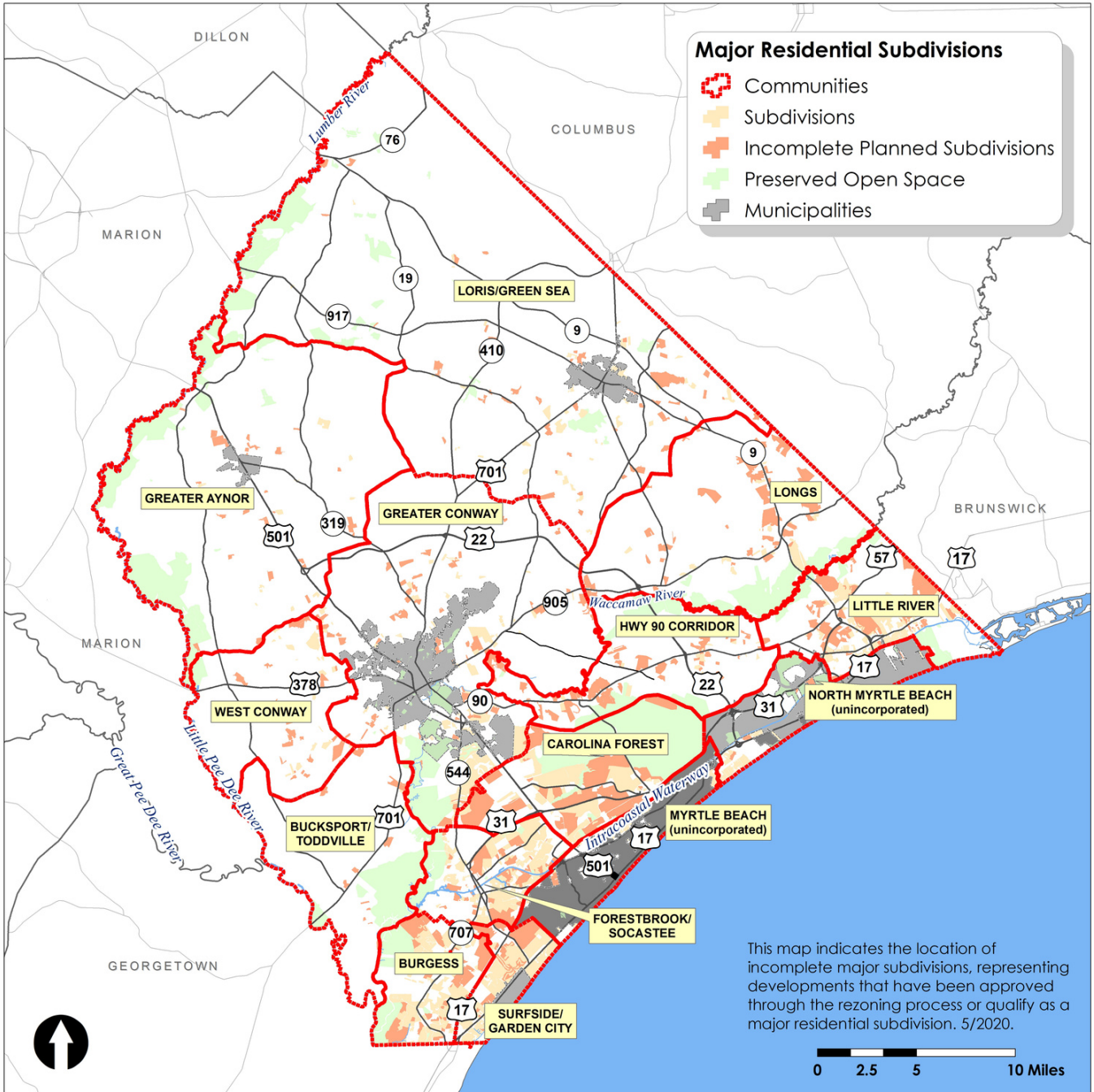
Compared to FY2019, Major Subdivisions have increased **6.96%**

The month with the lowest number of Major Subdivisions was **May with 3**

The highest number was **August with 21**

During FY 2020, County Council approved 2,744 new planned residential units through the rezoning process. During this same time frame, Code Enforcement permitted 3,312 new single family units alone. This reveals that developers are continuing to build out projects that were approved in years past. COVID-19 is speculated to have a number of impacts on development. Some are concerned that it will slow new construction because of economic downturn, while others are anticipating a rush of new construction as those in urban areas seek to live in areas with lower density. The long-term impacts of COVID-19 are unknown, but our department is continuing to monitor the best available information from the planning and development industries to better prepare the County for the future.

By the end of June 2020, the number of staff reviewed rezoning request applications, major subdivision, and residential permits exceeded or came very close with aligning with FY 2019 numbers. Commercial Reviews declined compared to previous years. From FY 2015 to FY 2019 Minor Platting actions saw a steady increase, but that trend did not continue into FY 2020, when Minor Platting Actions fell 100 below FY 2019. FY 2019 saw a dramatic increase in Sign Permits from 2018 (536 annually, increased from 389 in FY 2018), while FY 2020 saw 430. July and August have shown a more recent trend towards an increased number of Minor Platting actions, Rezoning Cases, Commercial Reviews, and New Major Subdivisions. Only time will tell if these trends continue.



