

Capital Project Salex Tax Commission

2013-2014 Project Listing



Proj #	Project Name	Entity	Total \$\$	Share \$\$	\$\$ Requested	Date Rcvd.	Date Evaluated	Present Date	Project Score
1	WILD FERN ROAD	Bob Dunn	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	11/14/2013			
2	MUSEUM OF CHEROKEE ANNEX	Luther Lyle	\$ 300,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 290,000	12/23/2013			
3	WALHALLA WATER PLANT UPGRADE	Nancy Goehle	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	12/23/2013			
4	OCONEE COUNTY INDOOR RECREATION / AQUATIC CENTER	Scott Moulder	\$ 11,000,000	\$ -	\$ 11,000,000	1/8/2014			
5	OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT	Philip Chaney	\$ 15,548,560	\$ -	\$ 15,548,560	1/9/2014			
6	OCONEE 9/11 MEMORIAL	Brandon Shirley	\$ 700,000	+/- \$350,000	\$ 420,000	1/13/2014			
7	GOLDEN CORNER COMMUNITY CENTER	Tim Mays	\$ 3,300,000	\$ -	\$ 3,300,000	1/13/2014			
8	OCONEE HERITAGE CENTER MULTI-SITE RENOVATIONS	Jonathan Fritz	\$ 425,000	possible \$36,000	\$ 425,000	1/14/2014			

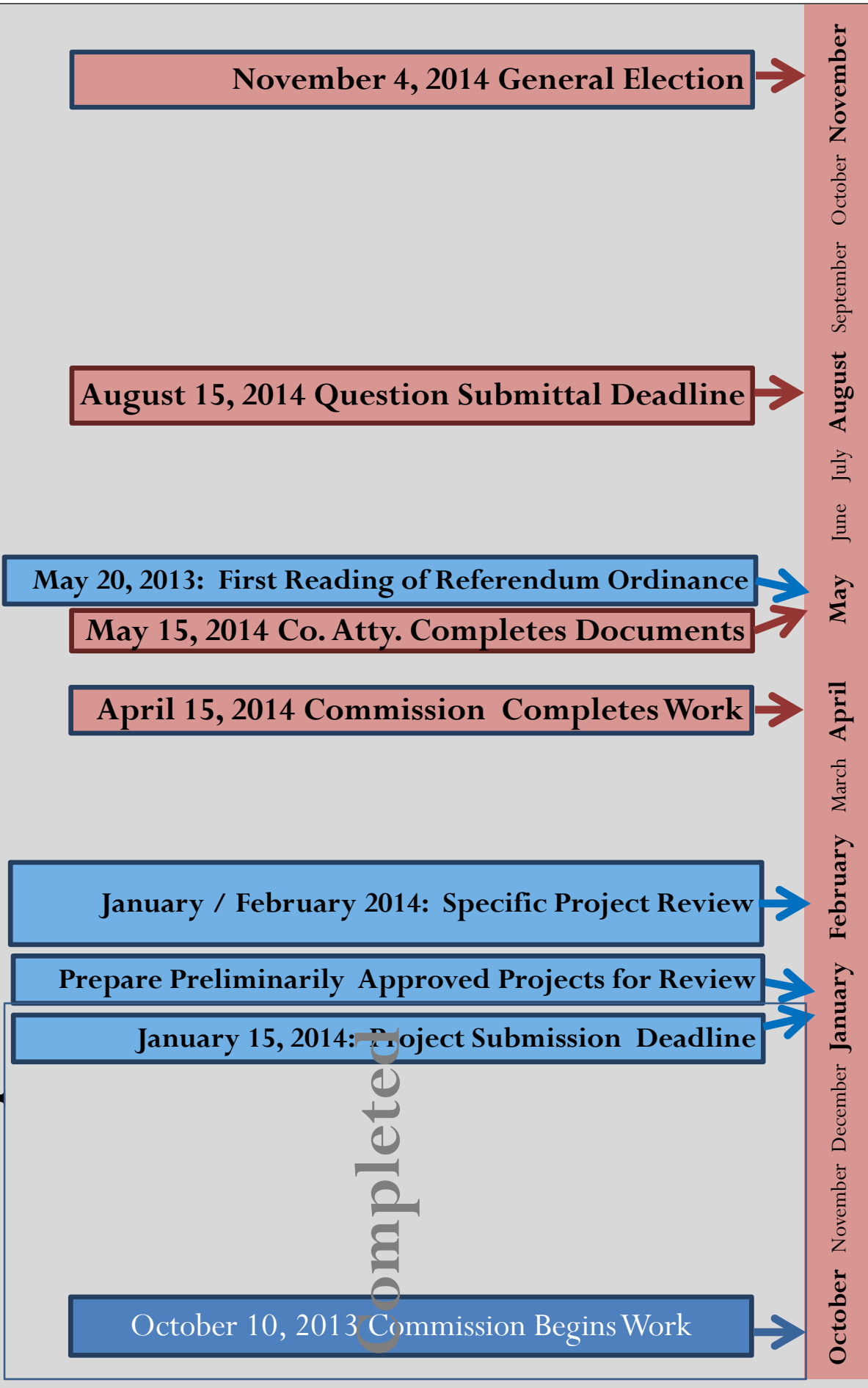
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9	FOOTHILLS AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE & MARKETING CENTER [Farm Center]	Stanley Gibson	\$ 7,450,000	\$ 745,000	\$ 6,705,000	1/15/2014			
10	NORTHERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Kim Alexander	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,150,000	1/15/2014			
11	RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER	Kim Alexander	\$ 743,700	\$ 75,000	\$ 736,200	1/15/2014			
12	BROADBAND ACCESS DEVELOPMENT	Mike Cammick	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	1/15/2014			
TOTALS			\$ 43,517,260		\$ 42,074,760				

Proposed Timeline with Critical Dates



2013
2014
Blue Boxes Denote CPSTC Additions



OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1. PROJECT NAME: **WILD FERN ROAD**
2. Entity Name: **WILLIAM L. DUNN**
3. ****Project Description:** **WILD FERN ROAD IS A 22 DEGREE DIRT GRAVEL ROAD THAT REQUIRES OCONEE ROAD MAINTENANCE CONSTANT ATTENTION. THE ROAD NEEDS TO BE REROUTED INTO VACANT LAND AND PAVED. IN ADDITION WHEN BOB STRICKER DEVELOPED THIS LAND HE DID NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE WATER LINES AND EACH PARCEL HAS INDIVIDUAL WATER LINES THAT HAVE NOW BECOME EXPOSED DUE TO THE ROAD EROSION. THESE LINES RUN FROM CAMPBELL BRIDGE TO THE BOTTOM OF WILD FERN. ALSO THERE IS NO WATER FIRE PROTECTION ON WILD FERN. I WOULD PROPOSE WATER BEING RUN ALL THE WAY DOWN WILD FERN AND THIS ROAD BEING REROUTED AND PAVED.**
4. Estimated Project Cost: **\$ 250,000**
5. Funding for this project (from other source[s]): (\$)
6. Net Amount Applied For: **\$ 250,000**
7. ****Benefits of Project:** **THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIVE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE ON THIS ROAD AND TWO HAVE CHILDREN. THIS ROAD HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FROM THE BEGINNING THE PROPERTY WAS DEVELOPED. IN THE LONG RUN I BELIEVE OCONEE COUNTY WOULD SAVE MONEY IN MATERIALS AND LABOR, HAVING WATER WOULD INCREASE THE VALUES ON THE PROPERTY AND HAVING A FIRE SYSTEM WOULD HELP ON THE HOME OWNERS INSURANCE.**

8. Entity Contact Information:

Name: WILLIAM L. DUNN

Telephone Number[s]: 864 654-1338

Email: DUNNBILL@BELLSOUTH.NET

9. Submitted by [name/title]:

WILLIAM L. DUNN

10. Other Comments/Notes:

I AM A LAND OWNER ON WILD FERN PICTURES ARE ABOUT ALL THAT I CAN SUBMIT BECAUSE OF THE ENGINEERING COST TO A PLAN DRAWN UP.

THE RESIDENCE OF THIS ROAD HAVE BEEN REQUESTING HELP FROM OCONEE ROADS AND THE SENECA WATER SYSTEM WITH NO AS THE ANSWER WHEN REQUESTING HELP TO FIX WHAT THE DEVELOPER SHOULD HAVE FIXED TO BEGIN WITH.

I BELIVE IF ANYONE THAT IS INVOLVED IN THE DECISION PROCESS FOR THIS APPLICATION WOULD COME A DRIVE AND SEE THIS ROAD FIRST HAND, THEY WOULD AGREE THIS ROAD NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

**You may provide supporting material with this form to include but not limited to plans, studies, maps, brochures, artist renderings, cost estimates, photographs, etc. Submitted material should not exceed 20 pages [in addition to this form].

Please be advised that the Commission may *for the Commission's discretion*, schedule a meeting with the Entity submitting the project to obtain additional information.

Questions regarding this process and/or this form should be directed to dhulac@oconee.com.

COMMISSION USE

CPSTC ID# 1

Date Recvd: 11/14/15

Recommended: Y / N



Oconee County, South Carolina

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Project Criteria Questionnaire

Project Name/Description: WILD FERN ROAD

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

WILD FERN ROAD IS A STEEP 22 DEGREE DIRT ROAD MAINTAINED BY OCONEE ROAD DEPT. THIS ROAD IS UNDER CONSTANT MAINTENANCE BY THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. THE ROAD HAS BECOME SO DETERIATED THE SIDES HAVE WASHED OUT. THE DETERIATION OF THIS ROAD HAS CAUSED SEVERAL VEHICLES TO SLID INTO THE DITCHES AND REQUIRE TOWING TO GET OUT. ONLY ONE VEHICLE AT A TIME CAN TRAVEL THIS ROAD. EMERGENCY VEHICLES WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN OPERATING ON THIS ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE ROAD DETERIATION HAS CAUSED WASHING OF THE DITCHES AND THE WATER LINES HAVE NOW BECOME EXPOSED. WHICH ARE PERIOTICALLY DAMAGED DURING ROAD MAINTENANCE.

WHEN THIS ROAD WAS DEVELOPED BY BOB STRICKER, INDIVIDUAL 1 INCH WATER LINES WERE PUT IN A DITCH AS PROPER SERVICE LINES. THERE NEED TO BE A WATER LINE WITH ADIQUITE ACCESS TO TAPS FOR EACH HOME OWNER.

THERE IS ALSO NO ACCESS TO WATER FOR FIRE SERVICE EXCEPT A PUMPER TRUCK WHICH MAY NOT BE ABLE TO NAVIGATE THIS ROAD.

**FINALLY, THERE ARE CHILDREN THAT LIVE ON THIS ROAD,
SAFETY CONCERNS SHOULD TAKE PRIORITY.**

BEFORE ACCEPTING THIS PROJECT OR DENING THIS PROJECT I
WOULD ENCOURGE THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND
PLANNING COMMISSION TO TRAVEL THIS ROAD. I BELIEVE EACH
WILL FIND THIS ROAD TO BE DEPLORABLE TO LIVE ON AND
MANUVORE ON A DAILY BASIS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

Please return this form to the staff liaison either via email or US Mail:

hhulse@oconeesc.com

Clerk to Council
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Please be advised that individual Commission members will not accept questionnaires.

1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES X **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue?
- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

A. WILD FERN ROAD NEEDS TO BE COMPLETELY REWORKED TO MAKE THE ROAD SAFE FOR TRAVEL AND HAVE ACCESS TO WATER FOR PERSONAL USES AND SAFETY.

B. WILD FERN SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN APPROVED FOR DEVELOPMENT WHEN THE LAND WAS DEVELOPED. THIS ROAD HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FROM THE BEGINNING. THIS ROAD WAS DEVELOPED AS A PRIVATE ROAD AND NOW THE OCONEE COUNTY MAINTAINS THIS ROAD. REQUEST FOR WATER SERVICE AND PAVING THIS ROAD HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND DENIDE.

C. THE ONLY OTHER WAY THIS PROBLEM COULD BE FIXED IS IF THE LAND OWNERS PAID FOR THE ROAD. THE COST WOULD BE MORE THAN THE LAND OWNERS COULD BEAR.

REQUESTS HAVE BEEN SUMITTED TO OCONEE ROAD MAINTENANCE FOR PAVING AND SENECA WATER FOR WATER SERVICE AND ALL REQUESTS HAVE BEEN DENIDE.

D. TO HAVE WILD FERN CORRECTLY FIXED AND HAVE WATER ACCESS WOULD GIVE EACH LAND OWNER A SINCE OF SAFETY. WITH PROPER ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND TWO WAY TRAFFIC WOULD CREATE A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE.

2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES _____ **NO** _____ **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

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3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county of one or more of the municipalities?

YES _____ **NO** _____ **N/A** **X**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES _____ **NO** _____ **N/A** **X**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

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5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created?
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

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8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

ENHANCING THE LIFE OF ANY OCONEE COUNTY RESIDENT CREATES A SENSE OF PRIDE AND PIECE OF MIND. AFTER YEARS FOR TRYING TO GET THIS PROBLEM FIXED, IT WOULD BE NICE TO BOAST ABOUT OCONEE COUNTY AND HOW ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED TO CREATE A BETTER WAY OF LIFE FOR ALL.

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES _____ **NO** _____ **N/A** **X**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

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10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES _____ **NO** _____ **N/A** **X**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

11. Will the project be economically sustainable?

YES _____ **NO** _____ **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

CURRENTLY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE STAFF HOURS ARE SPENT TO MAINTAIN WILD FERN. HAVE THIS PROJECTED COMPLETED WOULD ALLOW OTHER PROBLEM AREAS TO BE CONCENTRATED ON. THERE WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO BE MAINTENANCE COMPLETED ANS WITH ANY ROAD.

12. Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?

YES _____ **NO** _____ **N/A** **X** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

THERE WILL BE LESS MONEY SPENT ON ROAD MAINTENANCE IN THE COMING YEARS.

14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

MAINTENANCE WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO BE COMPLETED, JUST LESS OF IT.

16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

WILD FERN WOULD BECOME A SAFER ROAD FOR RESIDENTIAL, EMERGENCY AND UTILITY TRAFFIC.

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A X

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed;

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A X

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- b. What are the potential benefits?
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed;

19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

SINCE WILD FERN IS A ONE VEHICLE ROAD, RESIENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN ACCESS IN AND OUT DAILY UNTIL CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

WILD FERN ROAD

[Mr. Mack Kelly, PE, PLS, CFM, County Engineer, Director of Public Works]
]

1. Is it a county road?

A portion of Wild Fern Road is County maintained (SE 370).

2. Does the County have all the right of way?

Not all of the right-of-way has been obtained – prescriptive easement exists for some of the areas maintained by the County.

3. Is the road already on a County paving priority listing?

No. It does not meet the criteria established by Oconee County Code of Ordinances 26-5 (c).

4. What are any other issues related to this road that the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission would need to know before making a decision?

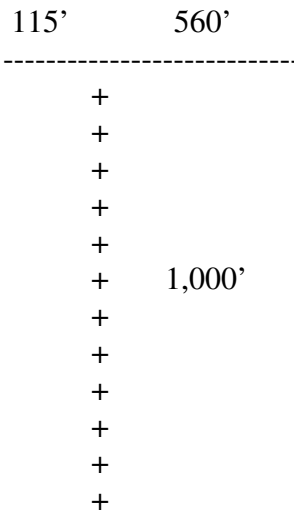
Several drinking water service lines run underneath the road area, some for the entire length of the County maintained portion of Wild Fern Road.

5. How long is Wild Fern Road?

The road makes a T.

The long leg is 1,000’.

The T intersection to the left is 115’ and to the right is 560’.





**OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION**

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PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1. **PROJECT NAME:** Annex to the Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina
2. **Entity Name:** Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina, Inc.
3. ****Project Description:** Acquisition and renovation of property adjoining the Museum of the Cherokee in S.C. to expand our museum and add exhibit space, classroom area, research room, storage, and office space.
4. **Estimated Project Cost:** \$300,000.00
5. **Funding for this project from other source[s]:** (\$10,000.00)
6. **Net Amount Applied For:** \$290,000.00
7. ****Benefits of Project:** By expanding our facility we will be able to offer more programs for visitors and will be able to attract more visitors to our area.
8. **Entity Contact Information:**
 Name: Luther Lyle
 Telephone Number[s]: 864-710-9210
 Email: lutherlyle@bellsouth.net
9. **Submitted by [name/title]:** Luther Lyle- Museum Director/ Curator
10. **Other Comments/Notes:**

COMMISSION USE	
CPSTC ID#	2
Date Rec'd:	12-23-13
Recommended:	Y / N



Oconee County, South Carolina

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Project Criteria Questionnaire

Project Name/Description: **Annex to the Museum of the Cherokee in S.C.**

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

The Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina, located at 70 Short Street in Walhalla, would like to acquire and renovate the property adjoining our museum in order to expand our programs to the public. We would construct additional exhibit space, classroom area, research room, storage, and office space. This would enable us to attract and accommodate more visitors to our facility.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

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1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A

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- What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue?
- Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

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2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

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3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county or one or more of the municipalities?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- How was the plan developed?
- Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

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4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

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5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- When was the project first proposed?
- What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

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6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- How many jobs will be created?
- How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- What types of jobs?
- What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

We expect to create 2-3 part-time Museum Assistant jobs at between \$15.-\$20.00/ hour.

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

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Additional visitors will spend additional money locally.

8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

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The Museum has already enhanced the County's image by being the home of the only Native American museum in the state of South Carolina. This fact has already had a positive reflection for on a regional and national level.

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below:

- What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

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10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

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- What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

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There are many organizations and foundations whose purpose is to support heritage-related programs such as ours.

Examples: South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, South Carolina Humanities Council, The Graham Foundation, and the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation.

11. **Will the project be economically sustainable?**

YES _____ NO _____ N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

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12. **Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?**

YES _____ NO _____ N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below:

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

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13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

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14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

The expansion of our museum facility will allow more available space for exhibits, classroom space, storage and offices.

15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What additional resources will be required?
- Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

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16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- How will levels of service be enhanced?

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We will use the additional space for exhibits, classroom space, storage, and offices.

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES

NO

N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

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We have already developed plans to enlarge our facility and offer more services to the public. The acquisition and renovation of this property will positively impact our long range plans.

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES

NO

N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below:

- What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- What are the potential benefits?
- Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

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19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

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CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION
 Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1.	PROJECT NAME:	City of Walhalla Water Plant Upgrades
2.	Entity Name:	City of Walhalla
3.	**Project Description:	Sludge processing upgrades to comply with SCDHEC regulation
4.	Estimated Project Cost:	\$500,000.00
5.	Funding for this project from other source[s]:	(\$250,000.00) City of Walhalla Utilities
6.	Net Amount Applied For:	\$250,000.00
7.	**Benefits of Project:	Water quality, and potential for industrial and residential growth
8.	Entity Contact Information:	
	Name:	Scott Parris
	Telephone Number[s]:	864-638-4343
	Email:	walhallowaterdep@bellsouth.net
9.	Submitted by [name/title]:	Nancy Goehle, City Administrator
10.	Other Comments/Notes:	

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Please be advised that the Commission may *for the County's discretion* schedule a meeting with the Entity submitting the project to obtain additional information.

Questions regarding this process and/or this form should be directed to paulse@occoneesc.com.

<u>COMMISSION USE:</u>
CPSTC ID# 3
Date Rec'd: <u>12/23/13</u>
Recommended: <u>Y / N</u>



Oconee County, South Carolina

**Capital Project Sales Tax Commission
Project Criteria Questionnaire**

Project Name/Description: City of Walhalla Water Plant Upgrades

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

To provide upgrades to the existed Coneross Water Treatment Plant sludge handling process to help maintain compliance with SCDHEC regulations.

If additional monies remain after the upgrades to the Water Plant, it will be used for Walhalla Recreational ballfields.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

Please return this form to the staff liaison either via email or USMail:

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Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Please be advised that individual Commission members will not accept questionnaires.

1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue? Potable water supply
- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project? no
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted? yes
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project? Safe water supply for citizens of Walhalla Water service area

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2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?SCDHEC
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who? No
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project? No
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance? No

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3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county of one or more of the municipalities?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)? **SCDHEC guidelines**
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan? **SCDHEC**
- c. How was the plan developed? **After an inspection to the site**
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies? **yes**

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4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

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5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO x N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

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6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES x NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created? Possibility of 5
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project? 4
- c. What types of jobs? Water treatment operators and construction workers
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs? \$25,000 - \$65,000
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

N/A

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7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project? Water fees, industrial growth & residential growth
- What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source? Unknown
- Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project? No

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8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen? Better water supply
- How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be? Seen by each water customer
- What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract? unknown
- What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment? Will be up to the County Economic Development

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9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

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10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

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11. Will the project be economically sustainable?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project? Already have 4 employees on staff
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance? It will lower operating cost and repair
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available? Added residential and industrial growth

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12. Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

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13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project? Potential fines
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs? no

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14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project? Water production
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services? Water quality
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency? N/A

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15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

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16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project? Plant Operations.
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced? Ease of operations

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17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time? Complete Water Plant Upgrade
- b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?
No

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18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project? Oconee County
- b. What are the potential benefits? Growth and Tax revenue
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction? No

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19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES _____ **NO** **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

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PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1. **PROJECT NAME:** Oconee County Indoor Recreation/Aquatics Center

2. **Entity Name:** Oconee County

3. ****Project Description:** Approximately 40,000 sq. foot indoor recreation and aquatics facility on 22 acres located behind the Oconee Medical Center. The three main areas of the facility will be an indoor aquatic center, a fitness center and multi-purpose open spaces for programming, recreation and wellness programs.

