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Preliminary documentation is underway for the creation of a Burgess Community Bike and Pedestrian Plan. The Plan will eventually be incorporated as an Appendix to the Horry County Bike and Pedestrian Plan and mirror the effort from two years ago in the Carolina Forest Community. An interesting aspect of this endeavor is the partnership that has formed between Horry County Planning and the Edgar Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy at Coastal Carolina University.

The focus of the Dyer Institute is to engage students in active learning opportunities where they may gain knowledge in various areas of policy research. Their goal is to provide students with experience that will connect academic theory to practice as well as foster the importance of civic-minded citizens. Virginia Norris is the Coordinator for the Institute and Lecturer in the Department of Politics and Geography. Her educational background is Urban and Regional Planning, so she brings a unique (Planning) skill set to the Institute as well as the classroom. One class she taught during the Fall 2014 semester was Introduction to Planning, and she reached out to Horry County Planning looking for ideas for a class project.

Students enrolled in the class spent the Fall Semester in Burgess taking inventory of existing connectivity and gaps in the system. They presented their findings to County Planning staff in late November as a final project. Specifically, the report focused on evaluating major roads in the community including Bay, Freewoods, Holmestown, McDowell Shortcut and Scipio. Additionally, the students scoped connectivity around the 4 schools in the community; Burgess Elementary, St. James Elementary, St. James Middle, and St. James High. The students recognized that bike and pedestrian improvements require more than pouring a concrete sidewalk, identifying ditches, street lighting and narrow right-of-way widths as potential constraints to connectivity. Another important finding is the need for educating all involved and identifying a consensus among stakeholders. Currently, school administrators have serious concerns for students walking or biking to school due to heavy traffic during the morning and afternoon commutes. Bike and pedestrian facilities need to be designed with safety in mind. Educating stake holders, building consensus, and proper design will help to overcome the perception that biking and walking to school are dangerous activities.



Horry County Planning sends special thanks to Edgar "Eddie" Dyer and Virginia Norris. We appreciate your leadership and involvement! Also, special thanks to the students: Jon Andreas, Alton Campbell, Hannah Davis, Sam Gordon, Jaimie Harrison, Tamara Jackson, Kaitlin Hayes, Herbert June, Monica Levitt, Travis Oliver, Renita Robinson, James Scianno, and James Thorne. Job well done!



Highways and Byways...

ORIGINAL COLONIAL KINGS HIGHWAY BEING RESTORED

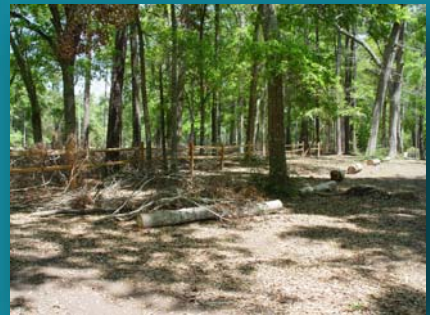
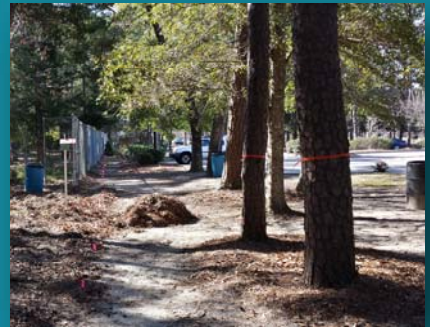
Horry County Planning Department, Parks and Recreation and the Yaupon Garden Club have partnered up to work on the restoration of a portion of the original Kings Highway, that runs through Vereen Gardens. Senior Planners Adam Emrick and Lou Conklin worked together to research the historical aspects and identify the road. Adam and Ben Burroughs, Director of the Horry County Archives Center at CCU, identified the location of the historic roadbed. Lou researched what types of trees would have been present at the time the highway was in use. After a site visit, it was determined that many of these same trees species were still living on the site. However with the pressures of modern civilization, much of the understory had been destroyed.