TOTAL PLANNED UNITS - TO BE CONSTRUCTED

The below charts indicate the total number of planned residential units which could be constructed based on approved rezoning requests and approved residential subdivisions plans.

Community	Multi-Family	Single Family	Total
Greater Aynor Area	-	1,114	1,114
Bucksport/Bucksville	-	725	725
Burgess	1,823	2,687	4,510
Carolina Forest	3,030	8,496	11,526
Greater Conway Area	583	2,959	3,542
Hwy 90 Corridor	220	2,246	2,466
Little River	3,081	4,848	7,929
Longs	1,101	6,174	7,275
Greater Loris/Green Sea	-	1,117	1,117
Unincorporated Myrtle Beach	-	89	89
Unincorporated North Myrtle Beach	100	221	321
Socastee/Forestbrook	3,079	4,705	7,784
Surfside Beach/Garden City	3,402	2,382	5,784
West Conway	-	351	351
Total	16,419	38,114	54,533

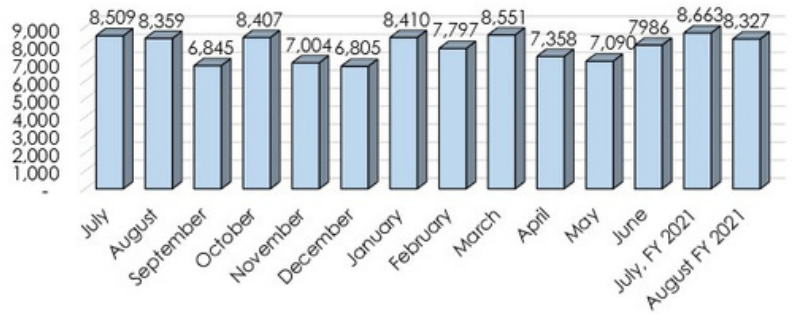
Council District	Multi-Family	Single Family	Total
1	885	2,685	3,570
2	1,552	6,265	7,817
3	1,053	1,814	2,867
4	4,590	3,659	8,249
5	1,149	1,788	2,937
6	2,421	4,302	6,723
7	237	2,035	2,272
8	754	2,341	3,095
9	3,373	8,678	12,051
10	405	2,507	2,912
11	-	2,040	2,040
Total	16,419	38,114	54,533

CODE ENFORCEMENT TRENDS

CODE INSPECTIONS MONTHLY

Code Monthly Inspections remained relatively consistent throughout FY 2020 and the COVID-19 restrictions. The lowest month was **September with 6,815**. The lowest month was **July with 8,663**.

Code Inspections Monthly, FY2020 – FY2021

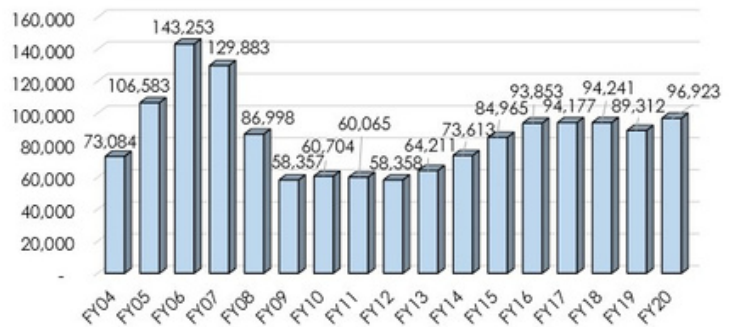


96,923

CODE INSPECTIONS ANNUALLY

FY 2020 Code Inspections for both Residential and Commercial inspections exceeded totals since FY 2008.

Code Inspections Annually, FY03 – FY2020



While approved rezoning requests and total approved unit counts represent future potential residential growth in Horry County, inspection and permit data represents current growth. Statistical data gathered from Code Enforcement shows continual increases in annual inspection numbers (from 89,319 in FY 2019 to 96,973 in FY 2020) as well as consistent monthly inspection numbers, even through COVID-19 closures and restrictions. It is important to note that while the annual number of code inspections account for both commercial and residential inspections, the curve trends significantly with the number of residential permits issued. Code Enforcement also saw large increases in Flood Zone Determinations, Residential Permits, and Residential Plan Reviews in FY 2020 (36%, 29%, and 30% increases respectively). Construction Value is also estimated to have increased 33%, from roughly \$1.1 million to \$1.44 million.