4. **Estimated Project Cost:** \$ 11,000,000

5. **Funding for this project from other source[s]:** (\$ 0.00)

6. **Net Amount Applied For:** \$ 11,000,000

7. ****Benefits of Project:** The mission of the project will be to promote health, wellness, fitness and aquatics. Primary focus will be life-long wellness, aquatic education for all elementary students, aquatic recreation, recreational programming and physical/cardio rehabilitation.

8. **Entity Contact Information:**
Name: SCOTT MOULDER
Telephone Number[s]: 864-638-4245
Email: smoulder@oconeesc.com

9. **Submitted by [name/title]:** SCOTT MOULDER / COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

10. **Other Comments/Notes:**

****You may provide supporting material with this form to include but not limited to plans, studies, maps, brochures, artist renderings, cost estimates, photographs, etc. Submitted material should not exceed 20 pages [in addition to this form].**

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Questions regarding this process and/or this form should be directed to bbulse@oconeesc.com.

COMMISSION USE

CPSTC ID# 4

Date Recvd: 1-8-14

Recommended: Y / N



Oconee County, South Carolina

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission

Project Criteria Questionnaire

Project Name/Description: Oconee County Indoor Recreation/Aquatics Center

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

Oconee County seeks to construct an approximately 40,000 sq. foot recreation and aquatics facility on 22 acres located behind the Oconee Medical Center. The mission of the project will be to promote health, wellness, fitness and aquatics and the three main areas of the facility will be an indoor aquatic center, a fitness center and multi-purpose open spaces for programming, recreation and wellness programs. The proposed aquatics center will have three main concentrations to include an 8-lane lap pool for open and competitive swimming, programming and water safety education to all of our elementary school students. Also proposed in the aquatic center is a warm water therapy pool for rehabilitation and a small indoor water park with slides, water toys and a zero depth entry. The fitness area will include a multitude of fitness and work out components including cardio equipment, free and machine weight options and an indoor walking track. The multi-purpose open space will focus on programming items such as aerobics, fitness classes, recreational programming and provide classroom educational space. Other support components of the facility will include administrative space, child watch area, locker rooms, outdoor green space and possibly racquetball courts. Final design has not yet been completed and is subject to minor modifications based on needs assessments.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

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1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES X NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue?
- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

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The facility will focus on improving the overall quality of life for participants through fitness, wellness and recreational opportunities. Extensive focus will be on water safety, obesity, cardio rehabilitation and life-long health/wellness. Secondary benefits will include partnerships with the Oconee Medical Center and the School District of Oconee County for on-site physical and cardio rehabilitations, swim lessons and health education. A similar project was proposed during the 2006 capital campaign and has been a consistent topic of priority.

2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES NO X N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

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3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county or one or more of the municipalities?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

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This type facility has been a recommendation in the 2002 Oconee County Recreation Master Plan completed by Clemson University PRTM and adopted by Oconee County, the Vision 2028 plan sponsored by Oconee Alliance and adopted by Oconee County and the 2010 Tourism action plan completed by Clemson University and adopted by Oconee County. All plans followed acceptable methodologies of development.

4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

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5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES X NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

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This type project was first proposed in 2002 and has been listed by Oconee County as a priority in previous Council strategic planning sessions as well as previous capital campaign efforts. Property has been acquired by Oconee County for such a facility. The project has not yet been approved for any construction dates or funding. The Foothills YMCA also has proposed such a project and a long term operational partnership is possible.

6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES X NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created?
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

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It is estimated that 8-10 full time positions will be created as well as numerous part time and seasonal positions for programming. The full time positions will be professional management, health/wellness professionals for programming and operations, as well as maintenance/custodial staff. Salaries will depend on qualifications.

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

It is anticipated that user fees and sponsorships generated through programming and affordable memberships will be used for sustainable operations.

8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

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Project will improve the overall quality of life of those citizens who choose to take advantage of the facility and programming opportunities. The site location has been strategically picked to be in the population center of Oconee County providing access to all citizens. It is anticipated that long term partnerships with community partners, industry, Oconee County and Oconee Medical Center will generate a mix of public and private investment. Marketing the facility will be key to building a sustainable operation.

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES _____ **NO** _____ **N/A** **X**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

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10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES **X** **NO** _____ **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

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A facility such as this will have regular opportunities to participate in grants, sponsorships and outside funding for recreational, aquatic and wellness programming. It is proven through similar projects in other jurisdictions that these opportunities exist.

11. **Will the project be economically sustainable?**
YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

An operations plan will be developed to seek enough memberships, sponsorships, grants and operating partnerships to make this project sustainable.

12. **Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?**
YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

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13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES X NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

Anticipated costs in delaying will be construction costs and lost partnership opportunities.

14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES NO N/A X

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

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It is the goal for this project to be sustainable as previously mentioned. As with any new project, it is anticipated to take a couple of years after completion to reach full sustainability. The amount will be determined by the amount of capital debt that has to be carried after completion.

16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

While this project is new to Oconee County, it will compliment that existing work of the Foothills YMCA and our community recreation departments through additional programming opportunities.

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES X NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

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Improving quality of life, enhancing recreational and life-long programming and aquatics has been a goal of multiple agencies including the County, municipalities, recreation departments and the Foothills YMCA. Unfortunately, resources of funding have not been readily available to address such needs.

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES X NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- b. What are the potential benefits?
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

This project will impact all citizens and agencies of Oconee County and provide multiple avenues for improving quality of life.

19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

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CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION**

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415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1. **PROJECT NAME:** Library System Enhancement Project
2. **Entity Name:** Oconee County Public Library
3. ****Project Description:** Investment in the Oconee County Public Library system, with new facilities in Seneca, Salem and Fair Play, an expansion and renovation of the Westminster Library, and renovation of the Walhalla Library. Project to include buildings, furnishings, and equipment needed to operate each facility plus funds for an Opening Day collection* in each library.
4. **Estimated Project Cost:** \$15,548,560.00
5. **Funding for this project from other source[s]:** (\$ 0)
6. **Net Amount Applied For:** \$15,548,560.00
7. ****Benefits of Project:** Improve the resources available to the residents of Oconee County for self-education, training in new technologies, and provide public spaces for education, tutoring and collaboration.
8. **Entity Contact Information:**
 Name: Philip Cheney
 Telephone Number[s]: (864) 638-4133
 Email: pcheney@oconeesc.com
9. **Submitted by [name/title]:** Philip Cheney/ Oconee County Public Library Director
10. **Other Comments/Notes:** * New library facilities are customarily stocked with new library materials on opening day to meet the demand of the new users who are attracted to a new building.

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Oconee County, South Carolina

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Project Criteria Questionnaire

Project Name/Description: **Library System**

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

Investment in the Oconee County Public Library system, including new facilities in Seneca, Salem and Fair Play, an expansion and renovation of the Westminster Library, and renovation of the Walhalla Library.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

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Walhalla, SC 29691

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1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue?
- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county of one or more of the municipalities?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

- a. At County Council's Planning retreat on February 7, 2013, the Library was listed as number 3 under Strategic Direction.
- b. Oconee County Council
- c. Discussion at the Retreat on February 7, 2013
- d. County Council's directive at the Retreat: "Develop and present plan for library system expansion to include funding sources."

4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

- a. Oconee County engaged Providence Associates to update a Seneca Library Study from 2002, with County funds providing funding for the study.
- b. The study was to update the 2002 Seneca Library Study and was performed in 2012.
- c. No factors have changed.
- d. The results of the study were presented to County Council on August 14, 2012 by David Warren of Providence Associates.

5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

- a. The Seneca Library project was proposed in 2000. The other components of the library system improvement plan have been proposed in subsequent years. The following library projects are listed as Pending on the Capital Improvement Project Listing: Seneca Branch, Renovate Interior of Walhalla Branch, Westminster Branch expansion, and new 7,400 SF South County Branch.
- b. 2004 for Seneca Library
- c. No other agency has included these components on their capital improvement plan.

6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created?
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

- a. The average citizen will view the project as overdue due to the ages of all the existing library facilities.
- b. All the projects and their benefits will be visible to the public because the facilities are public buildings used by a large percentage of the residents of Oconee County.
- c. Private investment in the project will be limited due to the fact that the facilities are public buildings.
- d. Not applicable.

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

a. There is a possibility that tax credits may be a factor in the Seneca Library construction.

b The City of Greenville, SC has used this type of funding source in some of its downtown projects.

11. **Will the project be economically sustainable?**

YES _____ NO _____ N/A X

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

12. **Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?**

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES _____ **NO** **X** **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES **X** **NO** _____ **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

- a. The number of public computers, meeting rooms and study rooms will be increased.
- b. A computer lab will provide instructional capabilities for the staff to instruct the public. No library in the system currently has a training lab.
- c. No options to gain similar improvements in efficiency exist.

15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

- a. A larger Seneca Library will require a larger personnel budget and a larger utility budget. A new South County branch will require a personnel budget, a utility budget, and additional funds in the materials budget. A larger Westminster Library will require a larger utility budget. A new Salem Library will require a larger utility budget.
- b. All library materials are currently shared via courier van between libraries and will continue to be shared.
- c. No options are available that will limit the need for additional resources.

16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

- a. Training for the public, library staff, and County staff will be enhanced by the new computer lab. Additional public computers will allow for larger numbers to seek jobs and acquire computer skills they need.

b. Meeting spaces for the public, including tutoring rooms, group study rooms and larger meeting rooms, will increase educational opportunities for the citizens of Oconee County.

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?

b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

a. Projects in the Fair Play area, may be impacted by the need for sewer for a new South County Branch in the Town of Fair Play where soil composition makes many sites unacceptable for new construction that depends on septic systems.

b. No.

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- b. What are the potential benefits?
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

- a. Seneca and its surrounding area will benefit from a new and larger Seneca Library. Westminster and its surrounding area will benefit from an enlarged Westminster Library. Fair Play and its surrounding area will benefit from a new Fair Play Library. Salem and its surrounding area will benefit from a larger, freestanding Salem Library. Walhalla and its surrounding area will benefit from a renovated Walhalla Library.
- b. Each of the jurisdictions will gain enhanced library services and facilities, which will improve the quality of life for residents.
- c. There is a potential partnership with the City of Seneca.

19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

- a. Renovation of the Walhalla Library and the expansion and renovation of the Westminster Library will result in the closing of these facilities during construction. In the cases of the Seneca Library and the Salem Library, disruption will be minimal, and it is envisioned that the Seneca Library and the Salem Library will both remain open during construction of the replacement facilities.
- b. Staggering the construction process will mitigate the disruption. Patrons will be directed to other libraries in the system as was done during the Energy Grant-funded updates to the Walhalla Library, the Westminster Library, and the Seneca Library several years ago.



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Executive Summary

Oconee County is falling behind its neighbors. The County has not invested in the Oconee County Public Library system for 29 years. Since then, OCPL has provided excellent stewardship of its facilities, services and staff. However, with this long lapse in funding, OCPL is failing to meet SC's essential standards for public libraries.

The OCPL system is a vital county resource and needs urgent support. Oconee residents deserve an up-to-date library system that enriches quality of life and offers tools to boost economic growth for all.

Where does OCPL fall short*?

- **Computers:** *Essential* recommendation is 74 (1 per 1,000 residents), with a *Target* of 222 (3/1,000 residents). Oconee County currently has only 33 computers for our 74,273 residents to share. We have **only 45% of basic need.**
- **Space:** *Essential* recommendation is 92,841 square feet, based on 1.25 square feet per capita. Oconee County currently has a total of 38,150 square feet. That's **only 41% of the recommended space.**
- **Staff:** *Essential* recommendation is 37 (.5/1,000 residents) with a *Target* of 58 (.75/1,000 residents). Oconee County currently has the equivalent of 25 full time staff members to serve our people. That's **only 68% of Oconee's need.**

Oconee citizens use their libraries extensively. Here are the statistics from 2013:**

- **Sixty percent** (44,640) of them have **library cards** and visited the library branches a total of 308,260 times.
- **379,264** print and non-print items were **circulated.**
- **485 programs** were attended by **12,580 residents.**
- **4,830** items (audio, video and e-books) were **downloaded.**
- The **community rooms**, in facilities that have them are, in **near constant use** by various groups.

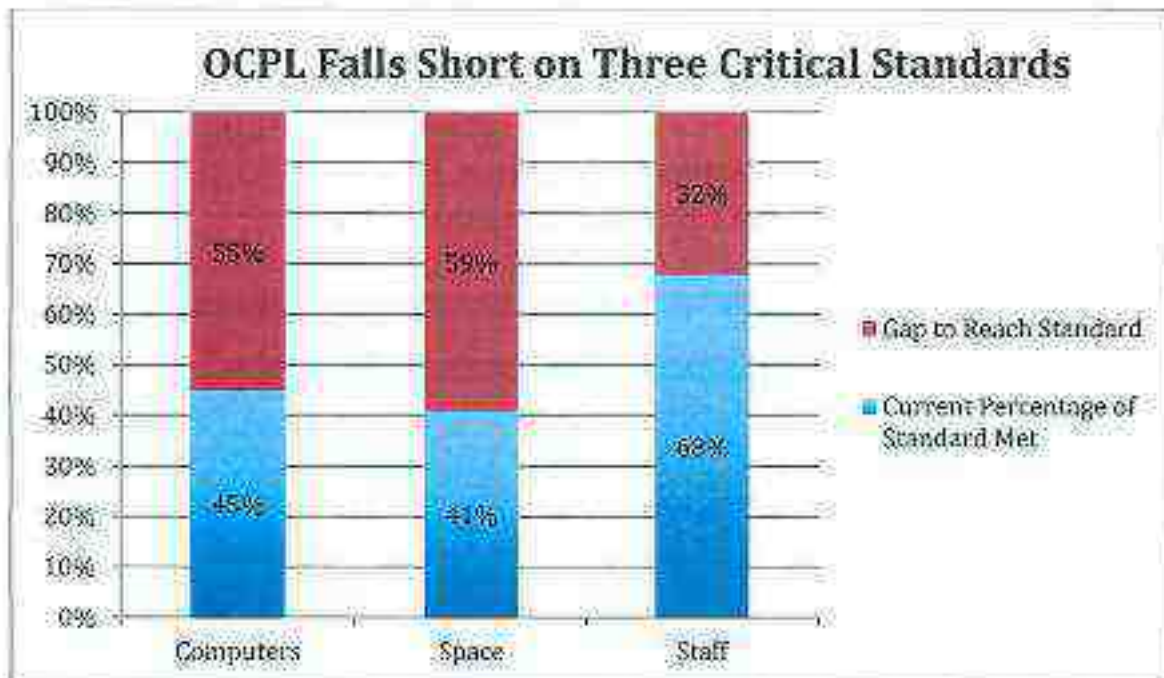
In the past few years, Oconee's neighboring counties (Anderson, Pickens, Greenwood, Greenville, for example) have built and/or renovated library facilities. They know that libraries represent not only a commitment to the quality of life of their communities but are economic indicators for businesses seeking relocation.

The following describes changes to be made to OCPL to meet the standards set by our state. The OCPL system is a vital county resource and needs urgent support. Oconee residents deserve an up-to-date library system that enriches quality of life and offers tools to boost economic growth for all.

* *South Carolina Core Standards for Public Libraries FY2012*

** *OCPL Annual Report for 2013*

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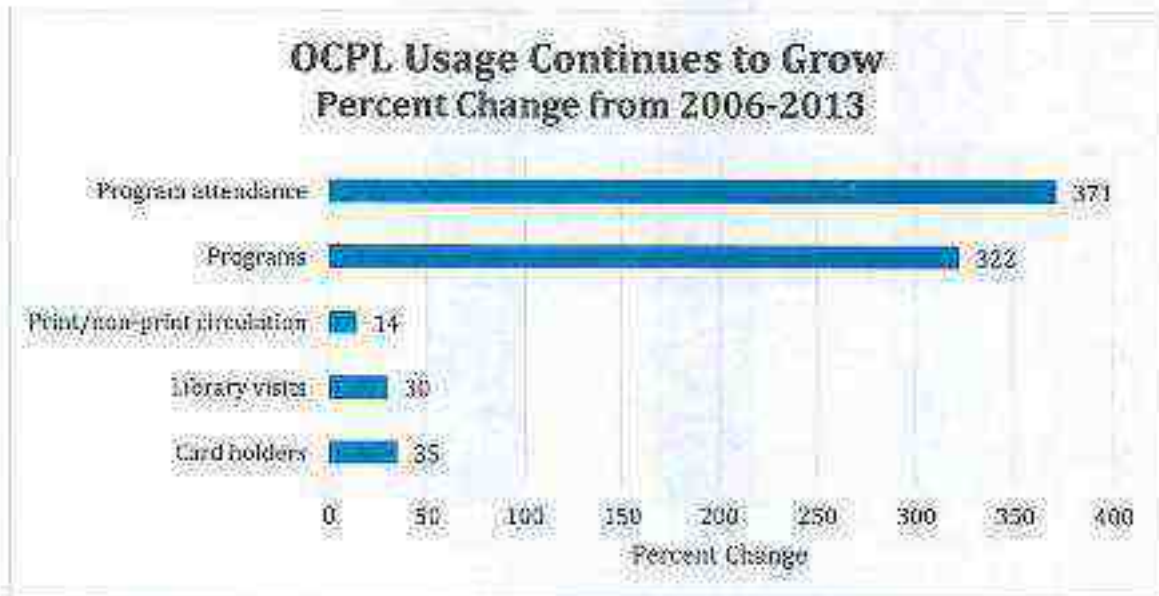
OCPL meets most of the *Essential* standards for a SC public library as defined by the SC State Library in 2012. This achievement exhibits careful management of funds, staff and services over the past several years. However, OCPL is currently stymied in its evolution and services in three *Essential* standards.

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Note: This chart does not reflect the wifi/computer usage that began in 2011.

There are many drivers of this growth: population trend, changing information needs of patrons (example: computer and wifi usage demands for job searches, training, GED, Affordable Health Care and other government programs, business research), entertainment needs by those hurt by down economy.

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Oconee neighbors know the value of library services for quality of life and continuous learning ... and as marketing tool for economic growth. They invest in libraries.



Anderson



Greenville



Pickens



Greenwood



Greer



Pendleton



Belton



Powdersville



Abbeville



Capital Projects Commission Proposal

Projects to be funded – by library branch

Fair Play – A new 7,000 square foot library will be constructed in the Fair Play area. The new site must be acquired.

Features:

- Checkout stations for staff and users
- Handicap-accessible doors
- Multipurpose, reconfigurable meeting room for up to 50 people with kitchen and restrooms accessible
- Partnering spaces: tutoring and study rooms
- Signage, including an external sign listing events
- Adequate wiring of building to accommodate needs of users for outlets to recharge portable devices
- Capacious parking lot to handle needs of users and staff
- Children's area with children's computers
- New and increased number of public computers
- Children's outdoor courtyard

Salem -- This 32-year old facility measuring 1,025 square feet (originally opened in Town Hall in 1981) will be replaced with a new 7,000 square foot facility. The new site must be acquired.

Features:

- Checkout stations for staff and users
- Handicap-accessible doors
- Multipurpose, reconfigurable meeting room for up to 50 people with kitchen and restrooms accessible
- Partnering spaces: tutoring and study rooms
- Signage, including an external sign listing events
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Seneca – This 45-year old facility measuring 9,000 square feet (originally opened in 1968 and expanded in 1985) will be replaced with a new 32,000 square foot facility on the same site. The existing building will be demolished after the new building is completed and occupied.