The restoration has been started by Parks and Recreation with the removal of trees growing in the roadway and a chain link fence that ran along one side of the road. A split rail fence was then installed along both sides of the Kings Highway. The area within this new fencing will be restored to bring back the original feel of the highway. However Parks and Recreation did not have the man power to take on the installation and maintenance of the trees until they were established. Not to mention that there was no budget for the trees themselves.

Enter the Yaupon Garden Club; with the help of Senior Planner Leigh Kane, they submitted for a grant to replace the understory trees. With the award of a Community Pride Grant by Palmetto Pride, in the amount of \$2,496 dollars, and the commitment by the Garden Club to plant and maintain the trees until established, the road’s landscaping will now be restored. This grant money will purchase Flowering Dogwoods, Hickories and American Hollies, along with a small amount of mulch to help with the establishment of the trees. The trees are scheduled to be planted at the end of 2015.



Pictures (above and below) show trees and fencing encroaching on the roadway needing to be removed



New split rail fencing, used to define the area has been installed.



TMS to PIN Numbering

Many surveyors, engineers and designers are turning in plats and projects with the new PIN numbering included. This is in response to the announcement by the Horry County Assessor’s Office and their policy change effective as of April 2010. While we are still currently in the transition period, eventually the TMS numbers will cease to exist. While it’s great that so many have started to pick up the new PIN numbers, there is still a confusing aspect to the conversion; what is the correct way to write the numbers.

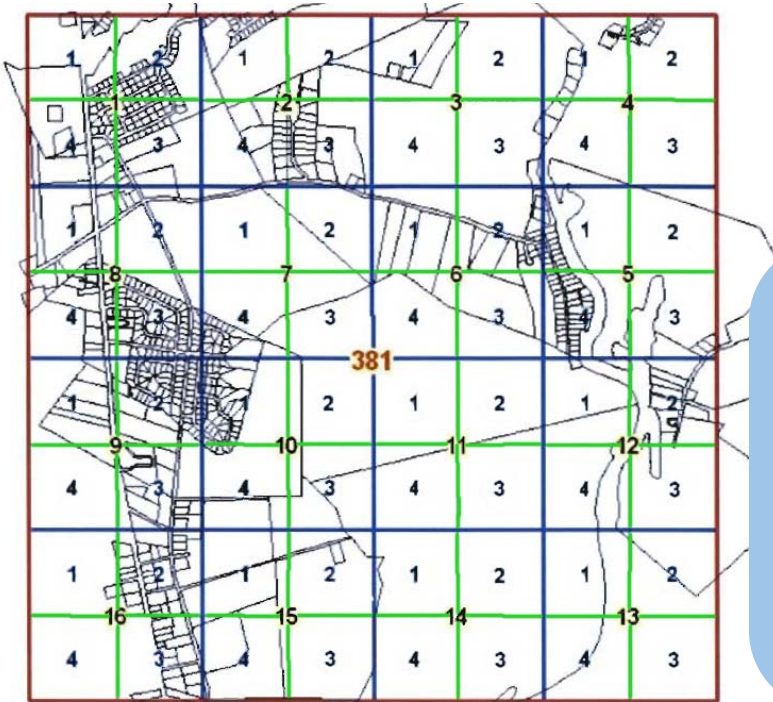
On Horry County’s GIS the PIN numbering shows up the same as the TMS numbering in that there are no dashes; the numbers appear on the data base all run together. Todd Wagner from the Planning Department explains that this is because GIS does not recognize dashes. This can make it hard to copy a number correctly, especially when there may be one digit repeated four or five times in a row. Just as with the TMS numbers, the PIN numbers have a correct way to be written and a logic behind them.

The Grid below is repeated consistently over the County. The RED square represents the map number and corresponds to the first 3 digits of the PIN. The BLUE lines represent the submap area. Each map contains 16 submap areas and corresponds to the next 2 digits in the PIN. The GREEN lines represent the blocks. Each submap contains 4 blocks which corresponds to the next 2 digits in the PIN. The black lines represent the parcel and correspond to the last 4 digits in the PIN. Just as the old TMS numbers are hand written with the dashes, so are the PIN numbers. The correct way to write a PIN would be XXX-XX-XX-XXXX.