FLOOD ZONE DETERMINATIONS

From August 2019 through August 2020, Flood Zone Determinations have increased

36%

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

From August 2019 through August 2020, Residential Permits have increased

29%

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEWS

From August 2019 through August 2020, Residential Plan Reviews have increased

30%

CONSTRUCTION VALUE

From August 2019 through August 2020, Construction Value has increased

33%

PLANNING & ZONING TRENDS

SIGN PERMITS

Compared to FY2019,
Sign Permits have decreased

-19.78%

The month with the lowest number of
Sign Permits was

December with 20

The highest number was

**August & February,
48 each**

COMMERCIAL REVIEWS

Compared to FY2019,
Commercial Reviews have decreased

-4.37%

The month with the lowest number of
Commercial Reviews was

February with 64

The highest number was

October with 103

MINOR PLATS

Compared to FY2019,
Minor Plat Reviews have decreased

-5.43%

The month with the lowest number of
Minor Plats was

November with 103

The highest number was

April with 184

ADDRESSING ACTIONS

In FY 2020, the total number of
Addressing Actions were: **7,370**

Compared to FY2019, Addressing
Actions have increased: **3.83%**

FY 2018: 5,220

FY 2019: 7,098

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Compared to FY2019,
Sign Permits have increased **4.54%**

The month with the lowest number of
Zoning Board Cases was **October
with 3 cases**

The highest number was **December
with 18 cases**

ADOPTED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

- FY 2018: 18 - Rural Tourism Ordinance #77-19
- FY 2019: 8 - Value Added Processing Ordinance #94-19
- FY 2020: 8 - Building Height and Setbacks in Special Flood Hazard Areas Ordinance #95-19
- 8 - Commercial Districts Ordinance #96-19
- 8 - RE4 Open Yard Storage Ordinance #97-19
- 8 - Sign Ordinance #13-2020
- 8 - Light and Glare Regarding Exterior Lighting Ordinance #14-2020
- 8 - Landscape Buffer & Tree Preservation Ordinance #12-2020

ENFORCEMENT

Approximate Number of
Zoning Inspections **1,700**

Approximate Number of
Illegal Signs Confiscated
Monthly **1,500-
2,000**

Approximate Number of
Tickets Issued **500**

Number of Court Summons **20**

ZONING

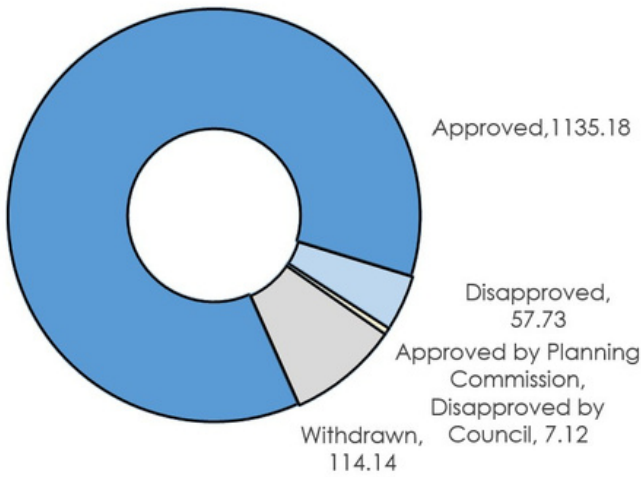
87 Number of Zoning Verification
Letters

536 Number of Zoning Compliances
for Commercial Businesses

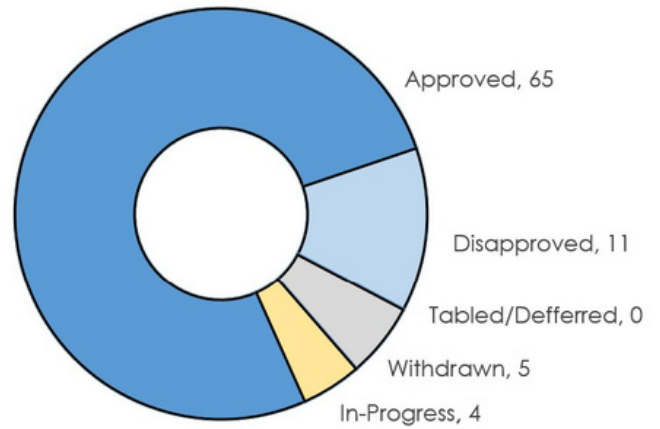
790 Number of Zoning Compliances
for Home Occupations