Features:

- Checkout stations for staff and users
- Handicap accessible doors
- Multipurpose, reconfigurable meeting room for up to 100 people with kitchen and restrooms accessible
- Partnering spaces: tutoring and study rooms
- Signage, including an external sign listing events
- Computer training lab
- Adequate wiring of building to accommodate needs of users for outlets to recharge portable devices
- Capacious parking lot to handle needs of users and staff
- Teen space
- Children's area with program/storytime room and children's computers
- Local history room
- Space for library administration
- Coffee/food vending area
- New and increased number of public computers
- Children's outdoor courtyard



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Walhalla – This 34-year old facility (occupied 1979) will be completely renovated. Renovation and reconfiguration of existing 22,500 square foot facility will include:

- New checkout stations for staff and users
- Rework existing meeting room to produce a multipurpose, reconfigurable meeting space for 50 people with kitchen and restrooms openly accessible to meeting room
- Partnering spaces
- New roof
- Signage, including an external sign listing events
- Renovated restrooms
- Replacement of existing doors with handicap-accessible doors
- Renovation of exterior
- New ceiling tiles in suspended ceilings
- Replacement of existing public computers and installation of additional ones
- New conference rooms
- Installation of an elevator to allow accessibility from basement to main floor to mezzanine (elevator in middle of floor where stairwell to mezzanine is located)
- Replacement of recessed lighting fixtures in ceiling
- Winterization of basement with new heat pumps and lighting
- Redesign of back dock area
- Interior surface areas updated; new wall coverings and re-sprayed ceilings
- Rewiring of building to accommodate needs of users for outlets to recharge portable devices
- Enlarged parking lot, which requires land acquisition (eminent domain of one-acre lot across side street from existing parking lot)



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Westminster – This 34-year old facility (dedicated in 1979) will be enlarged by 3,250 square feet and completely renovated, resulting in a building with 8,300 square feet.

Features:

- New checkout stations for staff and users
- Second exit installed in the existing meeting room
- Partnering spaces: a new small meeting room and three tutoring and study rooms
- New roof
- Signage, including an external sign listing events
- Renovated restrooms
- New staff restroom
- Replacement of existing doors with handicap-accessible doors
- Renovation of exterior
- New ceiling tiles in suspended ceilings
- New carpet
- Replacement of existing public computers and installation of additional ones
- Interior surface areas updated: new wall coverings and re-sprayed ceilings
- Rewiring of building to accommodate needs of users for outlets to recharge portable devices
- Repaved and expanded parking lot
- New reading patio
- New staff break-room
- New loading dock



Capital Projects Commission Proposal

Proposed Budget for OCPL Enhancement Project

(Conceptual budgets for Salem, Seneca and South follow.)

Westminster Library addition and renovation	\$ 1,300,000
Walhalla Library renovation	\$ 1,000,000
Salem Library construction and furnishing	\$ 1,924,280
South Branch Library construction and furnishing	\$ 1,924,280
Seneca Library construction and furnishing	\$ 9,000,000
Land acquisition for South Branch	\$ 150,000
Land acquisition for Salem Branch	\$ 110,000
Land acquisition for Walhalla parking lot expansion	\$ 40,000
Total:	\$15,448,560



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7,000 SF Conceptual Budget for Salem Library -McMillan Pardan Smith Architecture

A.	Estimated Construction Cost 7,000 GSF @ \$200 Per Square Foot	\$1,400,000
B.	Sitework 7,000 GSF @ \$10 Per Square Foot	70,000
C.	Design & Construction Contingency 5.00% of A	70,000
D.	Total Estimated Construction Costs (A-C)	\$1,540,000
E.	Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment (FF&E) Allowance - 7,000 GSF \$23 Per Sq Ft	\$ 161,000
F.	Library Equipment Allowance	\$ 40,000
G.	Proposed Professional Compensation (Lump Sum Fee)	\$ 149,300
H.	Proposed Administrative Costs	\$ 33,980
I.	Estimated Total Project Budget	\$1,924,280

7,000 SF Conceptual Budget for South Branch Library -McMillan Pazden Smith Architecture

A.	Estimated Construction Cost 7,000 GSF @ \$200 Per Square Foot	\$1,400,000
B.	Sitework 7,000 GSF @ \$10 Per Square Foot	\$ 70,000
C.	Design & Construction Contingency 5.00% of A	\$ 70,000
D.	Total Estimated Construction Costs (A-C)	\$1,540,000
E.	Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment (FF&E) Allowance - 7,000 GSF \$23 Per Sq Ft	\$ 161,000
F.	Library Equipment Allowance	\$ 40,000
G.	Proposed Professional Compensation (Lump Sum Fee)	\$ 149,300
H.	Proposed Administrative Costs	\$ 33,980
I.	Estimated Total Project Budget	\$1,924,280



Capital Projects Commission Proposal

32,000 SF Conceptual Budget for Seneca Library -McMillan Pazden Smith Architecture

A.	Estimated Construction Cost 32,000 GSF @ \$200 Per Square Foot	\$6,400,000
B.	Sitework 32,000 GSF @ \$10 Per Square Foot	\$ 320,000
C.	Design & Construction Contingency 10.00% of A	\$ 640,000
D.	Total Estimated Construction Costs (A-C)	\$7,360,000
E.	Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment (FF&E) Allowance – 32,000 GSF \$25 Per Sq Ft	\$ 800,000
F.	Library Equipment Allowance	\$ 40,000
G.	Proposed Professional Compensation (Lump Sum Fee)	\$ 680,800
H.	Proposed Administrative Costs	\$ 50,800
I.	Estimated Total Project Budget	\$8,930,000
	Additional funds for Library equipment Added by staff	\$ 70,000
	Estimated total:	\$9,000,000



Capital Projects Commission Proposal

New capital projects will help OCPL almost meet or exceed SC *Essential* standards for two critical areas, enabling OCPL to meet growing demands for information in all formats.

	Current	After Construction	Essential Standard	Percent of Essential Standard
Square footage	38,150	73,375	92,841	79%
Computers	33	74 +	74	100%

Please note that the Staff standard cannot be addressed in the Capital Projects funding. However, all construction will take into account the status of current staff with use of self-checkout stations, visibility of library space (ability to see throughout the space from one or two locations), security cameras. Our professional staff will focus their efforts on training and educating patrons, not routine tasks better done by part-time assistants or technology.

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Submitted by OCPL Director Philip Cheney and Board of Trustees of Oconee County Public Library system

- R. Danny Day, chair, Seneca
- P. Ellis Hughes, vice-chair, Mountain Rest
- Bill Caster, Townville
- Rebecca Hetherington, Seneca
- Holly McPheeters, Fair Play
- Maria Jacobson, Long Creek
- Alisa Suddeth, Walhalla
- Priscilla Taylor, Townville



**OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION**

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1.	PROJECT NAME:	Oconee 9-11 Memorial
2.	Entity Name:	9/11 Memorial Oconee SC, Inc.
3.	**Project Description:	Through the use of symbolic materials from all three 9/11 event sites and modern technology, the committee's intent is to create a site that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * honor those who sacrificed their lives on 9/11; * educate generations of children about this life-changing moment in American history; * allow for quiet reflection on the sacrifice and service required of all Americans; * be a point of interest for visitors to our area.
4.	Estimated Project Cost:	\$700,000 (excluding project costs already incurred)
5.	Funding for this project from other source[s]:	(cash and in-kind donations/pledges for plan development and initial promotion - \$50,000 + projected of donations from local corporations, foundations, civic groups, and individuals - \$350,000)
6.	Net Amount Applied For:	\$420,000
7.	**Benefits of Project:	In a practical sense, the memorial will be an additional site for visitors, particularly first responders from throughout the Southeast. In that regard, it will enhance economic development. More intrinsically, however, the memorial will be a source of pride for every Oconee County resident who values patriotism and the sacrifice required to be an American.
8.	Entity Contact Information:	
	Name:	Brandon Shirley, chairman
	Telephone Number[s]:	864-985-2446
	Email:	brett_mcla@hotmail.com
9.	Submitted by [name/title]:	Brandon Shirley, President, 9/11 Memorial Oconee SC, Inc
10.	Other Comments/Notes:	9/11 Memorial Oconee SC, Inc., 115 Maintenance Rd, Salem, 29676.

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Oconee County, South Carolina

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Project Criteria Questionnaire

Project Name/Description: Oconee 9-11 Memorial

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

The memorial will be located on approximately 1 acre fronting SC Highway 11, the historic SC Heritage Corridor. It will consist of three raised pedestals, marking the specific events at Ground Zero, the Pentagon and the crash of Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA. The story of the events at each site will be told in cement engravings circling each pedestal. The site will also feature areas for quiet reflection, as well as small speaker platforms and seating for groups. At the back of the memorial will be a natural amphitheater for use by large groups, including classrooms of students and groups of visiting first responders. There will be car and bus parking on site, walkways for those who wish to view the memorial on foot and a circular drive that will enable visitors to view the memorial without leaving their vehicles.

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YES NO N/A

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- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

a. Emergency response recruiting through recognition and inspiration

b. Not of this kind

c. N/A

d. Recognition/understanding of the importance of emergency response; recruitment of ER volunteers; inspiration to existing emergency responders.

2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county or one or more of the municipalities?

YES X NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

We believe this project directly addresses the stated Oconee County Vision Statement, as adopted in March 2011; to wit: "A diverse, growing, safe, vibrant community guided by rural traditions and shaped by natural beauty; where employment, education and recreation offer a rich quality of life for all generations, both today and tomorrow."

The project would also contribute directly to the adopted mission statement of the School District of Oconee County; to wit: "The mission of the School District of Oconee County is to develop life-long learners by providing exemplary educational experiences for all students."

4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES X NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

This project addresses several aspects of the Oconee By Choice Vision 2008-2028 Plan as it was adopted by the Oconee County Council. Specifically:

1. The Plan preamble which states: "Oconee chooses smart growth and increased economic vitality with a plan that protects what is precious—a way of life, the bountiful resources of nature, and towns and a countryside full of inviting warmth. Oconee plans for a larger vision, one that stays true to the best of Oconee, one that responds to the character and economic desires of the county.
2. The educational component of the Vision Plan which states, in part: "...Oconee chooses learning for all, beyond traditional learning, extending and renewing resources beyond the usual concepts of time and place. While continuing to promote personal responsibility in school children, Oconee also proclaims that it is every citizen's right and responsibility to learn.
3. Item D2 of the Vision Plan's "Destination Choice" component, which states: "Continue partnering with a variety of arts/cultural/recreational organizations to provide mutually beneficial activities and events.

5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created?
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

The exact number of jobs is unknown. Jobs potentially impacted include the new Walhalla Hotel and other potential developments at the county's I-85 exits; also existing and new restaurants and retailers. Community-based initiatives to encourage new entrepreneurs will also be enhanced, as will Oconee County initiatives to attract visitors. Special events coordinated with the Mountain Lakes Convention and Visitors Bureau and local Chambers of Commerce will increase visitors, and efforts will be made to identify the 9/11 Memorial as a destination for Southeast U.S. emergency response organizations. All of these efforts will have a direct impact on tourism related service jobs in the county.

An additional, and perhaps more immediate, impact will be an increase in volunteer contributions to local community. As a majority of the emergency responders in the Southeast are volunteers, it is anticipated their services and, hence, their need for additional manpower, will be expanded at the very time that resources are becoming more strained. The memorial will serve to incentivize individuals to provide this important type of community service. The benefit to the Southeast region includes, but is not limited to, increased safety, reduced insurance rates, ability to promote economic development activity and strengthening communities, especially Oconee County.

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES X **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

a. Most, though not all, visitors to the Memorial will visit Oconee County for the first time. While the 9/11 Memorial will require little ongoing funding from Oconee County citizens, visitors for years to come will bring revenue to Oconee County and its communities as they prolong their visits to enjoy the other opportunities being promoted so diligently by the county.

Throughout the planning process the Committee has been astonished at the positive response to the idea. 9/11 was not a NYC event. It was a national event, of equal, if not greater, significance than Pearl Harbor. Incredible numbers of local citizens have come forward to offer their stories of friends and family members who lost their lives or contributed to the life-saving efforts on 9/11. Remarkable numbers of emergency responders have committed their efforts to support and incorporate their future activities to include visits to the Memorial.

b. It is difficult to quantify the economic impact, but it will be proportionate to the ability of the county, cities, and villages to partner with the 9/11 Memorial Committee to promote year-round events and market the Memorial to the vast numbers of citizens and emergency response volunteers in the Southeast U.S. This project has enormous potential.

c. Because of the uniqueness of the project it is anticipated it will become the best-known project of its kind in the Southeast. The cost of implementing the project has been substantially lowered by the willingness of the School District of Oconee County to provide property adjacent to the new Walhalla High School. In addition to substantially reducing costs, this places the Memorial on the state's premier tourist highway, the SC Heritage Corridor, adding to the probability of easy access and visibility.

9/11 is continually referenced by media, as international and national issues arise. Oconee County's 9/11 Memorial, by its unprecedented visibility, and its incomparable size and uniqueness will be a major participant in promoting a better future in Oconee County — educationally, financially by the broad support of all relevant organizations that will benefit from increased visitors to Oconee County, and individually by residents who are grateful and welcome the opportunity to recognize the volunteer services of our first responders.

8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

The strong support of the school district to provide a site and to integrate the 9/11 Memorial into its curriculum, providing age-appropriate instruction designed to enhance awareness of the significance of 9/11. This means that virtually every Oconee County family will be involved in the 9/11 Memorial project.

In the planning process, the Committee has received uncounted reports of personal connections to the 9/11 events – Oconee County residents who lost family members, professional colleagues, and stories of people who were spared because of arbitrary circumstances or who traveled hundreds of miles to provide comfort and consolation to the survivors of the attack.

The bonds of the Emergency Responder community are truly that of "brothers and sisters." These bonds prevail in Oconee County, the Upstate Region, and across the nation. The Planning Committee has received an outpouring of interest throughout the region for this project. Inquirers ask how they can help to make it happen, and how they can program their own recognition activities at this site once it is operational.

Finally, virtually no adult today can forget where they were, how they learned of 9/11, and how their lives were ultimately, devastatingly changed.

We are a different nation since 9/11, in our security procedures, our vocabulary and our sense of the U.S. interaction with countries throughout the world. No US citizen, including Oconee County or South Carolina residents, is the same as we were before 9/11.

More than 3 million Americans have volunteered for military service since 9/11, the vast majority of them being actively involved in the war on terror that has its roots in 9/11.

Universally, during the planning process, every public and private group and individual who has heard of the proposed 9/11 Memorial has enthusiastically encouraged its creation.

There is no similar 9/11 memorial planned or in existence in the Southeast U.S. The ubiquity of the awareness of the importance of 9/11, the prevalence of personal connections, the historic importance of

the event virtually guarantee the Oconee County 9/11 Memorial will be among the most visible destinations in the region.

In the planning process the Planning Committee has already received almost \$50,000 in cash and in-kind professional contributions and pledges to promote the planning process (construction technology, engineering, land use, architecture, grading, commercial materials, legal and accounting expertise, public relations counsel, and on and on).

Based on the ease and willingness of providers to contribute to the planning process, and the universal encouragement of everyone who has heard about the Memorial, it is anticipated that the private funds needed to supplement the 1% tax initiative will enable the widest possible sense of local participation. Being included in the tax initiative will enable local citizens, who have expressed such strong interest in the Memorial project, to feel a special connection to the memorial, while also securing funds from visitors to help finance a "destination" project.

The 9/11 Planning Committee has contacted dozens of Oconee County residents/groups about the Memorial project. The task of the Committee will be to prioritize marketing efforts to bring the project to fruition as soon as possible so as to initiate programming at the earliest opportunity.

Based on the almost universal enthusiasm about the shared importance of 9/11, the uniqueness of the Memorial in our region, the professional distinction of the project planners, and the enthusiasm of educational, tourism, municipal, public service, and Oconee County residents, the task of the Planning Committee will be to prioritize time to bring the project to implementation as soon as possible.

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

a. The 9/11 Memorial will draw visitors from local, regional, and Southeast U.S. areas. It will be coordinated with, and supplement the efforts of, those jurisdictions with a mission to attract visitors to our county. This will be achieved with no administrative costs as the 9/11 memorial is exclusively a volunteer operation.

- b. There is no comparable project in existence in the Southeast U.S. region.
- c. No.

10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

During the planning process the 9/11 Planning Committee has discussed funding opportunities with numerous funding providers. Virtually all of them have been positive.

We focus on the 1% tax initiative opportunity because it provides local residents an opportunity to feel personal participation in a remarkable project, while also securing funds from visitors to our area. Having Oconee County residents feel this is "their project" instills a pride of residence in Oconee County and an "ownership" in an almost unprecedented project.

There is no other project comparable to the Oconee County 9/11 Memorial.

11. Will the project be economically sustainable?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

9/11 Memorial programming will be totally volunteer. The educational component for Oconee County students has been committed by the School District of Oconee County using existing professional staff with no expense increase.

Beautification (seasonal landscaping for example) will be accomplished by local organizations, such as garden clubs, who have been strongly supportive.

Blue Ridge Electric, while being strongly supportive (with a representative on the Planning Committee) has been gracious in minimizing ongoing utility costs.

Ongoing expenses (such as insurance, for example), will be minimal based on private conversations with area insurance professionals. Legal and accounting services will continue to be provided as a donation. Given the overwhelming interest of the professional and residential community it is the belief of the Planning Committee that the combination of minimal cost and huge public interest will make the 9/11 Memorial self-sustaining with minimal effort.

It is the experience of the Planning Committee that the more public and private groups and individuals that hear of the 9/11 Memorial the more enthusiasm and recognition there will be. During the years of the planning process, nothing suggests anything other than growth of visitors and success of the project measured by the number of visitors/groups willing to come to the Memorial for planned events and personal visits.

12. Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

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13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

a. The sooner the 9/11 Memorial is operational, the sooner the myriad of tourist, retail, and other beneficiaries of increased visitors to Oconee County will benefit.

Each year, another grade of students, who was not born when 9/11 occurred comes into existence. We now have the opportunity to implement the 9/11 Memorial to "capture the understanding" of all students in Oconee County.

b. No.

14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

As previously stated, the Memorial will enhance existing efforts to attract visitors to Oconee County and will provide a lasting and meaningful "quality of life" component for those who live here.

15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

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16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

The 9/11 Memorial will benefit Oconee County students who were not yet born when the event occurred.

It will provide a venue to recognize the service and sacrifice of emergency responders, the majority of whom, in SC, are volunteers. These heroes face a constant challenge of trying to attract others to protect all of us. Every resident of Oconee County and most state residents are protected by emergency volunteers.

It will recognize the service and sacrifice of over 3.1 million Americans who have served our country militarily in the war on terror.

No adult who was alive on 9/11/2001 forgets where he/she was when they learned the news. During the planning process of the Committee has been astonished by the level of detail, sense of personal injury, and impact of the thousands of ways all our lives have been changed by 9/11.

This Memorial will offer a venue to recognize how all our lives have been changed, students, adults, emergency responders. It will provide an otherwise unavailable place of reverence, thanks for heroes, learning, and reflections on how quickly and remarkably life changes.

It is our expectation it will be "hallowed ground" full of emotion and reflection. It has been planned as a place of honor and thankfulness without peer in the Southeast region.

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

As previously indicated, it will enhance efforts by the county and local communities to attract visitors and tourists, with the resulting economic stimulus to local retail efforts; it will also improve our quality of life attraction for potential industrial and commercial developers.

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- b. What are the potential benefits?
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

See previous answers regarding volunteer recruitment.

19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES _____ **NO** **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

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Date: **MAR 24 2013**

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Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
November 1, 2011
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4231-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

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9/11 Memorial



Never Forget

September 11, 2001

- ❑ 2977 killed
- ❑ 6000 injured
- ❑ 4 airliners high-jacked
 - 246 passengers died
- ❑ 55 died at the Pentagon

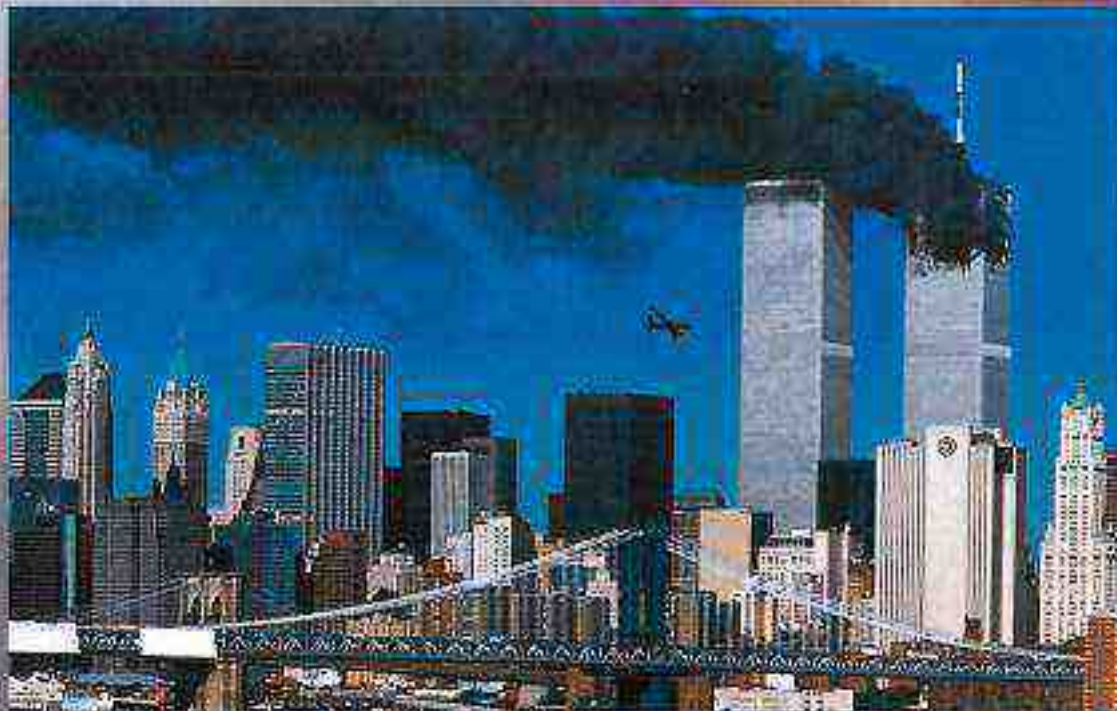


2,606 died from Towers disaster-

411 were Emergency Services Professionals



In our
suffering
we found
strength &
resolve



America responds

In the hours, days and weeks that followed the attacks the nation mourned, but Americans also began to commemorate the victims and demonstrate their patriotism.