This numbering system substantially increases the potential to 9999 parcels per block, previously limited to 999 parcels per block. Rapid development in recent years has required the change to the system. Essentially the potential existed in highly developed areas of the county to eventually run out of parcel numbers. In addition GIS technology itself has also changed the manner in which parcel numbering schemes are developed. GIS enables the auto generation of parcel numbers based on location and Grid based standards. Land development and technology advancements impacted the need for this change.

During the transition period which started in 2010, both a TMS number (10 digits) and a PIN number (11 digits) will be issued.

Citizens should be seeing both numbers associated with parcel information including tax bills. TMS numbers will be retained for reference purposes, but eventually all new parcels will be issued PIN numbers only without the associated TMS number.



GRID LEGEND

- RED—Map/3 Digits
- BLUE— SubMap/2 Digits
- GREEN— Block/2 Digits
- BLACK— Parcel Lines/4 Digits
- PIN = Map-SubMap-Block-Parcel
- PIN = XXX-XX-XX-XXXX

New Land Development Regulations in the Works

Horry County is in the process of updating our Land Development Regulations for the first time since 2008 and we are inviting all interested parties to participate.

When asked about Land Development Regulations most people think of zoning codes. The Zoning Ordinance controls where and how uses and structures may be placed on the land and where they may be located within the county. Land Development Regulations focus more on how the use is constructed. They control the process of subdividing property, constructing roads, and developing commercial property. The specific goals are to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the County by coordinating the provision of streets, open space, utilities and stormwater.

The power to adopt these regulations is granted pursuant to the authority granted to Horry County under the Code of Laws of South Carolina, Title 6, Chapter 29, known as the Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994. Internally within the County, the Planning, Engineering and Stormwater Departments all had input into revisions they thought were needed. After receiving comments from these departments, Principal Planner David Schwerd wrote a first draft of the new regulations.

Bi-monthly meetings with Planning, Engineering, Stormwater and three Planning Commission members, along with surveyors, engineers and other interested parties are now being scheduled. The first of these bi-monthly meetings was held on December 10th 2014. Within these meetings the draft Mr. Schwerd wrote is gone through article by article and discussed. A tentative timeline for the final draft is June of 2015.

From there the new draft will then be presented to all Planning Commission members for their input. After Planning Commission approval, the draft is presented to County Council and will go through the customary three readings before it becomes law.

If you are interested in the how the Land Development Regulations affect you or your community or if you are interested in participating in the rewrite process contact Horry County Planning & Zoning at 843-915-5340. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8th at 3 p.m. in multipurpose room B, upstairs at the County Government and Justice Building, located at 1301 2nd Avenue in Conway.

High School Video Contest

The 2014 High School Historic Sites and Structures Video Contest received a number of wonderful entries this year. Subject matter included: the Theatre of the Republic, Carolina Southern Railroad, Burroughs Grade School, the Sea Captain House, the Hardwick Funeral Home, Myrtle Beach State Park, the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach and The Oak Tree.

Videos are judged on the following criteria: Incorporation of local history, creativity, originality, impact, informational content, entertainment value/interest level, accuracy of information, and production quality.

The winners were:

- First place and a \$250 prize goes to— The Oak Tree by Azure Allen
- Second place and a \$100 prize goes to—Myrtle Beach State Park by Triona Fihaley, Evelyn Thompson and Sean Lillings
- Third Place and a \$50 prize goes to Carolina Southern Railroad by Paul Dierksheide, Megan Henderson, and Alyssa Callahan



To view all the videos go to; https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOB5gN1Fs1nH0r1vS_mUpDRm87nNHBOC2



The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board will meet on January 27th at 1 pm at the Horry County Government and Justice Building in Conway. The Natural Resource Inventory will be on the agenda. The Parks and Open Space Board has three openings in County Council Districts 3, 6, and 10. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on this board or helping with the Natural Resource Inventory, please contact Leigh Kane for more information at 915-7034 or kaneL@HorryCounty.org. For more information on this board, visit <http://www.horrycounty.org/Boards/ParksandOpenSpace.aspx>