PLANNING COMMISSION

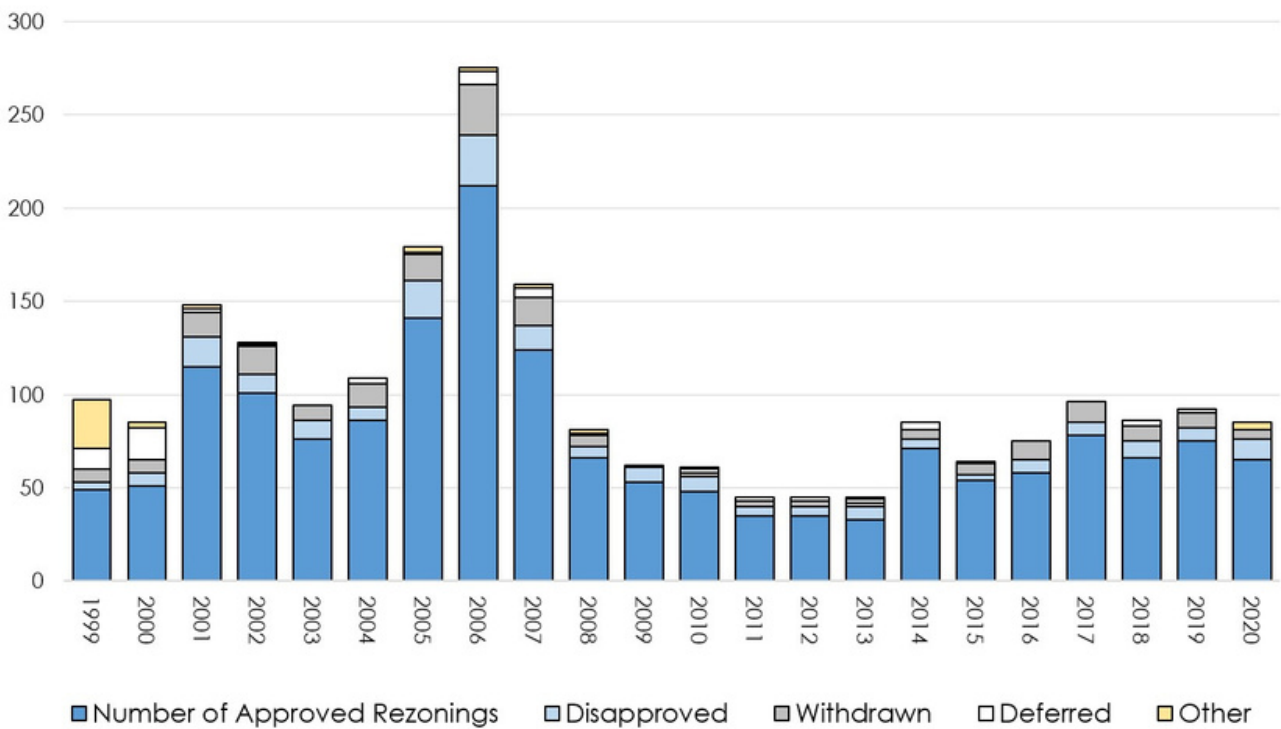
FY 2020 Planning Commission Rezoning Cases, Acreage



FY 2020 Planning Commission Rezoning Cases



Planning Commission Rezoning Cases, Annually 1999-2020

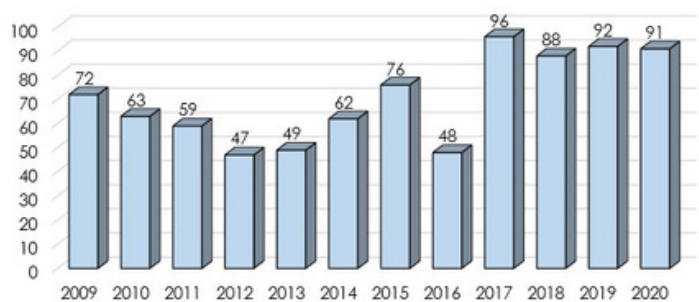


STAFF REVIEWED REZONINGS

91

FY 2020 Staff Reviewed Rezoning is one Rezoning Case lower than FY 2019.

Staff Reviewed Rezoning Applications Annually, 2009-2020



IMAGINE 2040 IN FY 2020:

Implementation

LANDSCAPE BUFFERS & TREE PRESERVATION

The Horry County Landscape Buffer and Tree Preservation Ordinance was originally adopted in 2001. It includes landscaping and tree preservation requirements for commercial and major residential developments located along 61 highly visible roadways through unincorporated Horry County. In addition, it protects all Live Oak trees over 24" in diameter throughout all unincorporated areas.

While the ordinance was considered progressive at its original time of adoption, it included over 75 pages of regulations that were often redundant and difficult to navigate. In 2019, staff began an effort to organize the Ordinance in a more logical flow and simplify buffer types and widths. The update also incentivizes the preservation of existing trees and vegetation, as well as the use of low impact development practices. Over the course of six months, staff and a dedicated graduate-level intern, iteratively revised the ordinance. On April 21, 2020 County Council adopted the new 16 page ordinance, thus, completing one of the first implementation strategies of the IMAGINE 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Horry County Landscape Manual was revised alongside the ordinance. The Landscape Manual includes information on trees, bushes, and grasses that grow well in our climate and soils. Not only is it a great resource for developers, it also serves as a great resource for residents looking to improve their own properties.

SIGN ORDINANCE

Over the last 30 years, Horry County sign regulations have been modified to address offsite signage, political signs, and model home signage. In addition, there are now 13 overlay districts which establish signage standards for different parts of the County. Last year, the Planning Commission created a subcommittee of its membership, as well as members of the sign industry, to review and make changes to the regulations and permitting procedures.