American flags flew from front porches and car antennas. Sports teams postponed games. Celebrities organized benefit concerts. People attended impromptu candlelight vigils and participated in moments of silence.



Cities and towns sent firefighters and EMTs to Ground Zero and lines to donate blood at Red Cross offices and other blood banks were incredibly long. Military recruiters around the nation, watched in amazement as people who never would have thought of joining — or



rejoining — approached recruiters with the sole purpose of defending America. Since 9/11, more than 3,160,000 million Americans have entered military service, including — Oconee County men and women.



America was changed forever ...

This unprovoked attack prompted new and far-reaching laws aimed at securing the safety of American citizens and rooting out our terrorist enemies.

For more than a decade we would engage in an unfamiliar and agonizing form of war abroad and accept countless changes in the way we go about our everyday lives.



And, yet...

... just a dozen years after this attack, 9/11 has, unfortunately, become a moment in history, forgotten by some and unknown to far too many.

Forty-three million Americans were not born when 9/11 took place, including every school-age child below the seventh grade.

Lest we forget the human sacrifice, the life-altering changes America has endured and the lessons learned, a group of local citizens is working to establish a 9/11 Memorial in Oconee County.



9/11 was not a New York City event. **It was the "Pearl Harbor" of our time.** It was one of those tragic events for which we can remember precisely where we were when the attacks began.

Thousands of Upstate residents were personally impacted by the events of 9/11, whether on that day or in the ensuing weeks, months and years. The lives of friends, relatives and loved ones were forever changed.

9/11 touched our hearts, stirred our emotions and renewed our conviction in America's greatness.

As one of two 9/11 memorials in South Carolina, the Oconee memorial will not only be another reason for people to visit our area, but it will also be our lasting tribute to the victims and heroes of 9/11.

The memorial plan is unique and will distinguish itself among the most impressive remembrances of its kind.

Oconee 9/11 Memorial Purpose

- ❑ Commemorate the events of 9/11/2001
- ❑ Honor those who survived and those who sacrificed their lives
- ❑ Show our appreciation for and recognize the contributions of the emergency workers and first responders in our community
- ❑ Educate generations of children about this event
- ❑ Allow visitors to come together in a spirit of unity
- ❑ Be a point of interest for visitors to our area

Planning for the site is underway

- **Land** on Highway 11 near the new Walhalla High School has been **donated by the School District of Oconee County**
- Cement from the destroyed portion of the Pentagon, steel from the World Trade Center and soil from the site of the Flight 93 crash have been secured
- A preliminary design has been approved



Location

The site is located on the east end of the new Walhalla High School property on the north side of SC Highway 11. It is roughly 200 yards south of Pickett Post Road and directly across the highway from Falcons Lair Golf Club.



The site

George County, SC

911 Memorial

April 24, 2013



SITE PLAN - 1"=60'-0" — 2

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The site will include ...

- ▣ Onsite parking for cars and buses
- ▣ Paved walkways through three distinct memorial areas
- ▣ A circular drive that will enable viewing without exiting one's vehicle
- ▣ Interactive options that will provide details about the events of 9/11
- ▣ Areas for quiet reflection

Concept Ideas





The Twin Towers Memorial



The Pentagon Memorial



The Flight 93 Memorial



Now, we need your help

We need people to ...

- ▣ Help us finish planning the memorial
- ▣ Make in-kind contributions of time and talent to its construction
- ▣ Help with fundraising efforts
- ▣ Donate

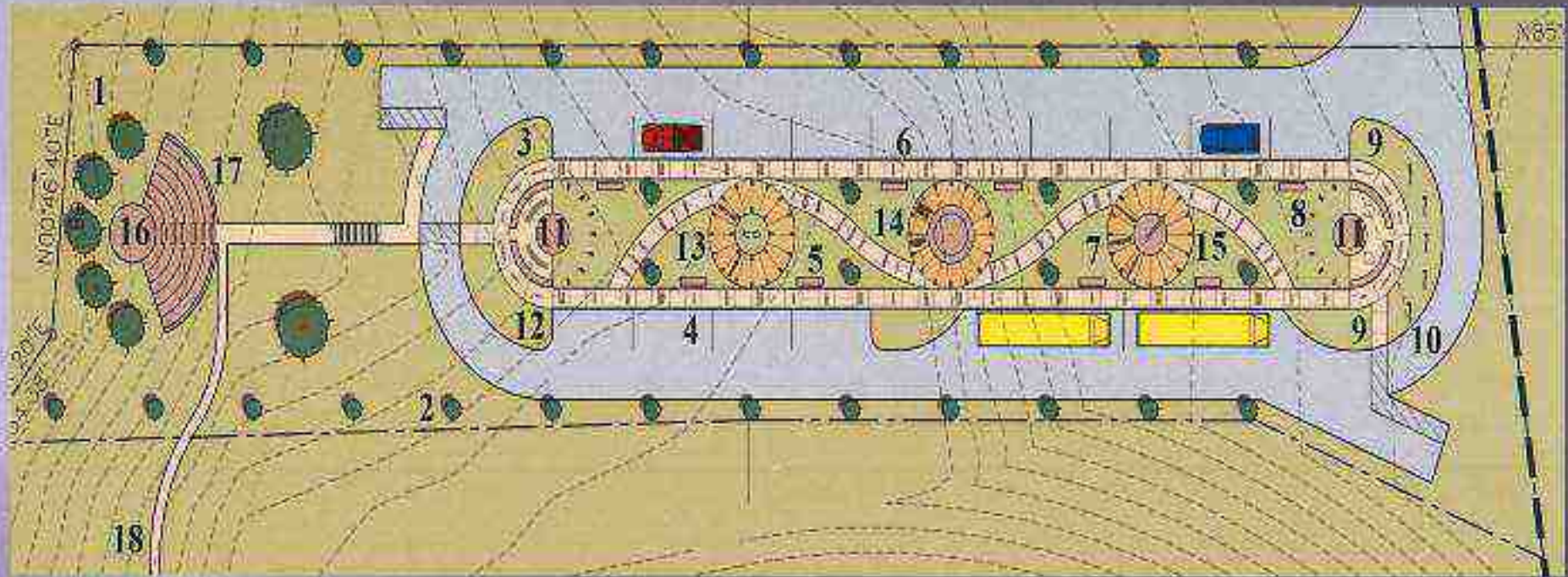
Giving Opportunities

Financial donations may take several forms:

- In-kind material or labor
- Undesignated financial contributions
- Naming opportunities
- Gifts to an endowment for ongoing operating costs



Naming Opportunities



1. Deciduous trees at amphitheatre
2. Conifer trees at perimeter of site
3. Constitutional engraving
4. Sidewalk quotations
5. Benches
6. Engraving of victims' names
11. Pedestal
12. Circular bench (2)

13. Pentagon pedestal
14. Shanksville pedestal
16. Amphitheatre stage
17. Amphitheatre seating
18. Walking path to high school



7. Memorial facts

8. Memorial stones

9. County and South
Carolina seals

10. Flagpoles & Flags

11. Speaker pedestal

15. Twin Towers
pedestal

The area around each speaker pedestal will be composed of engraved pavers honoring current or former first responders or simply members of one's family.

Donor Recognition

- ▣ Several levels of giving have been established. Contributors at the Donor level and above will have their names placed on a permanent bronze plaque at the site.
- ▣ All donors will receive confirmation of their gift for tax purposes.

Benefactor	\$10,000 & above
Patron	\$5,000 & above
Partner	\$2,500 & above
Sponsor	\$1,000 & above
Donor	\$500 & above
Engraved stone	\$50
Friend	\$25

You can notify us of your willingness to volunteer or make a direct contribution by contacting us:

By mail:

- ☐ 9/11 Memorial Committee
- ☐ 115 Maintenance Road, Salem, SC 29676

Through our website at:

- ☐ mountainlakes911memorial.com

By phone: 864-985-2446 or 886-1045

Checks may be made payable to:

9/11 Memorial Oconee SC, Inc.

a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. Donations are entirely tax-deductible.

On September 11, 2001 a total of 2,977 victims were killed and more than 6,000 injured in the deadliest terrorist attack ever on American soil. Today's fifth grade children were not alive when this event changed America forever. Many of them are unaware of the sacrifices made that day or how their daily lives have been changed as a result of this event.

Right now, a group of local citizens is working to create a 9/11 Memorial in Oconee County ... a memorial that will not only honor those who lost their lives that day — many of them first responders — but also will serve as an educational reminder to future generations of the heavy cost required to ensure the freedom we cherish. You can become part of the memorial project in a number of ways. Please take a few moments to scan this mailer. The 9/11 Memorial Committee hopes you will be moved to become involved or to contribute to this patriotic effort.



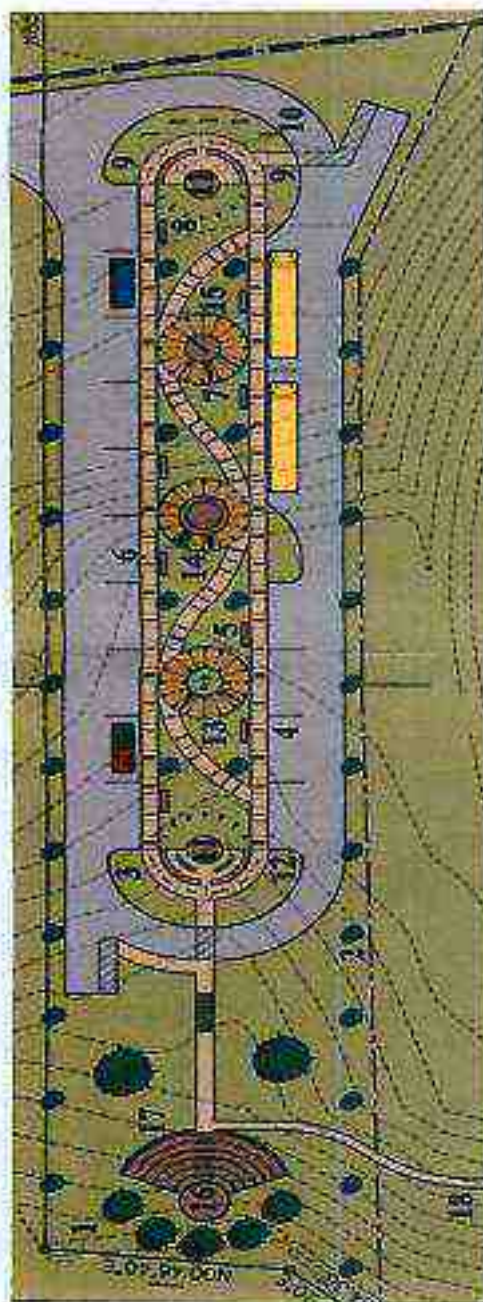
If you would consider contributing to the establishment of this lasting memorial, please fill out the form on the reverse side and mail it to: 115 Maintenance Road, Salem, SC 29676. Checks may be payable to: 9/11 Memorial Oconee SC, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All donations are entirely tax deductible.

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This site is located on SC Highway 11, east of Pickens Post Road, on the west edge of the new Madhalla High School site. The area around each speaker pedestal will be composed of engraved pavers honoring current or former first responders or simply members of one's family. Pavers can be purchased for a \$60 tax deductible contribution.

Dear Friend,

Please help make this remembrance a reality, honoring America's heroes and providing an educational resource for future generations for whom this tragic, yet inspiring, event could become a forgotten piece of history.

Here is my gift:

- Friend \$25
 Engraved stone \$50
 Donor \$500
 Sponsor \$1,000
 Partner \$2,500
 Patron \$5,000
 Benefactor \$10,000

Please provide your name and address and you will be contacted regarding the engraving of your stone.

I would like to volunteer to: assist with fundraising work on the site

Please contact me about: giving volunteer opportunities arranging a group presentation

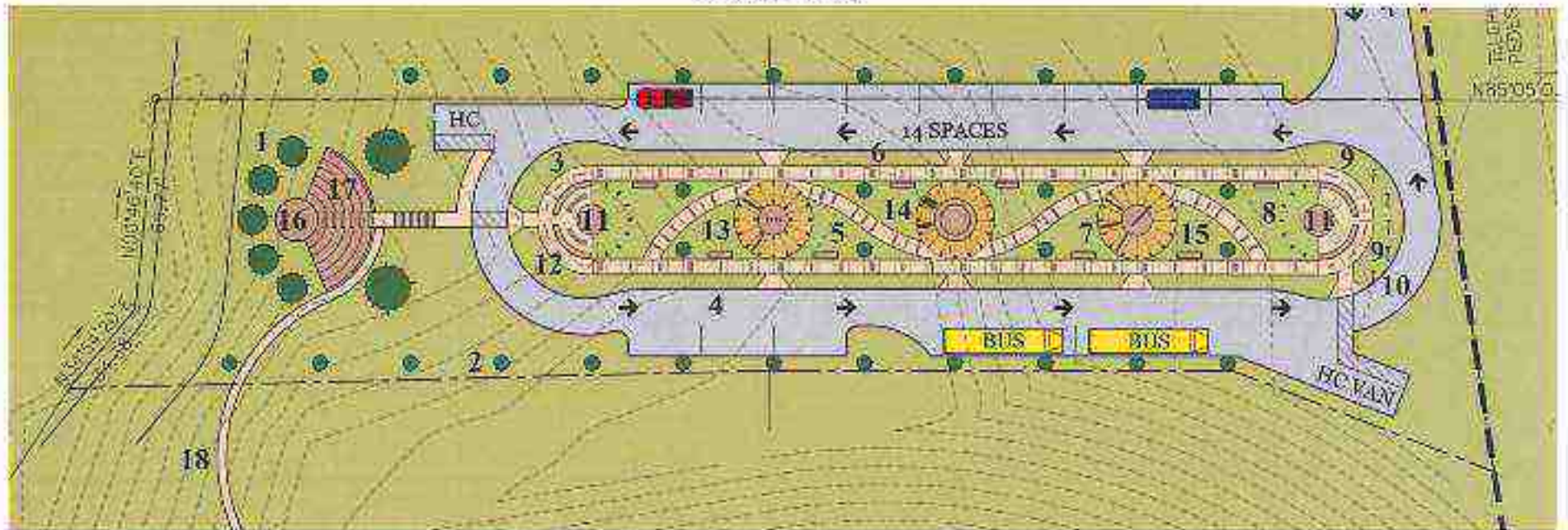
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9/11 Memorial Oconee County



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1. Deciduous trees at amphitheatre
2. Conifer trees at perimeter of site
3. Words from the Constitution of the United States
4. Quotations in sidewalk
5. Site furnishings - 8 benches
6. Names along sidewalk edge
7. Memorial facts on circular areas
8. Memorial stories in grass
9. County and South Carolina state seals

10. Flag Poles
 - USA
 - South Carolina
 - Oconee County
 - School District
 - Fire Fighters
 - First Responders
11. Pedestal
12. Circular bench

13. Pentagon pedestal
14. Shanksville, PA pedestal
15. Twin Towers pedestal
16. Amphitheater stage
17. Amphitheater seating
18. Walking path to Walhalla High School

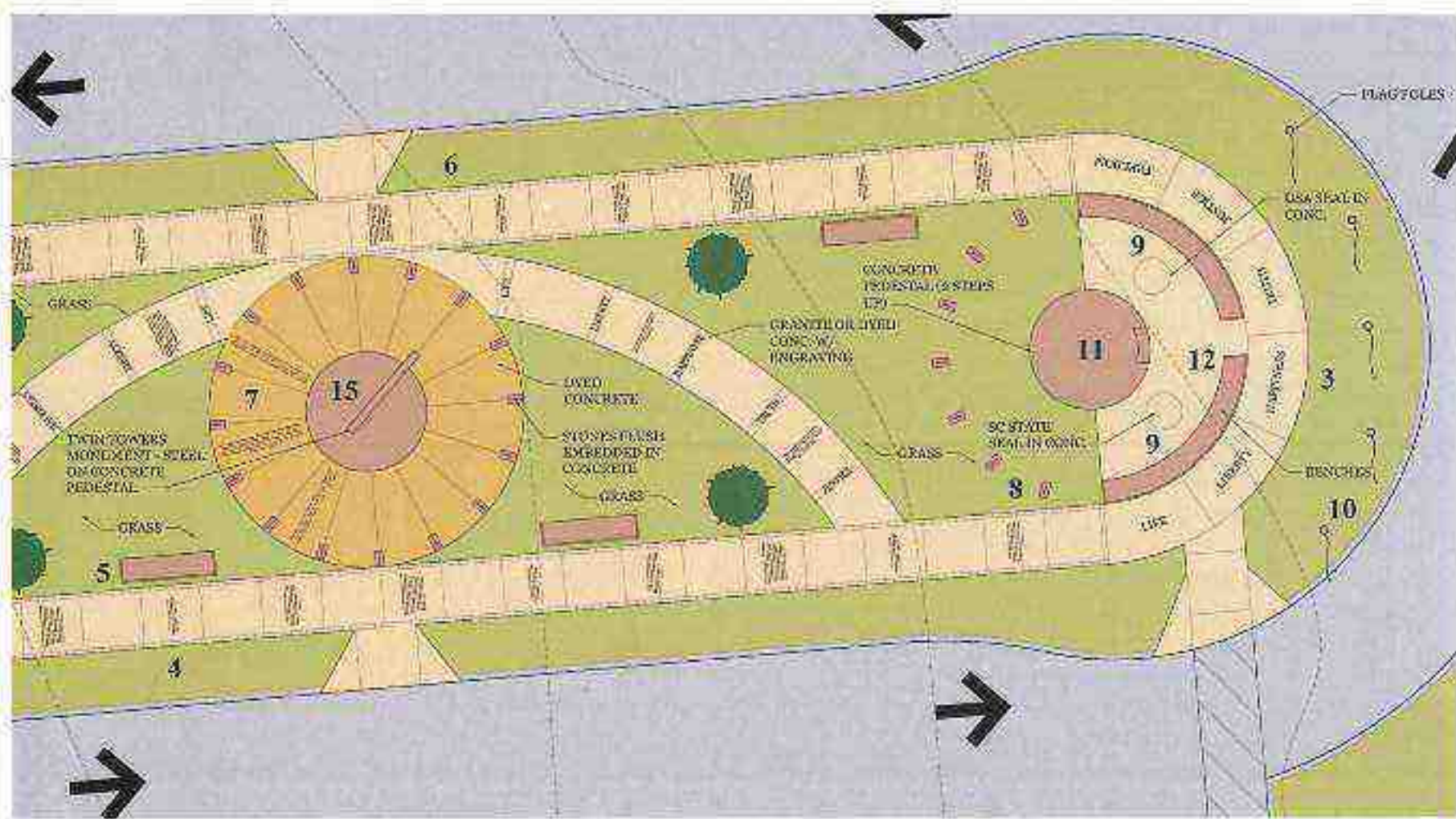
DONOR RECOGNITION*

Benefactor.....	\$17,500.00
Patron.....	\$5,000.00
Partner.....	\$2,500.00
Sponsor.....	\$1,000.00
Donor.....	\$500.00
Friend.....	\$25.00

* A bronze plaque will be identifying donors by category.

9/11 Memorial

Oconee County



Why Oconee County?

Like Pearl Harbor before it, 9/11 was not a New York or Washington D.C. event. It was a national event, impacting every American regardless of where they live. Additionally, there is an incredible diversity of people in Oconee County, many who are native to South Carolina or thousands of others who have migrated here from other locales. However, they share a common thread of patriotism and commitment to the American way of life. Since the days of the Revolutionary War, Upstate South Carolina has epitomized America's zeal for rugged individualism and freedom in the face of tyranny and terror. What better place to have a memorial that recalls sacrifice and service to maintain those values.

What economic impact will the memorial have?

It is difficult to quantify the economic impact, but it will be proportionate to the ability of the county, cities, and villages to partner with the 9/11 Memorial Committee to promote year-round events and market the Memorial to the vast numbers of citizens and emergency response volunteers in the Southeast U.S.