Keep Horry County Beautiful



Keep Horry County Beautiful is pleased with the results of the first annual Horry County Community Cleanup Day . Approximately 700 volunteers came out and picked up 1,056 bags of litter adding up to 1,661 pounds of trash. Totals for this years efforts are 37 Litter Prevention Events and 21,120 bags of trash totaling 33,330 pounds removed from roads, parks, waterways and public lands. The annual Litter Index has been moved to February 24th. This is a drive through the County on pre-determined routes to assess the quantity of litter. Contact Nancy Tindall to learn more about KHCB, volunteer for the Litter Index or to set up a roadway or park adoption: 843-915-7893 or tindalln@HorryCounty.org. The next Keep Horry County Beautiful meeting will be held on January 27th at 2:30 pm in the Horry County Government and Justice Building in Conway. The public is invited to attend.



The Horry County Board of Architectural Review



The Horry County Board of Architectural Review (BAR) & Historic Preservation will be adding twenty one properties to the National Historic Register. Twenty cemeteries and the Stanley Home located in Longs and pictured to the left. For more information or if you have a property that you think may be eligible for the National Historic Register, contact Adam Emrick at 843-915-7897 or email at EmrickA@HorryCounty.org





Horry County Long Range Planning has two interns from CCU that will be joining County Planning staff beginning in the Spring 2015 semester to work on a comprehensive Bike and Pedestrian Plan for Burgess. One intern will focus primarily on GIS mapping and the other on documentation and writing the Plan. Horry County Planning will guide their efforts in concert with the Dyer Institute. The process will require community and stakeholder meetings as well, and the final product will identify projects and include associated cost estimates and funding mechanisms. A draft plan is scheduled for release to the public in early Fall 2015.

2015 Meeting Calendar

<u>January</u>
1 New Years Day—Offices Closed
6 County Council; 6:00 PM
8 Planning Commission; 5:30 PM
12 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30 PM
13 Parks and Open Space Board; 1:00 PM
19 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - Offices Closed
20 County Council; 6:00 PM
20 Board of Architectural Review; 2:30 PM
27 Keep Horry County Beautiful; 2:30 PM
29 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00 PM

<u>February</u>
3 County Council; 6:00 PM
5 Planning commission; 5:30 PM
9 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30 PM
17 Board of Architectural Review; 2:30 PM
26 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00 PM



<u>March</u>

3 County Council; 6:00 PM
5 Planning commission; 5:30 PM
9 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30 PM
17 County Council; 6:00 PM
17 Board of Architectural Review; 2:30 PM
24 Keep Horry County Beautiful; 2:30 PM
26 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00 PM

One last note:

Accessory Buildings and Structures

The Zoning Ordinance currently requires accessory buildings and structures to meet a 6 ft. separation, but Ordinance 102-14 is poised to replace this requirement. The 6 ft. separation comes from the previous building code requirements reflecting fire rating requirements. The current building code provides alternative fire rating methods so that accessory structures no longer have to meet this separation in order to meet the building code. The separation requirement often creates a hardship resulting in variance requests. The Planning Department has had over 40 variance requests for building separation over the last 10 years with almost all of them being approved.

The second change proposed by this ordinance is to increase the size of the accessory structure which can be as close as 5 ft. from the property line, from 150 sq. ft. to 200 sq. ft. The building codes changed a couple of years ago to increase the size of structures which do not require a permit up to 200 sq. ft. Because a building permit is not required for buildings under 200 sq. ft., people often think no zoning compliance is required. This change will simplify the ordinance and allow staff to inform callers that no building permit is required, but they must meet a 5 ft. setback. The ordinance also clarifies that any additional accessory structures are required to meet the regular setbacks for the district. Planning Commission recommended approval at its meeting on October 2nd and the ordinance is set to pass 3rd reading with County Council on January sixth. For further information contact the Planning and Zoning Department.