On March 10, 2020, Horry County Council adopted the revisions to the sign ordinance that the subcommittee and Planning Commission recommended. The revisions unified the language, definitions, and many standards across the ordinances that address signage. The changes ensured that our sign ordinances do not regulate the content of signs (the US Supreme Court has deemed the content of signs to be a 1st Amendment protected expression). Therefore, government cannot treat church signs, political signs, or any other signage differently based upon what information is included on them. However, the County can regulate the time, place and manner in which signage is displayed. The revised Sign Ordinance is available on the County's website. If you have any questions about sign standards, please reach out to Brandon Gray, Commercial Plan Reviewer, at graybe@HorryCounty.org or (843) 915-7913.

IMAGINE 2040 IN FY 2020:

Implementation

PLANNING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

In the last year, the County has made forward progress to meet the capital needs of the community. The Planning Department has worked with Fire Rescue to identify ideal properties for the construction of new fire rescue stations, including sites for planned facilities near Long Bay Golf Club on Hwy 9 in Longs, a new career station in Wampee to service Hwy 90, off of Hwy 544 in Surfside for improved campground coverage, and replacement of the current Forestbrook station. Additionally, our staff has assisted with the preliminary designs for these sites to determine optimal functionality and necessary acreage. At this time, our department is also in the process of identifying appropriate sites for a future government building with a police precinct to serve Carolina Forest and surrounding areas. Beyond public safety, Horry County will soon see progress towards the implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. As the widening of Carolina Forest Blvd concludes, a multi-purpose path will be installed on both sides of the road. In addition, a multi-purpose path will be constructed along a portion of River Oaks Drive, connecting existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities near International Drive to Carolina Forest Blvd and further to the Horry County Bike and Run Park. Most recently, funding has been awarded by SC Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to support the construction of a number of trails at South Strand Recreation Center off Holmestown Rd. These trails will tie into future bicycle and pedestrian facilities that are planned in the Burgess Community.

COMING IN FY2021: ZONING ORDINANCE SIMPLIFICATION

Over the last year, Horry County Planning Staff have been working diligently on a text amendment to our Zoning Ordinance. The goals of these amendments are to create a simple, transparent, and comprehensive document that works for planners, reviewers, developers, elected and appointed officials, and the public. The Zoning Ordinance, being over 700 pages long, will be drastically reduced by these amendments, along with improving its navigability. The Department has set out with the intention of taking the existing Zoning Ordinance and laying it out in such a way that it can be easily understood by everyone.

This simplification will not include any major changes to the ordinance. It will simply reorganize the information already existing in the Zoning Ordinance and expand on areas that need to be clarified.

Staff is working to turn our existing Zoning Ordinance into a series of use charts. This will enable users to look at a single use and know every district where that use is allowed. These charts will also direct a user to any special conditions that may be required for that use. All special conditions are being reorganized in a format that is easier to navigate.

Additionally, staff will provide clear definitions for all the uses, leaving less room for misunderstandings or misinterpretations. Finally, staff will be simplifying the setback charts to make them easier to read and understand.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



FACEBOOK STATISTICS

Number of Posts

in FY 2020:

214

Reach:

109,973

Total Likes:

1,210

Total Follows:

1,248

**Facebook
Reach**

INCREASED

by 55,465 views
compared to 2019.

New Likes: **438**

New Followers: **459**

Reactions: **3,077**

Comments: **602**

Shares: **677**

Census Related
Posts in FY 2020: **11**

Reach on Census
Posts: **10,112**

Shares on
Census Posts: **46**

Posts sharing
information for other
Departments: **36**

Reach generated for
other Departments: **17,248**

OUTREACH EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS

Leadership Grand Strand
Waterbridge
Chesterfield Missionary Baptist
Flood Resiliency Plan Community Meetings
Greater Burgess Community Association
South Strand Recreation Center – Summer Camp
Capital Improvements Expo
United Way Day of Caring
Swamp Fest 2019
SC Floodwater Commission – Day of Service
Burgess Community Heritage Night
Horry County Liter Index

Citizens Planning Academy
The Horry Planner ENewsletter
East Coast Greenway
Recreation Master Plans
Pathways-2-Possibilities
Carolina Forest Civic Association
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United Way Day of Caring:
South Strand Recreation Center
Butterfly Garden Installation

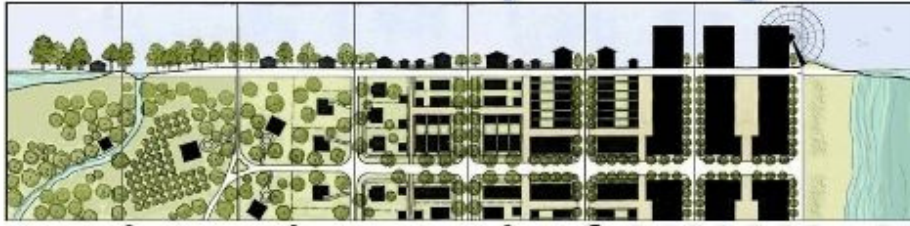


Pathways-2-Possibilities: Career
Fair for Middle Schoolers at the
Myrtle Beach Convention
Center