How will the Memorial be funded?

In addition to expected contributions from corporate and business leaders, the committee has created an extensive list of "naming opportunities" expected to create support among civic and community groups. There will also be ample opportunities for individuals to donate to specific parts of the Memorial or to make undesignated gifts. The committee is also seeking inclusion in a sales tax referendum, which, if approved, would cover a good portion of the construction costs.

Where will the Memorial be located?

The School District of Oconee County, recognizing the educational importance of this project, has donated land on the South Carolina Heritage Corridor (SC Highway 11), near the new Walhalla High School. This land includes frontage on the highway, a prime location for visitors to Oconee County.

What ongoing costs will there be?

There will be little on-going cost associated with the memorial. The School District of Oconee County has indicated a willingness to help maintain the site, with the assistance of project volunteers. The Memorial is being designed for minimal maintenance, and it is expected that a small endowment will be created to provide the limited funding necessary to maintain the site.

Has any funding been obtained during the planning process?

The planning committee has already received almost \$50,000 in cash and in-kind professional contributions and pledges to promote the planning process. These contributions range from construction technology, to engineering, land use, architecture, grading, commercial materials and legal, accounting and public relations expertise and counseling.

If you have any additional question, please contact 864-985-2446 or 864-886-1045.



OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1.	PROJECT NAME:	GOLDEN CORNER COMMUNITY CENTER
2.	Entity Name:	Fair Play Community Association
3.	**Project Description:	Construct a Community Center to house a branch of the OC Public Library; YMCA (satellite) division, community gym and overall be a "hub" for fitness, wellness and health for citizens and residents in the entire Southern end of Oconee County.
4.	Estimated Project Cost:	\$ 3.3 Million
5.	Funding for this project from other source[s]:	\$ None
6.	Net Amount Applied For:	\$ 3.3 Million
7.	**Benefits of Project:	Improve long-term educational, physical health and economic prosperity along the I-85 corridor; continue positive growth in Southern Oconee County; house an Oconee County Public Library branch; offer educational and after-school care through a partnership with the Foothills Area YMCA; provide health and recreational opportunities to citizens and Golden Corner Commerce Park business and industrial occupants; establish a "hub" and increase sense of Community in Southern Oconee County.
8.	Entity Contact Info:	
	Name:	Tim Mays
	Telephone Number[s]:	864.647.6647
	Email:	Tim.Mays@blueridge.coop
9.	Submitted by:	Tim Mays
10.	Other Comments/Notes:	

**You may provide supporting material with this form to include but not limited to plans, studies, maps, brochures, artist renderings, cost estimates, photographs, etc. Submitted material should not exceed 20 pages [in addition to this form].

Please be advised that the Commission may for the Commission's discretion schedule a meeting with the Entity submitting the project to obtain additional information.

Questions regarding this process and/or this form should be directed to blaise@oconeesc.com.

COMMISSION USE

CPSTC ID# 7

Date Received: 1-13-2014

Recommended: Y / N



Oconee County, South Carolina

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Project Criteria Questionnaire

Project Name/Description: Golden Corner Community Center

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

The Golden Corner Community Center will be the hub of community development for the entire Southern portion of Oconee County. The center will be home to a full-scale gym; host the YMCA After-School Care Center; become a Southern Oconee Branch of Oconee County Library; replace the existing deteriorated Voter Precinct and have meeting / class rooms that will be utilized as a workforce center for job-training events; integrated educational opportunities; and will provide accommodations for health, recreational and cultural programs such as exercise classes, health fairs, risk screenings, etc., and can be utilized as a place to have wedding receptions, family reunions, and civic events.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

Please return this form to the staff liaison either via email or US Mail:

bhulse@oconeesc.com

Clerk to Council
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Please be advised that individual Commission members will not accept questionnaires.

1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue?
- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

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- A. The Center will address the immediate needs of the community by providing an outlet for school aged children via the partnership opportunity with the YMCA After School Program and provide residents and citizens with direct access to health care and fitness opportunities.
- B. No alternatives exist for the Center.
- C. Other solutions have not been proposed (that are known).
- D. Secondary benefits include the establishment of a "hub" for Southern Oconee County. By being a base for a branch library, YMCA after-school care, a gym, and satellite wings of the Sheriff's Office and the SC Highway Patrol, the Center will be exactly what its proposed to be, the Center of a Community. Additionally, a longer-range benefit will be to the the employees of businesses and industries that locate in the Golden Corner Commerce Park.

2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

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3. **Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county of one or more of the municipalities?**

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

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4. **Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?**

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

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- A. Oconee County sponsored the Study.
- B. The purpose of the Study was to create a Master Plan for the Fair Play Village, it was commissioned by Oconee County in July, 2012.
- C. No major factors have changed since the Study was performed.
- D. The Study was presented to Oconee County Council on September 18, 2012.

**** a copy of the Study is included with this application as ATTACHMENT A**

5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

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6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created?
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- A. At least five jobs would be created for the operation of the facility.
- B. Unknown at this time.
- C. Types of jobs include: physical education and / or recreation; child-care provider; library staff member; skilled nursing and healthcare; and one secretarial position would be needed.
- D. Pay range for similar jobs in Oconee County is \$12 to \$25 per hour.
- E. None at this time, but none should be ruled out.

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A X

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

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8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

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- A. The "average" citizen of Orange County will view the project as an asset.
- B. The benefits of the project will exponentially expand upon completion of Sewer South and the development of Golden Corner Commerce Park.
- C. Private investments will certainly be forthcoming from Industries and Businesses that opt to locate in the Golden Corner Commerce Park, and outlying growth due to the park development. Additionally, the Center will be the "hub" of Fair Play.
- D. The Center will eventually promote itself through the positive benefit to the community. Initially, community and other civic events will be held to increase visibility and interest.

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A X

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

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10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

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- A. Upon completion, the Center will be eligible for ATAX funding.
- B. Yes. Westside Community Center in Anderson County, SC**

** Westside Community Center Overview is included with this application as ATTACHMENT B

11. Will the project be economically sustainable?

YES **NO** _____ **N/A** _____

(If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (stuffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

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- A. Through partnerships with the Oconee County Public Library, Foothills Area YMCA, the Gym, and Oconee County, the resources for staffing will be covered. The maintenance would be done through a cooperative maintenance agreement suitable to all parties.
- B. Lease and / or occupancy agreements would ensure that maintenance and operations costs are kept at a minimum for the County.
- C. Economic benefits include the lure of industries to Golden Corner Commerce Park; potential commercial and / or retail expansions, and of course, the immediate benefit to the entire Southern portion of Oconee County.

12. Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?

YES _____ **NO** **N/A** _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

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13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

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- A. Anticipated costs in delay could be in excess of ten percent of total cost due to increased and continued deterioration of current building. Another increase in cost would be the fact that the Registration and Elections Director could require the use of a different location for Elections, and the County would have to possibly pay rent in a different location.
- B. Increases in building materials, permitting, etc. would be likely should construction of the Center be delayed.

14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

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15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

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- A. Definite resources are unknown at this time.
- B. The staffing resource needs could positively be a shared resource.
- C. Additional options are unknown at this time.

16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

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- A. No services of this kind, or any kind, are currently offered in this particular portion of Oconee County regarding Community, Civic, Health or recreation, so the construction of the Center will be an increase of 100 percent. The Fair Play community does have a deteriorated, extremely outdated building that houses the Fair Oak Youth Center, but the use and potential future use of that building is limited due to the condition of the building. The construction of a new facility would renew the Fair Oak Recreation program exponentially, and add all of the items per this proposal.
- B. Services at the Center will be enhanced through community, industrial and business participation.

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

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- A. The Center is congruent with several other plans for the Southern portion of Oconee County including an Oconee County Public Library Branch, improved voting precinct for the Registration and Elections Office, satellite offices for the Oconee County Sheriff's Office and SC Highway Patrol, a YMCA afterschool and youth center location, and future health and welfare benefits to employees of occupants at the Golden Corner Commerce Park once the Sewer South project and Phase I development at the Park is completed.
- B. No special concerns are evident at the time this application was completed.

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- b. What are the potential benefits?
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

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- A. In addition to the Oconee County Public Library, and the Registration and Elections Office, the SC Highway Patrol and the Oconee County Sheriff's Office have expressed an interest to the establishment of a satellite office in the Center, which would increase security and law enforcement presence to I-85 (a high-drug traffic area) and to residents in Oakway, Townville and the remainder of Southern Oconee County.
- B. Benefits include an close access to information and technology through the Library component, healthcare and physical fitness opportunities through the gym; after-school care and academic assistance through the YMCA establishment; immediate increase in "community" involvement; lower risk assessments for employees, residents and citizens due to hands-on access to health care providers; growth potential for the surrounding areas due to the Center's ability to create a sense of unity and community for all citizens and residents in Southern Oconee.

19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

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GOLDEN CORNER COMMUNITY CENTER



A hub for community development in Southern Oconee County to include...

- Full Scale Gym
- YMCA After-School Care Center
- Branch facility for Oconee County Library
- Voting Precinct for the Registration and Elections Office
- Meeting and class rooms for job-training events and educational opportunities
- Accommodations for health, recreation and cultural programs
- Community facility for receptions, family reunions and civic events
- Opportunities for establishment of satellite offices for SC Highway Patrol and the Oconee County Sheriff's Office



Westside Community Center

Providing services for the Anderson Community

Anderson County Nurse Family Partnership Program

The WCC is the new home for the Anderson county Nurse Family Partnership Program (NFP), a nationally recognized, evidenced- based program for first time moms. The program, funded by South Carolina First Steps and Duke Endowment, is being implemented by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) Region 1 in collaboration with community partners. Founding community organizations include Anderson County First Steps, Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, AnMed Health, SCDHEC Region I, DocLink, Imagine Anderson, and United Way of Anderson County.

Under the program, first-time mothers who meet financial eligibility guidelines will meet with a registered nurse early in pregnancy. Nurse visits will continue until the child's second birthday. Visits will focus on developing behaviors that support healthy pregnancies and children, school readiness, and self-sufficiency. In its 30-year history, NFP has shown substantial, consistent, and dramatic results:


- 48% reduction in child abuse and neglect
- 56% reduction in emergency room visits for accidents and poisonings
- 59% reduction in arrests at child age 15
- 72% fewer convictions of mothers at child age 15

Independent research shows that communities benefit from this relationship between nurses and first-time parents. Every dollar invested in NFP can yield more than \$5 in return.

The six members of the NFP staff include Alice Bagby, Coleman Tanner, Catherine Jones, Wendy Wright, Chianti Banks, and Mary Beth Peuriloy. Referrals are coming in and the caseload is steadily increasing. The public is also encouraged to make referrals to the program.

Anderson County was selected as one of the first sites in South Carolina because it demonstrated strong community collaboration and had the capacity for being able to achieve the outcomes of the program. Call 864-716-3860 for more information.

An editorial in the Anderson Independent-Mail stated, "The money, time and effort expended for these families bear fruit in ways other than reduced personal hardships. As families become more independent and as their lives prosper, so do their prospects and the prospects of the next generation."

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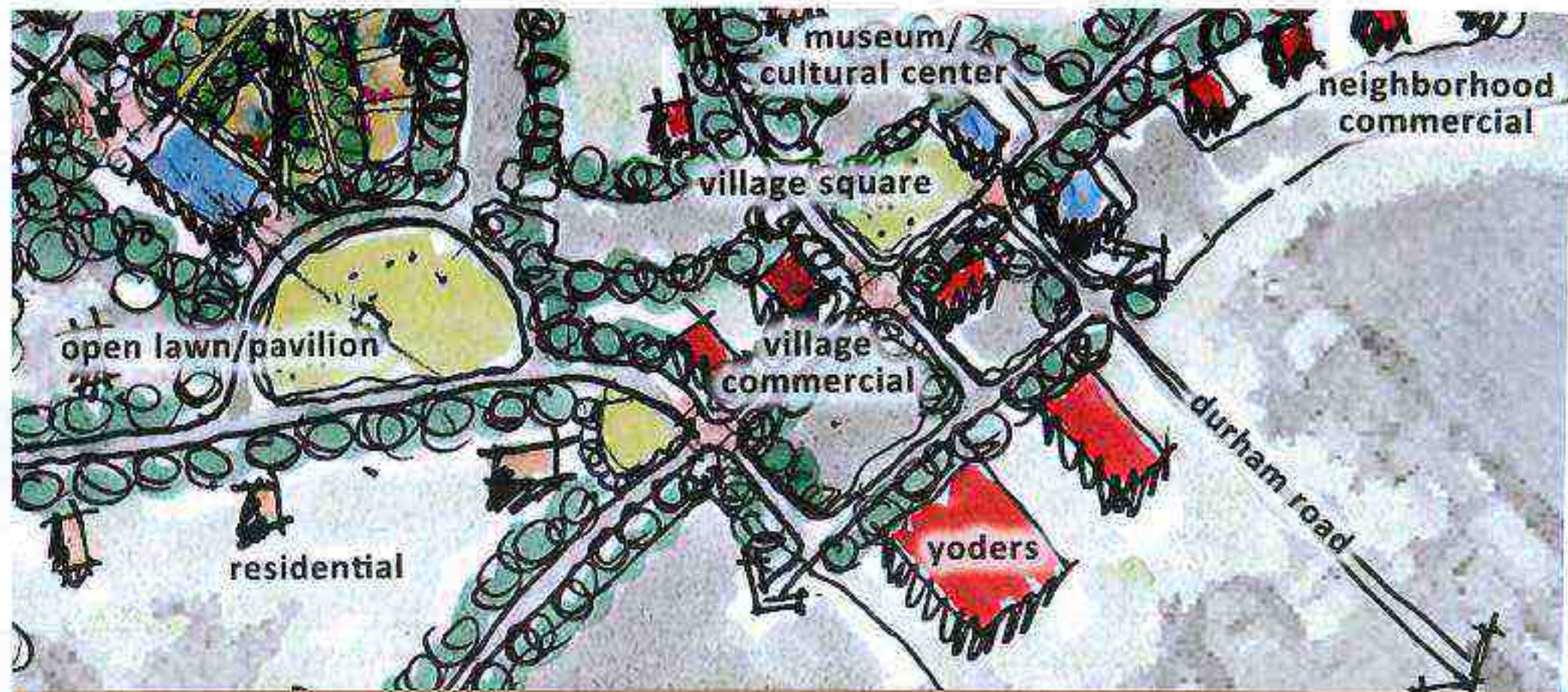
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village of fair play master plan – oconee county south carolina

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acknowledgements]

Beginning in April 2012, Oconee County and the Village of Fair Play commissioned a public design workshop, or charrette, to create a master plan for the future development the village and its surrounding corridors. The ideas of property owners, elected officials, staff and government agencies were collected and their input was used to create the following master plan.

Oconee County Planning

Art Holbrooks, Director of Planning

Oconee County Elected Officials

Reg Dexter, County Council

State Elected Officials

Representative Bill Sandifer, House District 2

Village of Fair Play

Jack Maciag

Dick Hughes

Ryan Honea

Glen McPheeters

Charlotte Cowden

Tim Mays

Bill Sandifer



The following objectives were presented during the stakeholder input meetings and worksession/charrette.

support the rural landscape

- tax credits for conservation
- right to farm policies
- buy local campaign
- rural home clustering



help existing places thrive

- prioritize infrastructure spending – fix it first
- historic preservation – sense of place
- streetscape improvements
- targeted new development
- adaptive reuse
- identify needs of local business



create great new places

- visioning
- walkability
- green streets



your goals]

The following goals were determined from stakeholder input meetings and worksession/charrette.

creating opportunities

- generate interest
- preserve rural character
- promote local agribusiness
- planned commercial growth



improve visual appearance

- define entrances
- signage improvements
- create a village



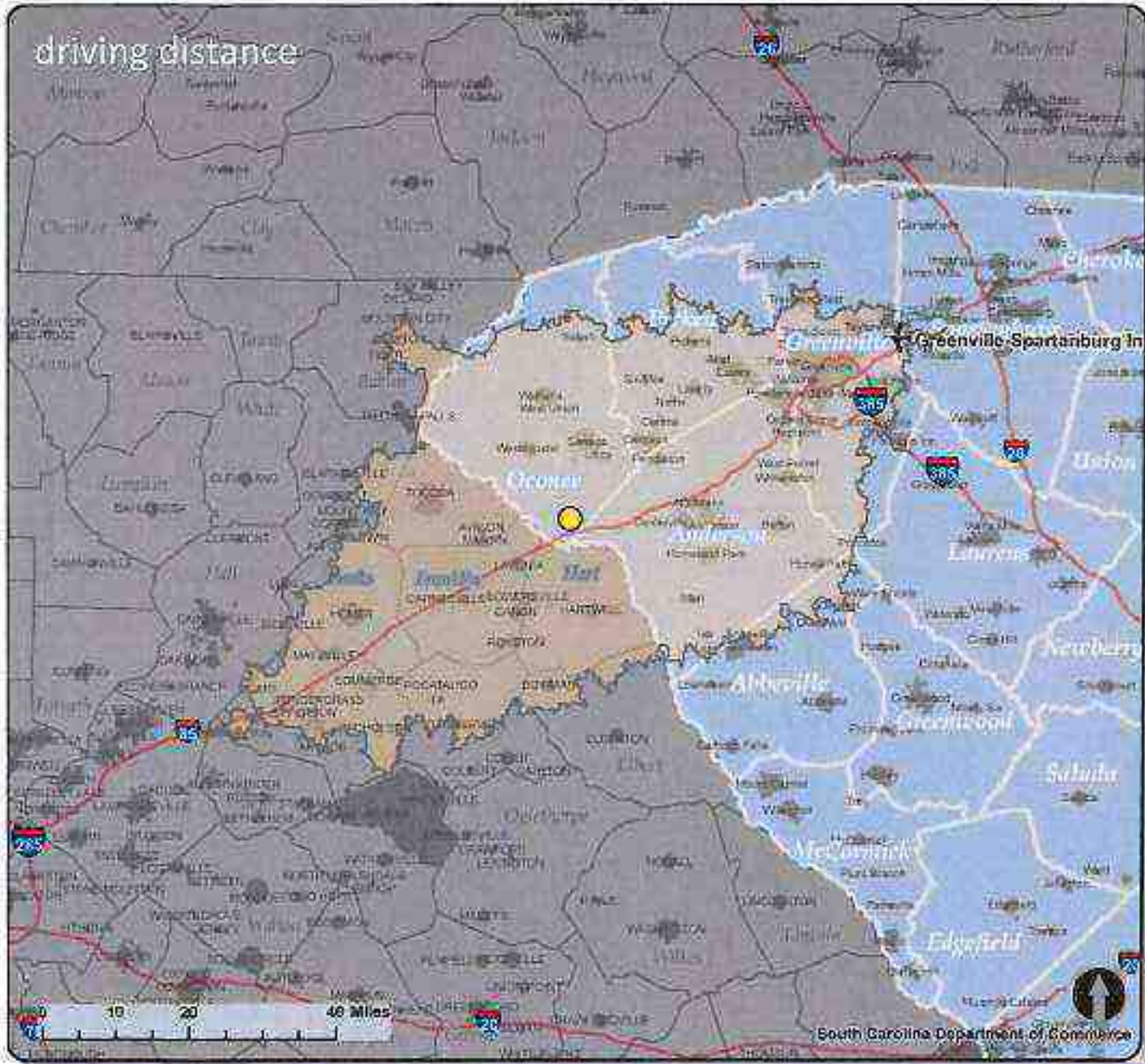
ensure quality of life remains

- design guidelines (site and architecture)
- community-oriented design



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driving distance



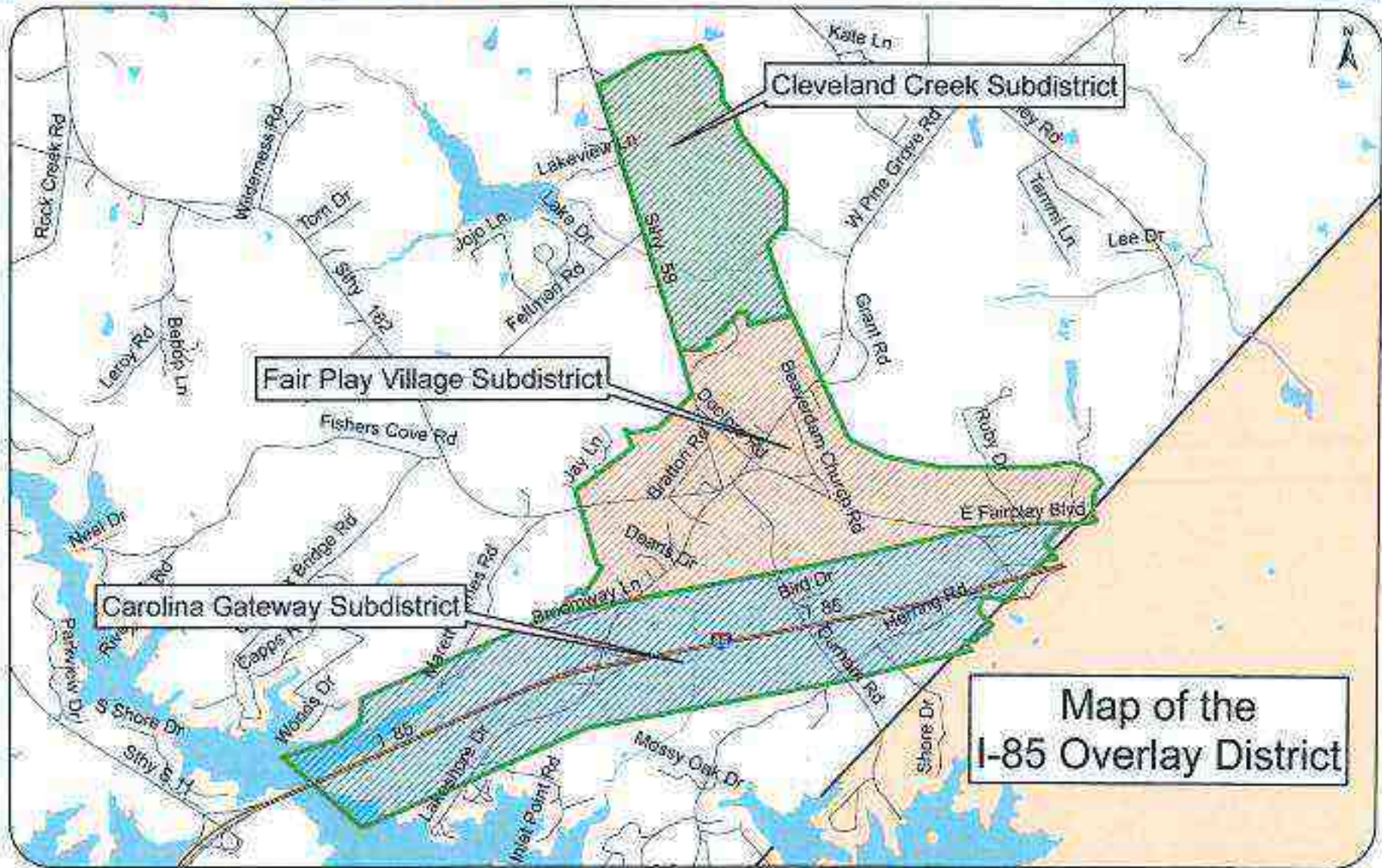
The Village of Fair Play is located in Oconee County along Interstate 85. Within a 40 mile driving distance are 10 counties, encompassing two states and three metropolitan urban areas (Spartanburg, Anderson, and Greenville).