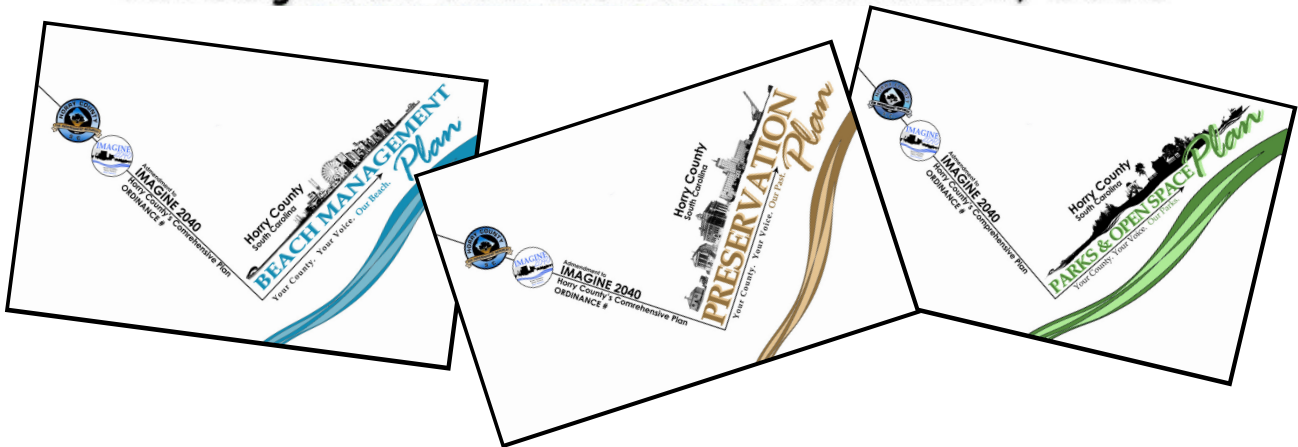


Socastee High School Community Input
Meeting for Flood Resilience

Join Us For Community Planning Month!



Throughout the month of **OCTOBER, 2020**



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2020: 6 PM

Resolution at County Council to make October Community Planning Month. The FY2020 Annual Report will be made available to the Public on Wednesday, October 7th.

ONGOING THROUGHOUT PLANNING MONTH

BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Community Input Survey for the Beach Management Plan will be available throughout the month online! Stay Tuned for the link for the survey via the Horry County Press Releases and via Social Media outlets!

PRESERVATION PLAN - 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Horry County Historic Preservation Commission brings you the Preservation Plan as an amendment to IMAGINE 2040, Horry County's Comprehensive Plan. This 30-day Public Comment comes before the Planning Commission Public Hearing on November 5th, 2020.

CITIZENS PLANNING ACADEMY - REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2nd Annual Citizens Planning Academy will be available throughout the month online!! Stay tuned for the link to register via the Horry County Press Releases and via Social Media outlets!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2020: 10AM

Legacy Business Recognition Event for Goldfinch Funeral Home to recognize their services to the community since 1905. For social distancing purposes, this event will occur virtually. Stay tuned to Facebook to watch this event live.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2020: 9 AM (TENTATIVE)

Community Tree Planting Event at Michael Morris Graham Park - 1253 Vereen Rd, Aynor, SC 29511
In cooperation with Horry County Council, the Parks & Recreation Department, Keep Horry County Beautiful, and the Parks and Open Space Board. Details TBA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2020: 12 NOON

Parks and Open Space Plan - Presentation to the Parks and Open Space Board
Multipurpose Room B of the Horry County Government and Justice Center, Conway

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more great ways to engage, learn, and stay involved during Planning Month!

Do you have ideas for topics to cover during the 2nd Citizen Planning Academy in 2020? Follow the Planning & Zoning on Facebook to learn how you can share your ideas!



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Historic Preservation Commission is charged with providing a mechanism to identify, protect, and preserve the distinct historical and architectural characteristics of Horry County which represent the County's cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history.

Number of Community Contacts Gathered: **182**

Properties added to the local register **6**
(now have 274 properties registered):

Certificates of Appropriateness issued: **0**

New Special Tax Assessment properties: **6**

Legacy businesses: **3**

MAJOR PROJECTS

- 3rd Avenue Courthouse for National Historic Register
- Historic Road Markers - 1 finished and 1 in progress
- Update to Article XVII
- Update to By-Laws
- High School Video Contest

DIFFERENT NAME, SAME GREAT MISSION

On April 21, 2020 Horry County Council voted to adopt Ordinance 66-2020 to the County Code of Ordinances pertaining to Horry County Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation. The amendments within this Ordinance were favorably recommended by both our Board and the Planning Commission. The Ordinance made the following changes:

- 1- Changed the name of the Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation to the Historic Preservation Commission;
- 2- Established procedures by which Local Historic Districts can be established; and
- 3- Established public hearing advertisement requirements for the local historic register.



Latimer's Legacy Business Recognition



Horry County Historic 2nd Ave Courthouse



Ketchup Town Store

"providing a mechanism to identify, protect, and preserve the distinct historical and architectural characteristics of Horry County which represent the County's cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history."

 Like the Historic Preservation Commission Facebook Page NOW!

30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

Over the course of the last two years, Horry County staff and the Horry County Historic Preservation Commission have been working to update the Horry County Preservation Plan, an amendment to the IMAGINE 2040 Comprehensive Plan. This review started with a survey titled Planning for Historic Preservation in Horry County, which ran from August through November of 2018.

The public review and adoption process for the Preservation Plan has commenced. Horry County staff presented the Preservation Plan to the Planning Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 3 p.m. This meeting prefaced the formal **30-day public comment period that will be open between September 24, 2020, and October 29, 2020**. The public is encouraged to attend and provide comments on the plan at the Planning Commission **Public Hearing on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in multipurpose room B at the Horry County Government and Justice Center in Conway. After review and approval by the Planning Commission, the Plan will also be reviewed and considered for adoption by Horry County Council.

The Preservation Plan can be reviewed at the Horry County Planning & Zoning Department at 1301 2nd Avenue, Suite 1D09, Conway, SC 29526. It is also available for review online. Public comments may be mailed to the address above or by emailing Lou Conklin at ConklinL@horrycounty.org



PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD

The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board was established to promote open space preservation, natural resource protection, and the expansion of public recreational facilities. The Board is responsible for providing guidance to Horry County Council on areas to preserve for such uses and for allocating resources from the Open Space Fund.

OPEN SPACE

Acres of Open Space Added in 2019: **740.5**

Percentage of County in Conservation: **8.44%**

Total Conservation Acreage: **67,816.86**

Approximate Total Acreage Conservation in Floodplain: **45,000**

MAJOR PROJECTS

- South Strand Recreation Center Master Plan
- Discovery Trail
- Recreational Trails Program Grant
- Huger Park
- Sandridge Park
- Tree Grants
- Upper Waccamaw Task Force
- Parks and Open Space Plan