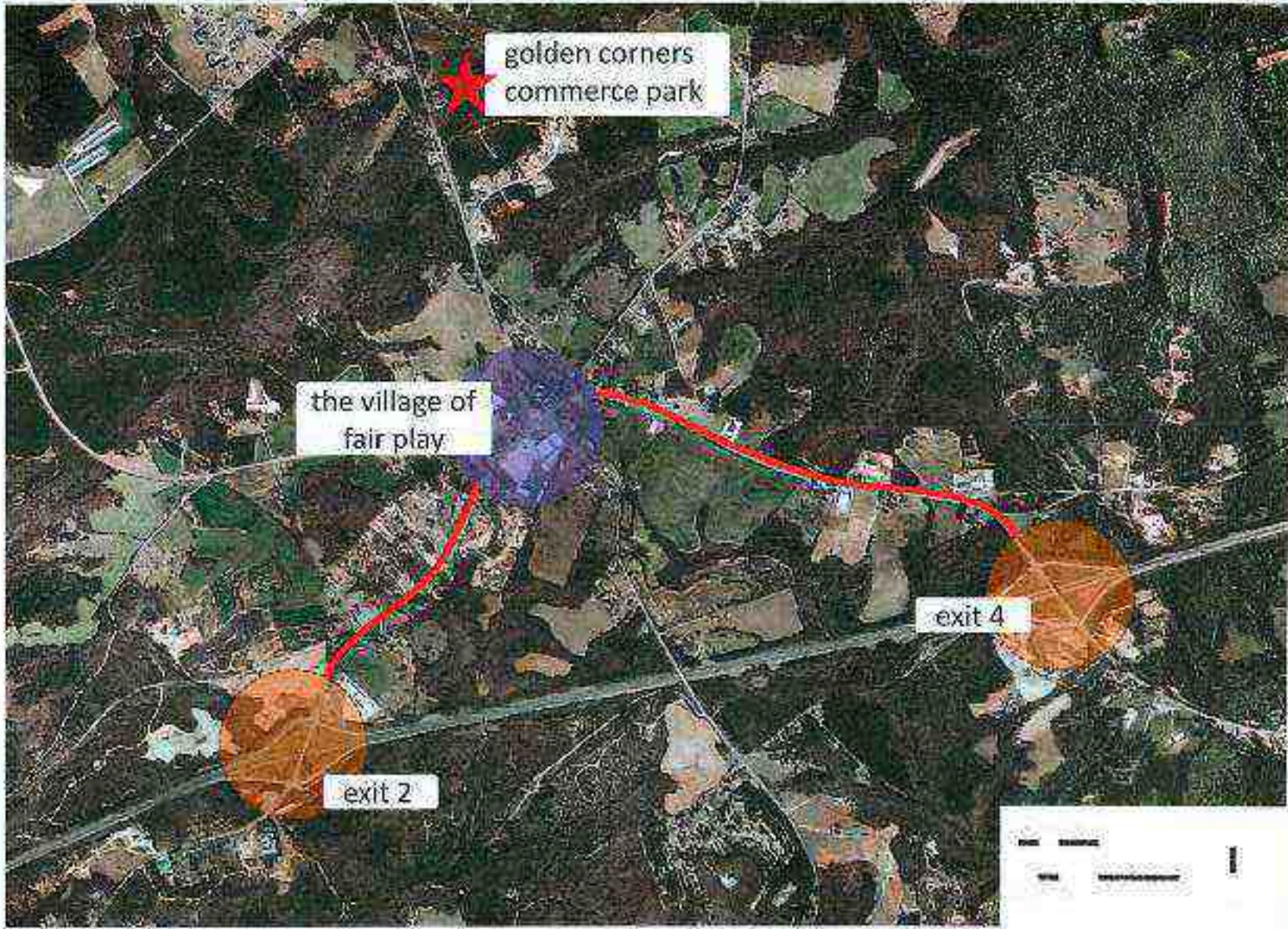
The Village of Fair Play is located in Oconee County along Interstate 85 equal distant from the cities of Lavonia, GA and Anderson, SC. The Interstate Overlay District's boundaries run adjacent to the shores of Lake Hartwell, a man-made lake comprising 56,000 acres of water and a shoreline of 962 miles. The Village of Fair Play is defined by Exit 2 and Exit 4 from Interstate 85, creating a corridor loop through the village, primarily used as a by-pass route to surrounding municipalities.





The Fair Play Village Subdistrict will serve as the main study area for this master plan. The land use and parcel coverage vary from commercial outparcel development to undeveloped agricultural farmland.





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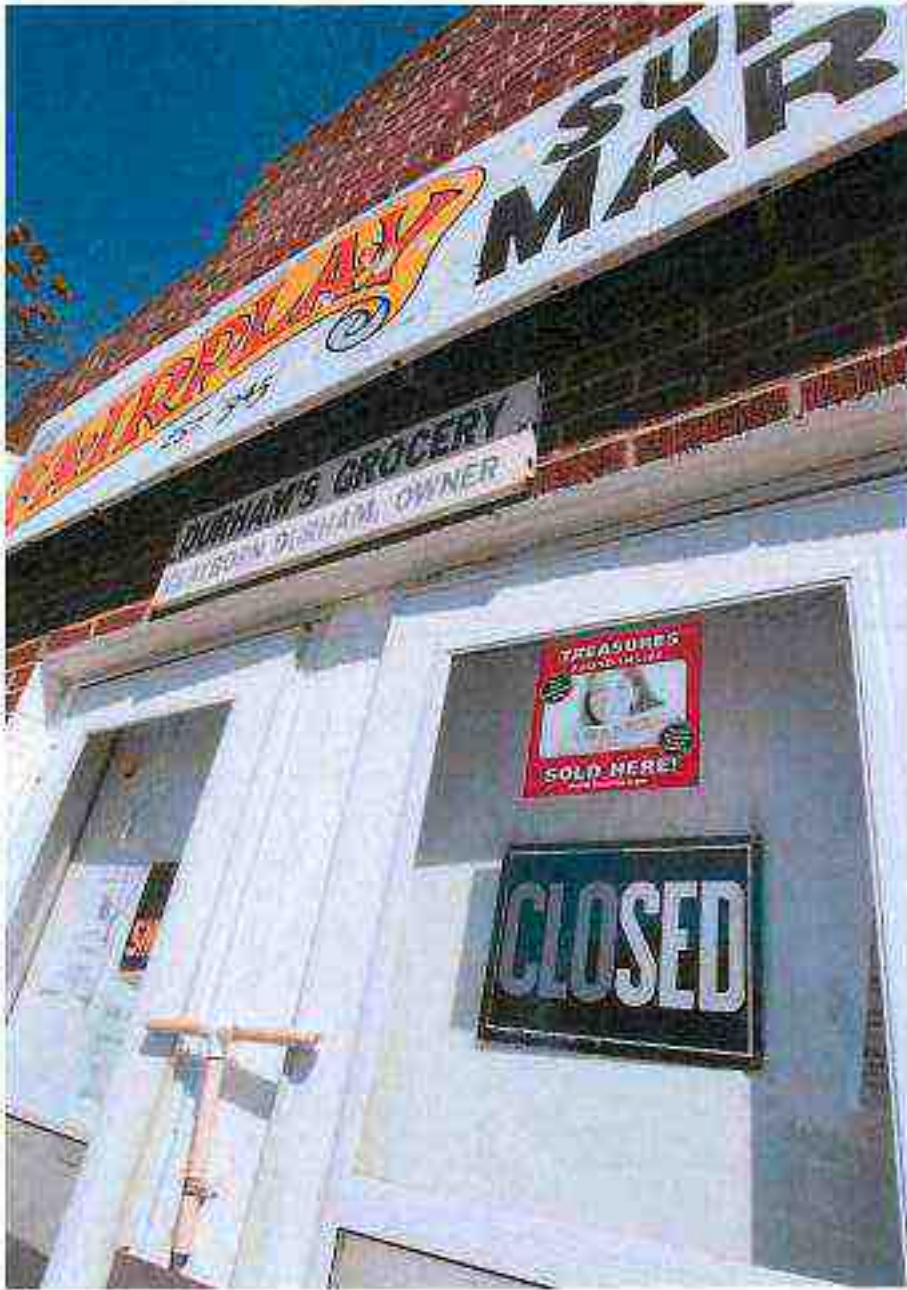
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fair play community master plan

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Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail



Village of Fair Play master plan

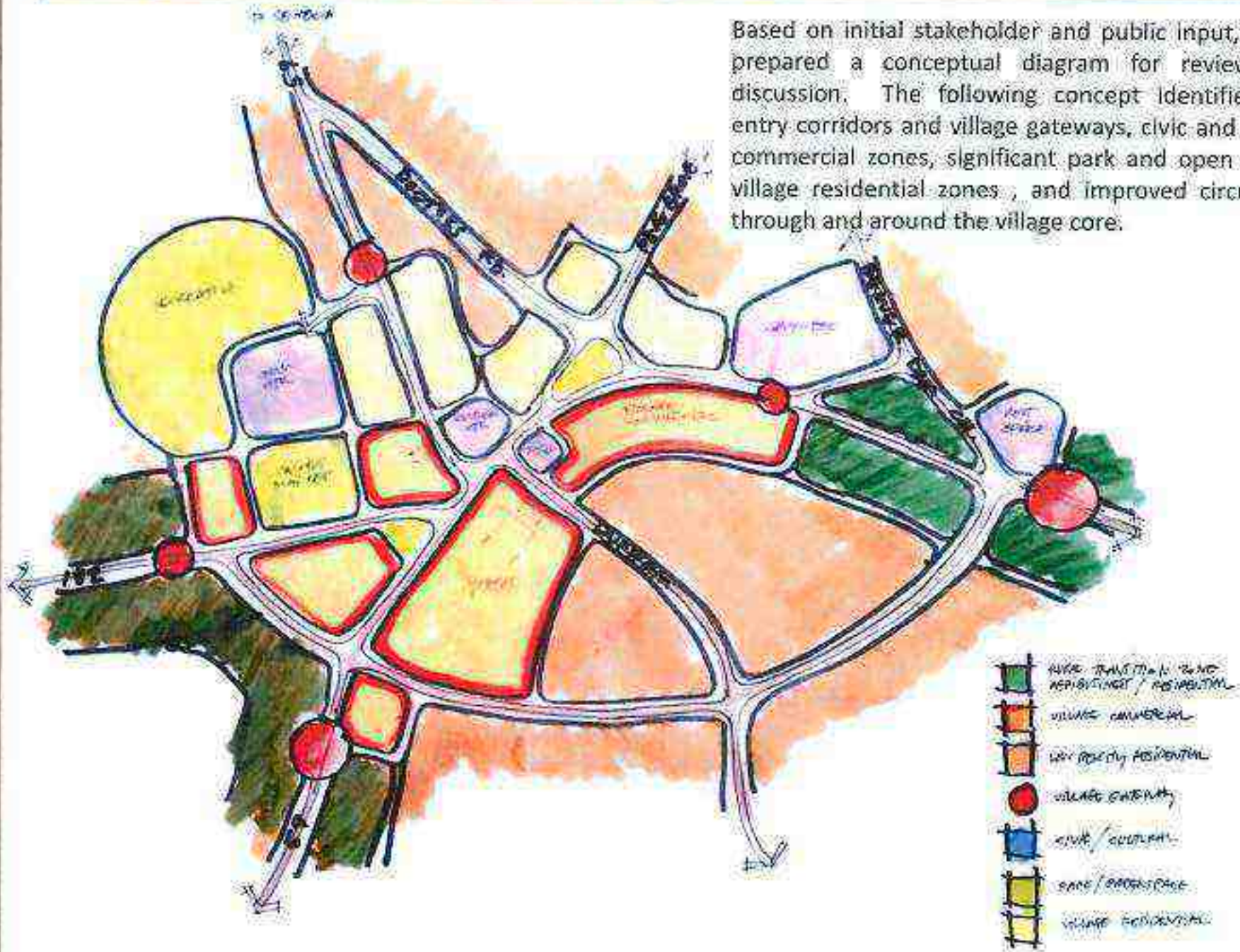


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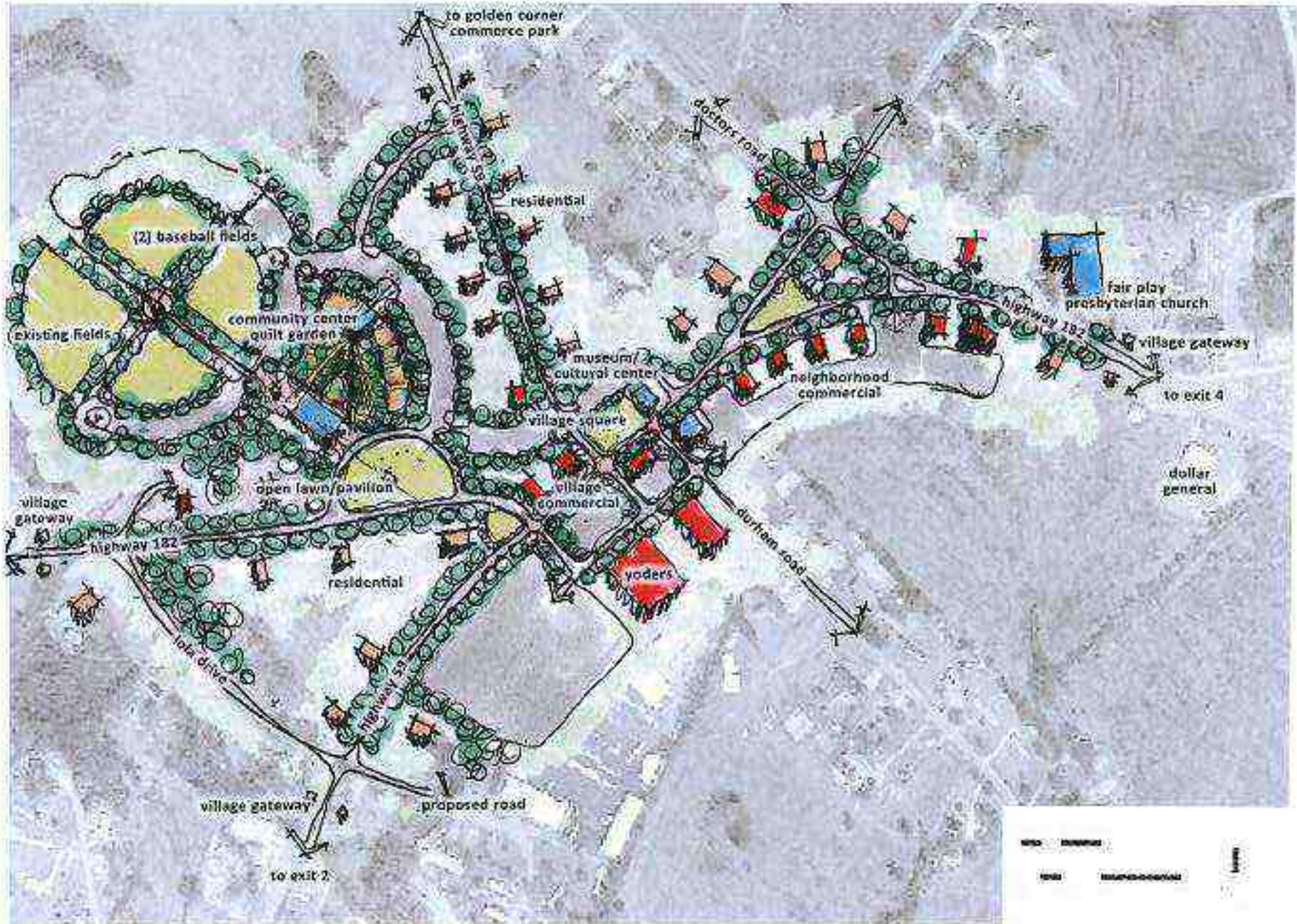
On June 7, 2012, designers and engineers from SeamonWhiteside + Associates held a public meeting at the Fair Play Community Center. The following primary concerns and opportunities were identified during these meetings. Conceptual design ideas were explored on site and have further been refined.



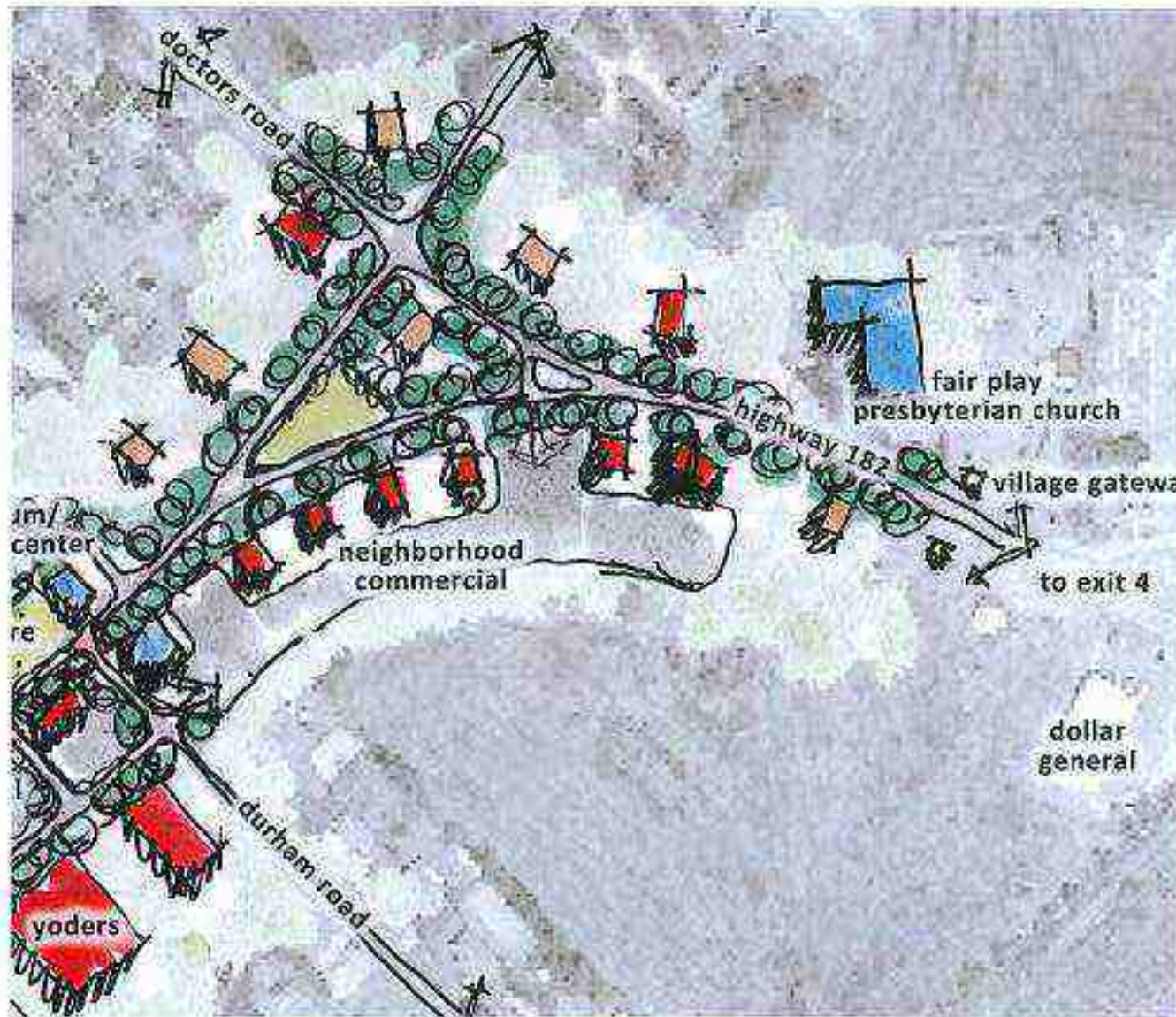
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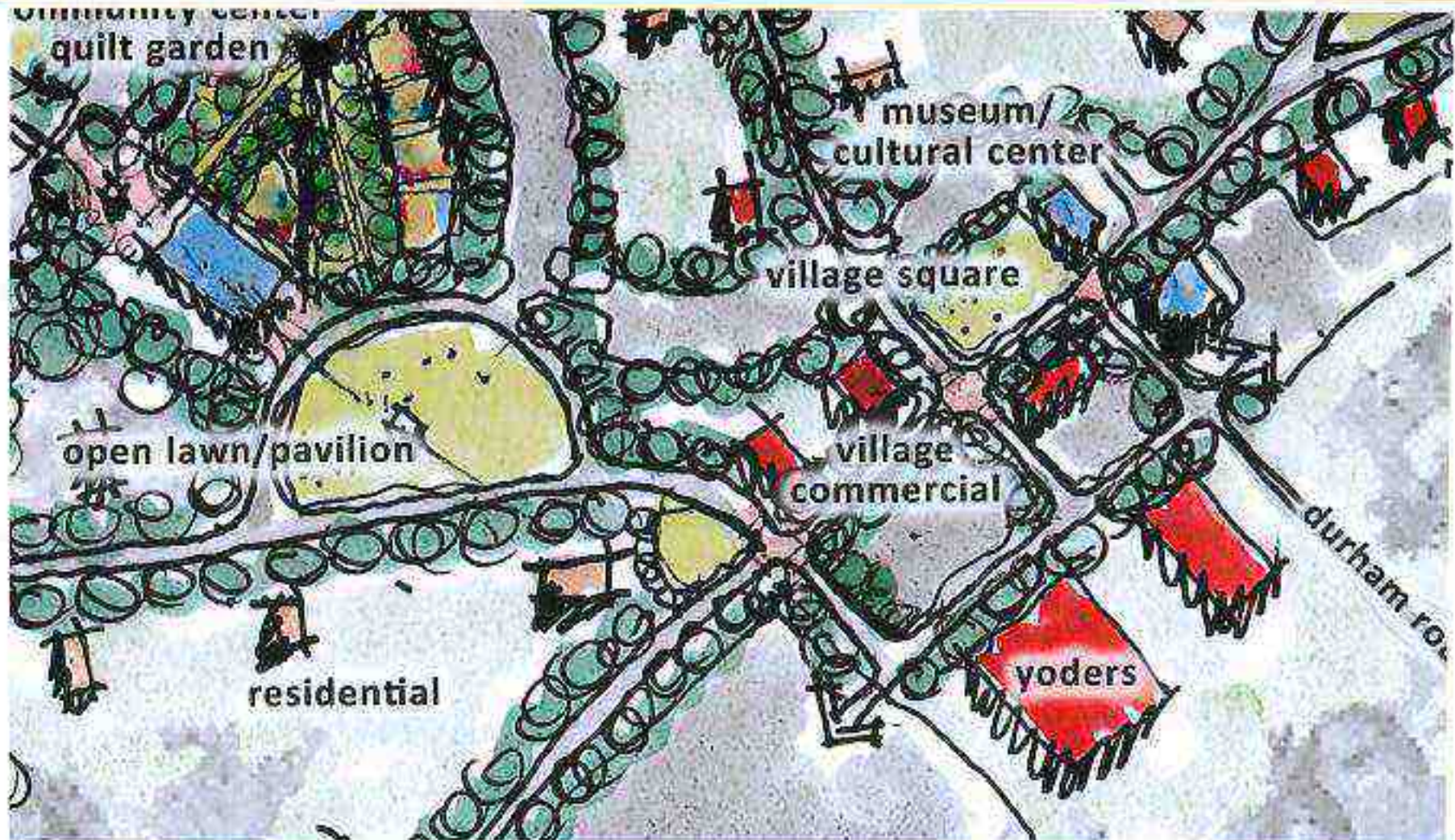


From Interstate 85 (exit 4), a new gateway at the historic Fair Play Presbyterian Church defines the village limits. Doctors Road has been realigned for improved vehicular circulation, which in turn creates movements through tree lined historic streets. The existing park has been rehabilitated to serve as a green buffer between the neighborhood commercial and historic homes.

Shared access points and parking create neighborhood commercial pockets, ideal for specialty retail and restaurant opportunities.

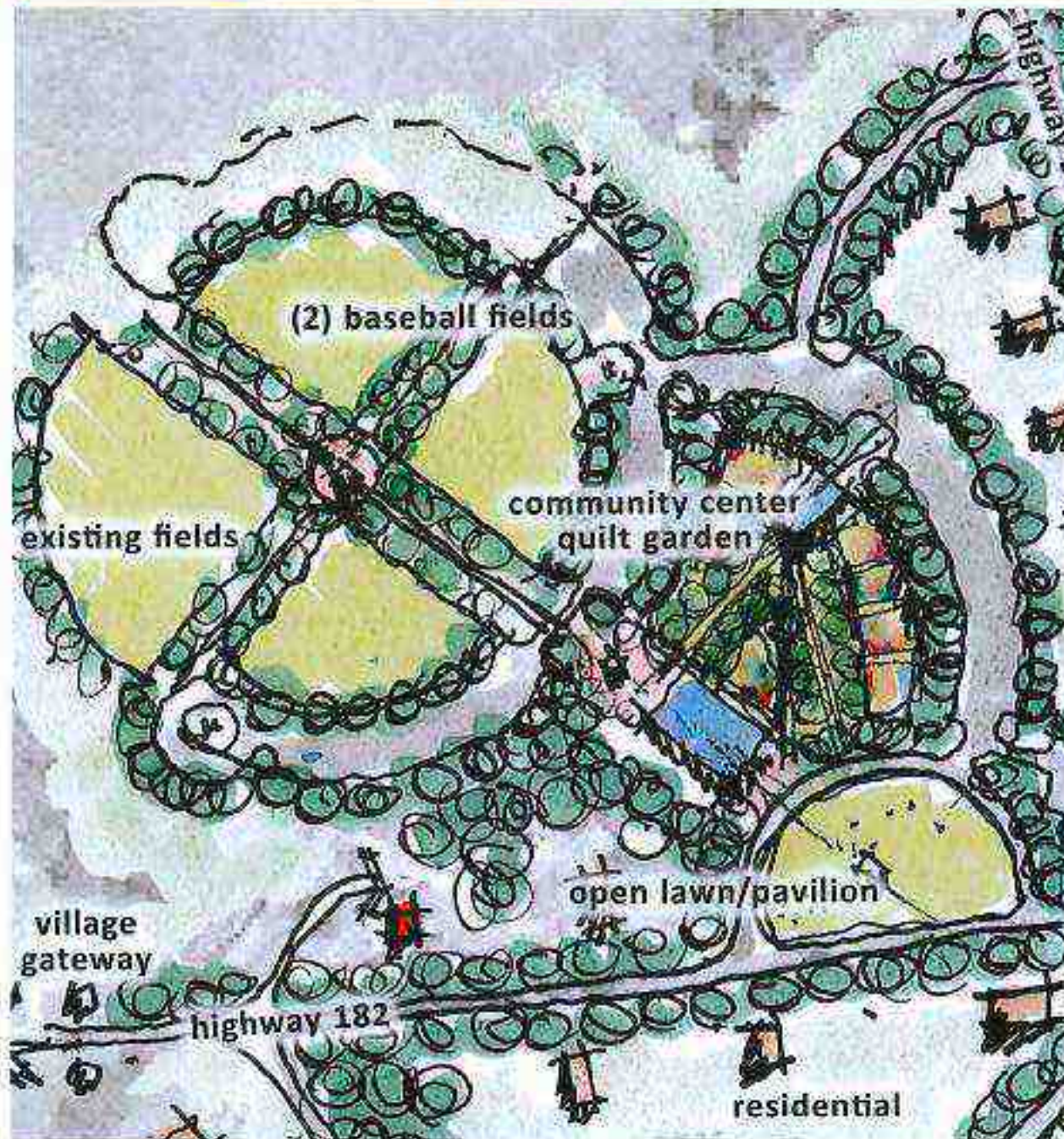
The development of the village commercial district begins with civic uses creating the first cross-roads within the village square.

the concept | the village square



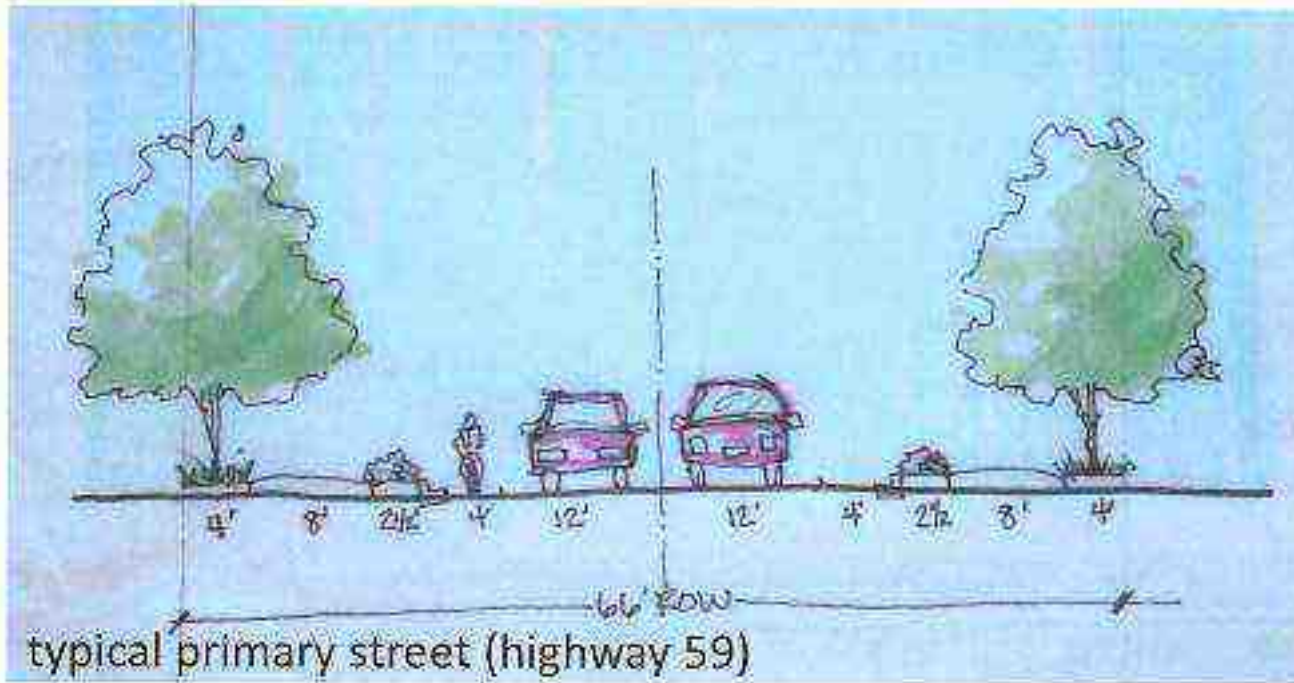
Located between Durham Road and a realigned Highway 59, the Village Square is the heart of the Village of Fair Play. The square is framed by one of the village's remaining historic structures and the redevelopment of two commercial properties. Housed in the historic general store, a cultural center and museum is the first stop along the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail and serves to promote local history, agribusiness, and crafts. The public lawn provides opportunities for planned civic and cultural events. Streetscape elements along Highway 182 and Highway 59 and within private development (ie. Yoders) promote pedestrian circulation around the square and between the square and adjacent village parks, civic uses, retail businesses, restaurants, and the surrounding residential neighborhood.

the concept | the community center

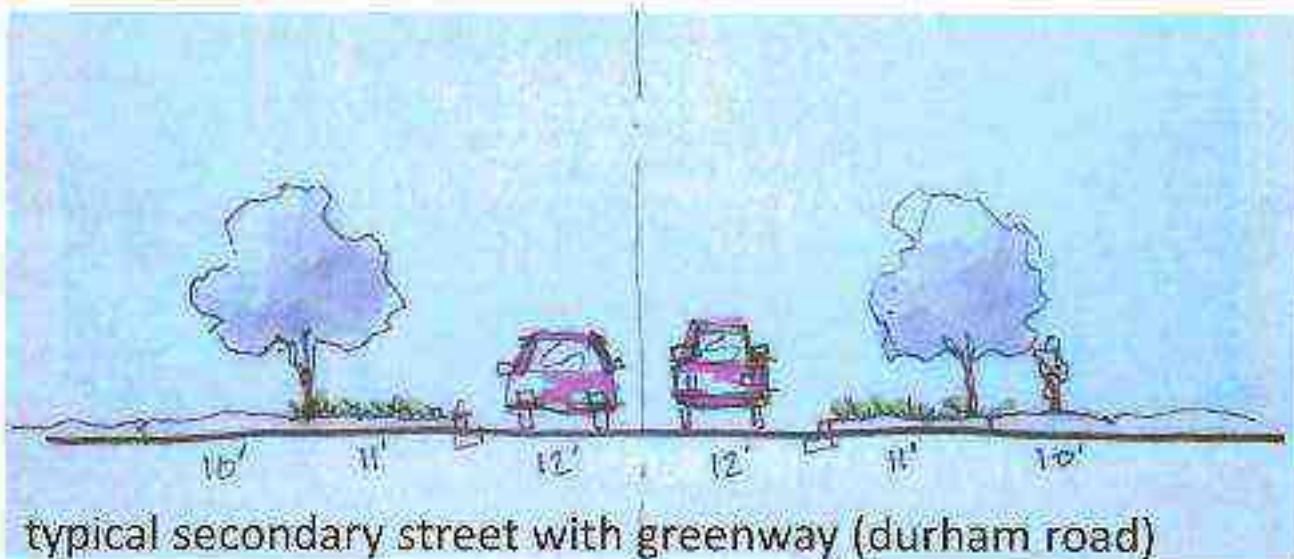


A short walk from the village square, the community center is a hub of village activity. Organized along a central axis, the center boasts a large lawn and pavilion designed to facilitate the Fair Play Village Farmers Market. The new community center and renovated school gymnasium provide ample space for events, banquets, meetings, classes, and recreation. The village quilt garden further promotes the village's prominence as the beginning of the upstate Heritage Quilt Trail and provides the local community with opportunities for public gardening. A large plaza serves as a threshold between the community center and the expanded Mark S. Miller Jr. Memorial Park. The addition of two new baseball fields, a central concession/press box tower, and ample parking makes the improved recreation complex a first class facility. Bratton Road is abandoned from Highway 182 to provide safe pedestrian access from convenient facility parking.

the concept | typical street sections



The primary vehicular and pedestrian route has an existing 66' right-of-way. Within this right-of-way, the vehicular lanes have maintained their existing width and a new designated bike lane with curb and gutter has been added. A landscaped verge has been added to serve as buffer between the new 8' sidewalk.



Secondary streets, or streets that serve the primary vehicular route, continue to maintain their existing lane widths. Curb and gutter has been added to calm traffic, in addition to understory trees. Secondary streets have a larger landscape verge with a 10' multi-use trail on both sides.

the concept | typical interstate gateway



Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail



With the interstate serving as a primary gateway for the majority of residents and visitors, the landscape of the interchange provides a unique opportunity to identify Fair Play as the first stop along the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail. Large drifts of native wildflowers surrounded by large canopy trees along the on and off-ramps create a bold quilted landscape along the heavily trafficked interstate corridor.

Fair Play

a village stitched together



a foothills heritage village



the thread
starts here



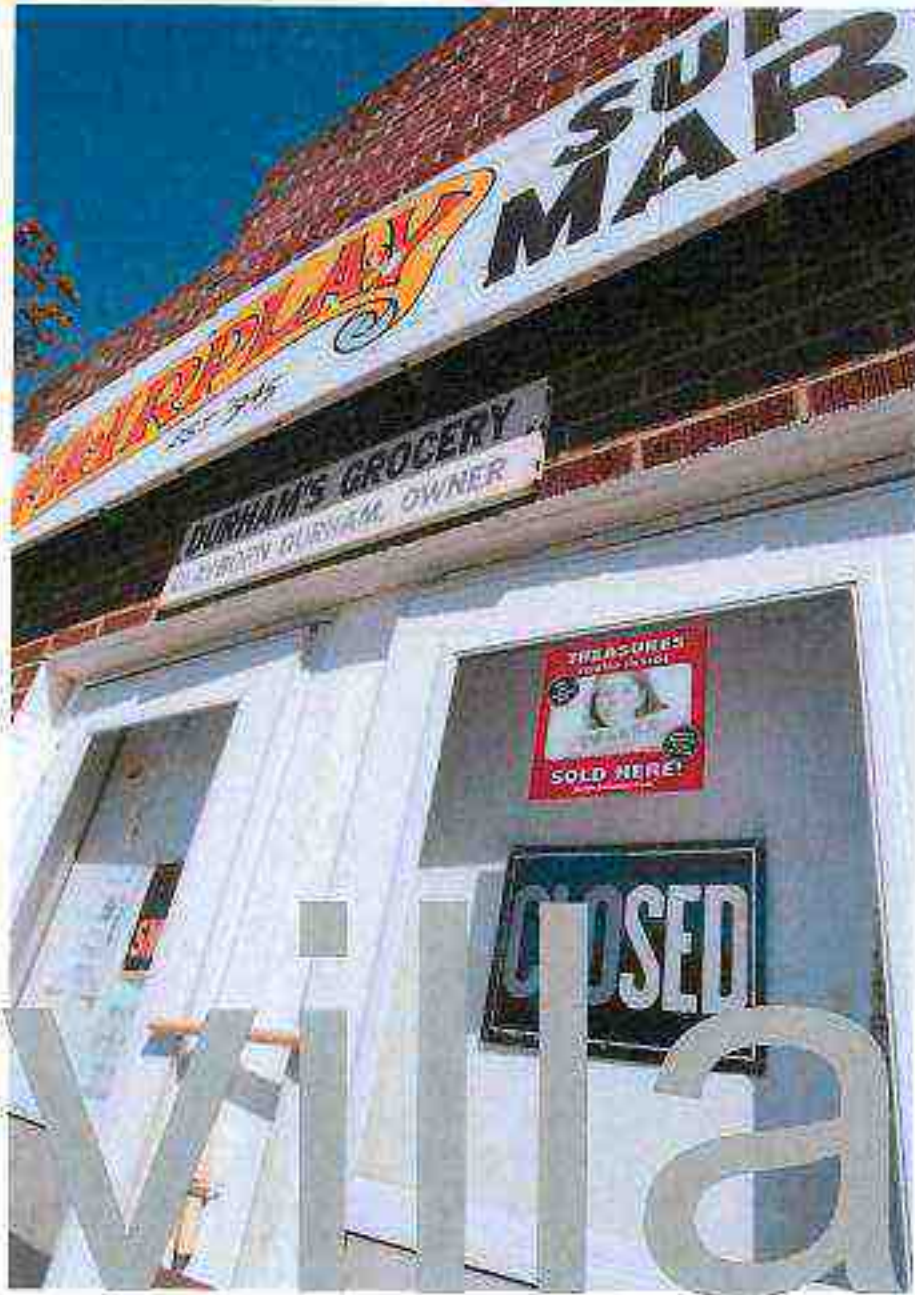
A brand or logo should capture the essence of a place with simple, but unique graphic and text. A successful brand is easily recognizable and should be an image that the local community connects with.

The brand or logo for the Village of Fair Play should celebrate the community's history while promoting its character as a unique rural village. The following associations might inform the brand of the Village of Fair Play.