Huger Park Conceptual Planning Workshop



South Strand Recreation Center Discovery Trail



South Strand Recreation Center Master Plan & Recreational Trail Program Grant



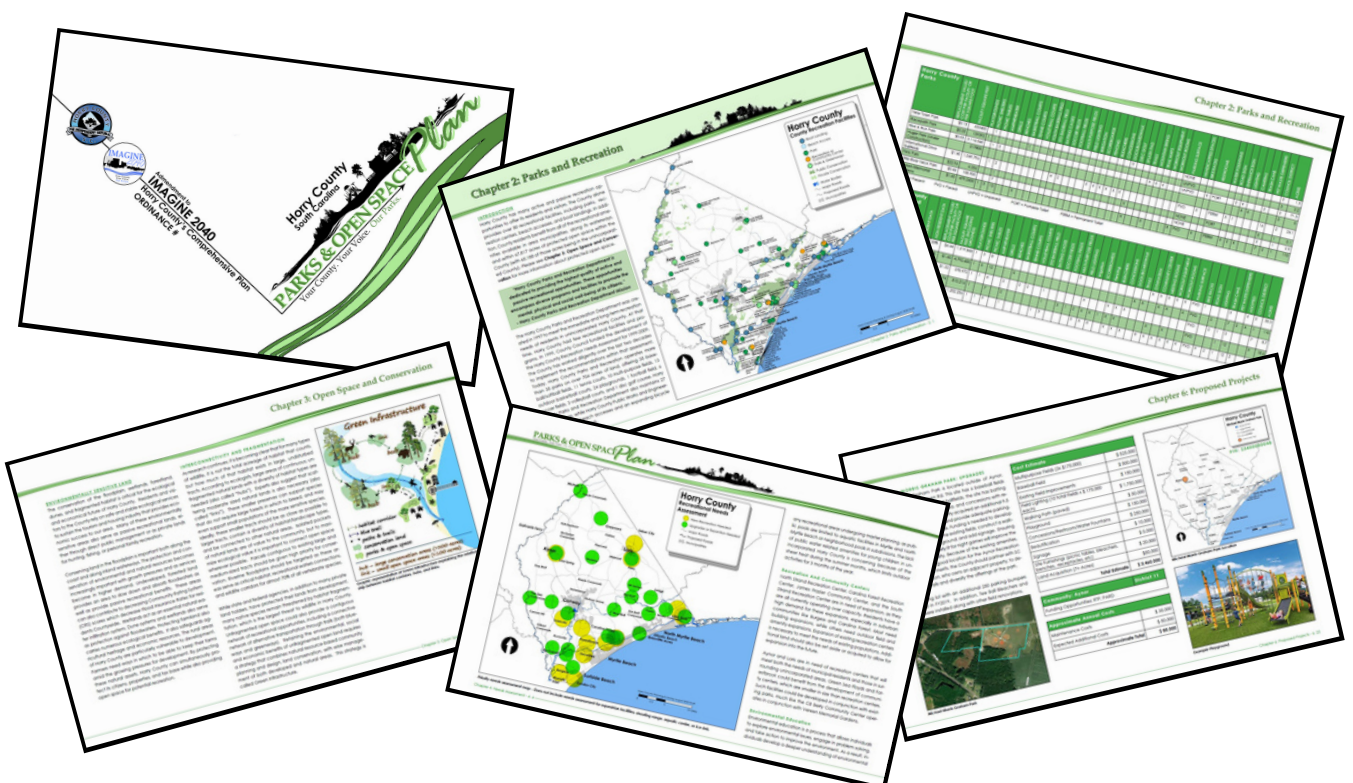
PARKS & OPEN SPACE *Plan*

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PRESENTATION TO THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD

With invaluable input from the Horry County community, recreation facility users, and local conservation partners, Horry County staff and the Horry County Parks and Open Space Board have been working to rewrite the Horry County Parks and Open Space Plan, an amendment to the IMAGINE 2040 Comprehensive Plan. This Plan serves as a rewrite of both the Recreation Needs Assessment, which identifies future countywide recreational needs taking into account anticipated population growth and demand, and the existing 2008 Parks and Open Space Plan. The Plan was developed as a comprehensive guide to acquire, develop, and expand recreation and open space conservation. It provides programing, operations, maintenance, and funding recommendations to ensure that our recreational facilities meet the needs of our growing population.

Horry County staff will present the Parks and Open Space Plan to the Parks and Open Space Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, November 10, at 12:00 noon**. The meeting will be held in multipurpose room B at the Horry County Government and Justice Center in Conway. After review and approval by the Parks and Open Space Board, the Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission at which point a 30-day public comment period will be held followed by a public hearing. Following approval by the Planning Commission, the Plan will also be reviewed and considered for adoption by Horry County Council. The Plan is available for review online. Comments may be emailed to Ashley Cowen at cowen.ashley@horrycounty.org



KEEP HORRY COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

"To inspire residents and visitors to value and protect the natural beauty of Horry County and to empower them to keep the open spaces, rivers, and beaches clean and litter free."

CLEAN-UP PROGRAMS

Volunteer Service Hours: **1670+**
 Bags of Litter: **1260+**
 Pounds of Litter Recorded: **25,260**
 Miles of Roadway Cleaned: **300**
 Cleaned Acres of Public Spaces: **4**



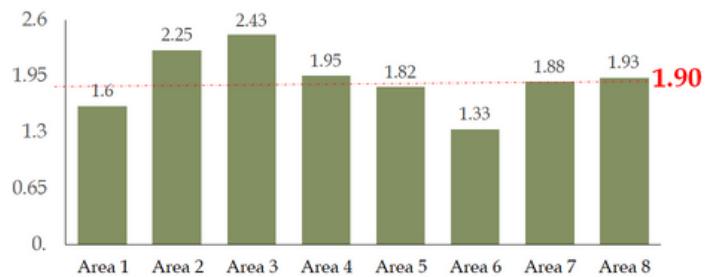
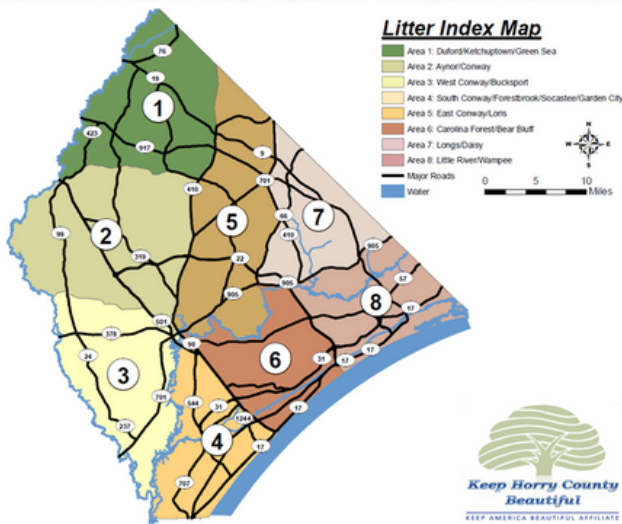
ADOPTION GROUPS

New Adoption Groups: **6**
 Additional Pending Adoption Groups: **2**
 Total Adoption Groups with 2-year Agreements: **26**
 One Time Cleanups including large events: **2**

EVENTS

Total Number of Clean-Up Events: **50+**
 Community events participated in or attended: **16**
 Number of Community Contacts Gathered: **379**

ANNUAL LITTER INDEX



Annual Average Litter Index Results	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
LITTER	2.14	2.05	2.00	1.82	2.14	2.08	2.07	2.14	1.93	1.90
SIGNS	1.47	1.15	1.39	1.33	1.25	1.44	1.48	1.2	1.44	1.26

2020 Litter Score

DECREASED
 compared to 2019.
 Area 6 saw the least littered score and Area 3 saw the most littered score

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