- Native American Indian history
- Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail
- Foothills Heritage Fair
- Agriculture history or agribusiness
- the original Fair Play fair

The adjacent graphics are simply examples of how text and imagery can be woven together to create a simple graphic, or brand. A separate study is recommended in order to develop a unique and successful brand to promote the historic Village of Fair Play as a desirable destination.





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Village





**OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION**

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1.	PROJECT NAME:	Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. Multi-Site Renovations
2.	Entity Name:	Oconee Heritage Center, Inc.
3.	**Project Description:	See attached page
4.	Estimated Project Cost:	\$425,000
5.	Funding for this project from other source[s]:	(possible \$20,000 unrestricted OHC funds; \$16,000 restricted OHC funds)
6.	Net Amount Applied For:	\$425,000
7.	**Benefits of Project:	See attached page
8.	Entity Contact Information:	Oconee Heritage Center, Inc.
	Name:	Jonathan Fritz, President
	Telephone Number[s]:	864-638-2224
	Email:	info@oconeeheritagecenter.org
9.	Submitted by [name/title]:	Leslie White, Director/Curator
10.	Other Comments/Notes:	

**You may provide supporting material with this form to include but not limited to plans, studies, maps, brochures, artist renderings, cost estimates, photographs, etc. Submitted material should not exceed 20 pages (in addition to this form).

Please be advised that the Commission may (at the Commission's discretion) schedule a meeting with the Entity submitting the project to obtain additional information.

Questions regarding this process and/or this form should be directed to dhulsc@oconeesc.com.

COMMISSION USE
CPS TC ID# 8
Date Rec'd: 01-14-2014
Recommended: Y / N



Oconee County, South Carolina

**Capital Project Sales Tax Commission
Project Criteria Questionnaire**

Project Name/Description: Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. Multi-Site Renovations

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization managed by an independent board of directors. Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. manages 3 sites in Oconee County: The Oconee Heritage Center main museum, artifact storage facilities, and meeting space in downtown Walhalla; the General Store Museum in downtown Westminster; and Center Church historic site in Oakway. This project would fulfill renovation goals at these 3 sites. Renovations will make these sites more marketable to potential visitors, while enabling Oconee Heritage Center staff and volunteers to use best practices in the field of public history and historic preservation for the benefit of Oconee County residents relying on the organization to preserve donated artifacts and historic sites.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

Please return this form to the staff liaison either via email or US Mail:

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Clerk to Council
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Please be advised that individual Commission members will not accept questionnaires.

1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue?
- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county or one or more of the municipalities?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. participated in the 2012 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP), funded at the national level by Heritage Preservation and the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS).
- b. The study was performed between April 30 – May 1, 2012. The purpose of the study was to assess our historic structures, as well as to determine whether or not our facilities provide an adequate display and storage environments for our numerous collections.
- c. Since the study was conducted, Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. has prioritized many of the issues identified by the CAP study and has begun working through those that can be done with current financial resources and manpower (examples: ongoing cleanout of basement storage facility, installation of LED lighting in exhibit hall, repairs to HVAC). However, many of these efforts have been stop-gap measures and need to be revisited when more financial resources become available to Oconee Heritage Center, Inc.
- d. The results of the study have not been formally presented to council. Oconee Heritage Center Inc. presented a general update to council regarding our progress and plans in March 2013, at which time the study was included briefly.

5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO X _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below,

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES X _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below,

- a. How many jobs will be created?
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

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This project will create several work opportunities for outside professionals. Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. always prioritizes in-county companies and workers over out-of-county business. Oconee Heritage Center's 1 full-time staff and 1 part-time staff members will also conduct and oversee many aspects of the project alongside volunteers. Once complete, if funding can be secured, Oconee Heritage Center Inc. would add at least 1 full-time staff position to expand the public hours of our locations.

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

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- a. Capital renovations to the Oconee Heritage Center (Walhalla), General Store Museum (Westminster), and historic site Center Church (Oakwoy) will stimulate more heritage tourism and overnight stays to Oconee County, thereby increasing Accommodations Tax (ATAX) revenue to Oconee County. Our 2 public locations, the OHC in Walhalla and the General Store Museum in Westminster already see a combined visitation of over 3,000 visitors, of which approximately 25-30% are tourists. With renovations and enhancements that make our sites more marketable to potential heritage tourists, we can expect a very significant increase in visitation, based on comparable sites in the area. (Ex. Pickens County Museum sees 10,000 visitors annually).

8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

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Oconee County is ripe for a heritage tourism industry, as outlined by the 2010 Oconee County Tourism Action Plan. Oconee has numerous historic sites, museums, and genealogical resources that could make Oconee County a preeminent heritage tourism destination. Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. has the knowledge base, brand recognition, and established credibility and visibility to be at the center of this blossoming industry. Renovations to the Oconee Heritage Center (Walhalla), the General Store Museum (Westminster), and Center Church (Oakway), would show Oconee's commitment to fulfilling the county's potential in the heritage tourism industry. Additionally, our 2 museum locations are within the downtown areas of Walhalla and Westminster, both of which are working towards downtown revitalization goals.

- a. The proposed project would be very well-received by the average citizen. Oconee Heritage Center preserves and displays the history and heritage of all Oconee citizens and their feedback shows an appreciation for our efforts and that they feel our efforts are vital to preserving their culture and interpreting it to visitors with dignity and respect.
- b. The proposed project will be very visible. Public updates tracking the project's progress will be circulated regularly throughout news outlets and social media. The completed project will make our sites more marketable through traditional marketing methods (TV, internet, radio, magazines, etc) and will allow us to expand our visiting hours and visitors services (historical research and educational programs and events).
- c. Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. is currently marketing the proposed project as part of our 2014 Capital Campaign, which has a fundraising goal of \$250,000.
- d. In order to reach this fundraising goal we will have to market the project with our core membership, local corporations, grant foundations, and through event fundraisers such as our annual dinner gala.

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES _____ **NO** **X** _____ **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES **X** _____ **NO** _____ **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

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- a. Many grants for improved artifact conservation are available through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. These grants do not cover capital costs. Once capital renovations are complete, these grants would provide funding for storage materials, artifact conservation treatments, archival supplies and museum-quality display materials. Numerous other grants for educational programming are available through organizations like the South Carolina Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and National Endowment for the Arts, and so forth. Once our facilities are renovated to expand visitor service, we can apply for more educational programming grants.

11. Will the project be economically sustainable?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

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Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. will always operate within the limitations of our resources.

- a. The proposed renovations will not REQUIRE additional staff at any site. We will continue to supplement staff with unpaid volunteers. Fundraising campaigns will continue in order to raise funds necessary for future maintenance and upgrades beyond project completion. Fundraising will continue to address operational and staff costs.
- b. Renovations will be completed to museum standards, building code compliance, and ADA compliance. Operational and maintenance costs will decrease when improved systems are in place, such as HVAC expansions and improved insulation.

12. Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

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- a. Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. has up to \$20,000 of undesignated funding available to put toward the project. An additional \$16,000 is available for components of the renovation that can be shown to benefit the display, preservation, or interpretation of Oconee County's textile production history. All funding generated by the OHC 2014 Capital Campaign will be designated toward the renovation project as well.
- b. Funding will be allocated and spent according to project goals.

13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. Existing services will not be impacted by renovations. We will continue to operate with current hours. For areas of the facilities currently open to visitors (exhibit hall), we will conduct renovations in small areas at a time, so as to only impede minimally. If absolutely necessary, we may close for a very brief duration to complete larger scale project.
- b. The proposed project will be visible and renovated areas, when complete, will be immediately available to visitors. Therefore, priority areas will be made available first.

15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

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16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. Once completed, the proposed project will allow us to expand our visiting hours and offer more research opportunities, tours, educational programming, and special events and all locations.

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

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- a. Renovations to our sites coordinate well with the Oconee County Tourism Action Plan, as well as the city of Walhalla's streetscape, and Walhalla and Westminster's downtown revitalization plans. Historic Center Church is located along one of the SC National Heritage Corridor discovery routes and could be an official destination.

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- b. What are the potential benefits?
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

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- a. Oconee Heritage Center has locations in Walhalla, Westminster, and Oakway. Our collections and interpretive displays represent all of Oconee County. We also offer staff that are available to give guided tours of historic sites throughout Oconee County.
- b. Our Walhalla and Westminster locations have the potential to be downtown attractions and to also serve as informal visitors centers.
- c. Represented jurisdictions could be potential partners.

19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES _____ NO X _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?**
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?**

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126 East Main Street, Westminster, SC 29693
Hours: Friday & Saturday 10 am-1 pm
& by special appointment



BECOME A MEMBER

Oconee Heritage Center members enjoy discounted rates to special events, classes, and workshops. Annual membership rates vary by level.

For more information email us at:
info@oconeeheritagecenter.org

Speakers and Educational Opportunities:

The OHC is happy to provide guest speakers for civic organizations or clubs of all ages. Speakers may present about the OHC or special historic topics by request. Traveling trunks are available to educators wishing to enhance their classroom experience with hands-on learning.

Plan a visit:

Hours of Operation:
Thursday & Friday 12- 6pm
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Our Mission: The Oconee Heritage Center actively preserves and promotes the history and cultural heritage of Oconee County, SC through its museums, programs and historic sites.

Explore...

The Exhibit Hall



Textile loom from Cherokee Mill

Jake Sluder Heritage Park



Heirloom vegetable garden



The OHC exhibit hall



Take a stroll through the park at the Oconee Heritage Center in Walhalla. Follow the ever-growing memorial brick walkway through the heirloom vegetable plot and into the native plant garden. On display in the park are the Hardie-Lynes steam engine, the Manty Portable Jail, and the Verner Well House.



Memorial brick walkway

Where Appalachia meets the Deep South

Our Background:

The Oconee Heritage Center began as an idea in 1999 when a group of concerned citizens saw a need for the preservation and interpretation of Oconee County's heritage. Renovations to the old Tobacco Factory (c. 1892) were completed in 2004, and the Oconee Heritage Center opened to the public in the fall. Each year thousands of visitors enjoy the OHC's spacious exhibit hall and vast collection of artifacts that illustrate the diverse history and heritage of Oconee County.



250-year-old dugout canoe from the Clutney River

Louise Russell Alexander Children's Corner

Our nature-themed children's area provides a fun environment for young children to play, learn, and discover the history and heritage of Oconee County.

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Plan a Visit:

Hours of Operation:

Friday & Saturday 10am-1pm
& by special appointment

Admission is free but a \$3 per person donation is encouraged. The Oconee Heritage Center (OHC) works in partnership with the Westminster Area Historic Preservation Society (WAHPS) to staff and raise funds for this branch museum location. Both OHC and WAHPS are 501(c)3 non-profit organizations.

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WAHPS

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More than a museum...

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The OHC is located in the old Tobacco Factory (c.1892) in downtown Walthalla, SC. Come see the 250-year-old preserved dugout canoe and more artifacts of Oconee County's rich history and cultural heritage. From textile mills to nuclear energy and everything in between, the Oconee Heritage Center is enjoyed by visitors of all ages.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Oconee Heritage Center (Walhalla location)

The Walhalla location at 123 Brown's Square Drive would receive the main focus as it is the main location, featuring Oconee County history museum, artifact storage, meeting space available for rent, and lobby/informal visitor's center.

Work would include the creation of an artifact conservation lab in the basement of the facility for use in preserving the Keowee Canoe and other important Oconee County artifacts. Later, after preservation is complete, this room will be used for public research, such as genealogy and material culture topics, as well as use for public programming, such as the Young Appalachian Musician music lesson program and workshops for traditional crafts or skills.

Additionally, the remaining space in the basement will be renovated to meet museum industry standards for long term artifact storage. This will be done in an effort to accommodate the large influx of artifacts donated by Oconee County residents who expect long-term preservation and possible display of artifacts that are significant to the history and heritage of Oconee County residents.

Furthermore, the main exhibit hall in the museum will be completely renovated to meet museum best practice standards for displays and exhibits. Exhibits will accurately and tastefully interpret the history and heritage of all Oconee County residents, while meeting expectations for visitor safety as well as artifact security, safety, and preservation.

Renovations to the lobby and meeting room space will be included in order to add value to the facility and increase use as an informal Oconee County visitor's center and rental facility for public/private meetings and events.

All renovations will also meet new fire, safety, and building codes in place since original renovations were completed in 2004.

Cost estimates:

HVAC upgrades in exhibit hall, lobby, meeting space, and basement: \$75,000

Displays and exhibit hall renovations: \$40,000

Lobby renovations: \$10,000

Basement storage renovations: \$50,000

Conservation Lab (future research/program space) construction: \$75,000

Oconee Heritage Center (Walhalla location) budget maximum: \$250,000



Walhalla, South Carolina
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General Store Museum (Westminster location)

The General Store Museum is a branch museum managed by Oconee Heritage Center, Inc., in co-operation with the Westminster Area Historic Preservation Society. The museum is located in downtown Westminster at 126 E. Main Street. It is a re-creation of a 20th century rural general store, thus interpreting Oconee County's economic development and social history. Renovations to the facility will include the addition of a permanent exhibit dedicated to the history of Westminster and surrounding communities, featuring donated artifacts displayed in accordance with best practices for museum safety, security, and preservation. Additionally, renovations will increase handicap access to the permanent exhibit space.

Cost estimates:

Handicap renovations: \$10,000

Exhibit and display construction: \$15,000

General Store Museum (Westminster) budget maximum: \$25,000



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Center Church historic site (Oakway)

Center Church is an historic property featuring a former church structure and cemetery in the Oakway community along Highway 24. The church structure dates to the 1870s and is in good condition. The building has been unused, but cared for by concerned citizens, since the 1950s. In 2009 Oconee Heritage Center, Inc. acquired the property through quit-claim deed from the South Carolina Methodist Convention. The purpose of the acquisition was to not only preserve the historic property, but to also renovate it and use it for programming to interpret Oconee County's religious history and heritage, and possibly as a source of revenue via rental fees for weddings. The site is easily accessible from Highway 24 and could be interpreted with exterior signage, to better facilitate use during unmanned hours. The cemetery is also frequently visited by out-of-town genealogists and historians.

Renovations will include the restoration of the historic church structure. Vinyl siding must be removed to return the structure to its original lap board siding. Metal roofing must be removed to reveal and restore the original shake roofing. To make the site usable as a space for public programming, landscaping will be required to facilitate parking. Exterior interpretive signage will be added, as well as a small restroom facility for public use during programs. In an effort to keep the interior of the church as original as possible, little needs to be done to the interior. Renovations to facilitate access for the disabled will be made as well.

Cost estimates:

Landscaping: \$20,000

Exterior signage: \$10,000

Exterior restoration and ADA access: \$75,000

Restroom construction: \$45,000

Center Church (Oakway) budget maximum: \$150,000

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET for 3 sites: \$425,000



Oconee HERITAGE CENTER

Walhalla, South Carolina
oconeeheritagecenter.org

BENEFITS OF PROJECT

This project will benefit not only the potential heritage tourism industry of Oconee County, but the individual residents of Oconee County who want to see their history, heritage, and culture preserved for generations to come. With the appropriate capital funding for necessary renovations, Oconee Heritage Center Inc. is poised to be Oconee County's leader in local heritage tourism industry. Renovations will make our sites more unified as a museum/historic site system, yet distinct enough in character to attract many different types of visitors. Ultimately, this will make our sites more marketable to a broader audience. Visitation and tourism to our locations will increase significantly. Oconee County has the history and heritage resources available to grow a heritage tourism industry all its own that could one day rival Charleston, SC.

Locally, heritage tourism relies on the support of the people whose heritage is interpreted. Local residents donate historic artifacts and resources to the Oconee Heritage Center because of our credibility, reach, and sensitivity to their desire to see their culture and cultural relics preserved. Not all artifacts can be displayed due to their own fragility, but are nonetheless necessary to preserve and make available to historic researchers, who represent a segment of the heritage tourism audience. This project will also address the needs and desires of those locals who wish to preserve their history and heritage for study by future generations.



OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION
Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1. **PROJECT NAME:** Foothills Agricultural Resource & Marketing Center (FARM Center)
2. **Entity Name:** South Carolina Foothills Heritage Fair, a SC Nonprofit Corp. with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status
3. ****Project Description:** The FARM Center provides a permanent home for the annual weeklong SC Foothills Heritage Fair and the weekly Foothills Heritage Market. The FARM Center will also include the Foothills Heritage Cannery where Oconee County residents and agri-businesses will safely preserve food products, and the Foothill Heritage Arena, a covered open-air arena with seating for up to 6,000 people. The Arena will utilize one on-site barn to house livestock for rodeos, shows, exhibitions, and sales.
4. **Estimated Project Cost:** \$7,450,000
5. **Funding for this project from other source[s]:** (\$ 745,000)
6. **Net Amount Applied For:** \$6,705,000
7. ****Benefits of Project:** The FARM Center provides a centralized location for agriculture-related activities in Oconee County. Agriculture-based entrepreneurship opportunities will grow and expand. Increased tourism will have a positive impact on the hospitality industry and local businesses. Residents and tourists will enjoy affordable and family-friendly activities. Residents and agri-businesses will have access to state-of-the-art food preservation and marketing facilities. The local economy will benefit from agri-business expansion and implementation of value-added processing.

8. Entity Contact Information: SC Foothills Heritage Fair
 Name: Stanley Gibson, President
 Telephone Number(s): (864) 903-1823
 Email: SGibson@CarolinaFoothillsHeritageFair.org
9. Submitted by [name/title]: Stanley Gibson, President
10. Other Comments/Notes: There are seven (7) additional pages attached. Additional information and documents are available upon request.

* You may provide supporting material with this form to include but not limited to plans, studies, maps, brochures, artist renderings, cost estimates, photographs, etc. Submitted material should not exceed 20 pages (in addition to this form).

Please be advised that the Commission may (at the Commission's discretion) schedule a meeting with the Entity submitting the project to obtain additional information.

Questions regarding this process and/or this form should be directed to blaise@comerse.com.

COMMISSION USE	
CPSTC ID#	9
Date Recd.	1.18.14
Recommended:	Y / N



Oconee County, South Carolina

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission

Project Criteria Questionnaire

Project Name/Description: **Foothills Agricultural Resource & Marketing Center**

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

The Foothills Agricultural Resource & Marketing Center (FARM Center) provides a permanent home for the annual weeklong SC Foothills Heritage Fair (SCFHF) and the weekly Foothills Heritage Market (FHM). The FARM Center will also include the Foothills Heritage Cannery (FHC) where Oconee County residents and agri-businesses will safely preserve food products, and the Foothills Heritage Arena (Arena), a covered open-air arena with seating for up to 6,000 people. The Arena will utilize one on-site barn to house livestock for rodeos, shows, exhibitions, and sales.

Various events will be held at the FARM Center throughout the year, providing numerous opportunities for Oconee County residents and visitors to experience the area's rich agricultural heritage and to support its ever-expanding agri-business industry. The SCFHF, a SC Nonprofit Corporation (tax-exempt under IRC 501(c)(3)) will operate the FARM Center through its Board and Steering Committees, which are each comprised of stakeholders in the Oconee County agri-business community. The FARM Center's vision is: "To position Oconee County as the epicenter of agriculture-based economic development and wealth-building opportunities in Upstate South Carolina."

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

Please return this form to the staff liaison either via email or US Mail:

bhulse@oconeesc.com

Clerk to Council
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Please be advised that individual Commission members will not accept questionnaires.

1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue?
- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. The need most directly addressed by the FARM Center is providing access to fresh, healthy produce, eggs, and dairy products. The FHM provides a direct farm-to-consumer conduit for provision of these foods. The FHM also will support local markets held in municipalities in Oconee County.
- b. At this stage, there are no other possible alternatives.
- c. No other solutions have been proposed at this time.
- d. The Cannery will allow farmers, processors, and residents to preserve healthy foods in a safe environment, which will allow for consumption of healthy foods outside of the typical growing season.

2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county of one or more of the municipalities?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

a. "Strategic Plan for Economic Development" – Oconee County, South Carolina, pp. 1-5 through 1-6, 5-20 through 5-21 (Prepared by RKG Associates, Inc., January 4, 2013).

"The steering committee anticipates that implementation of the entire program will be incremental over several years as additional resources become available." pp. 1-1 through 1-2, 6-1.

"[A]griculture operations, particularly livestock, provide a notable contribution to the county's gross domestic product and serves to add diversity to the local economic base. As such, the county may want to consider exploring possibilities for providing support for these operations in several alternative activities. Typically, small farms sell their products to wholesalers for which they receive the lowest return on their investment. Therefore, any ways in which they can create value-added products would serve to increase direct revenues to individual farmers. Related to this issue is the fact that individual farms do not have the financial capability of creating and/or maintaining processing facilities, storage facilities, such as commercial freezers, for perishable goods, and the ability to pay for shipping of processed goods to various markets for final sale." p. 5-21; see also pp. 1-5 through 1-6.

"[T]he County may want to explore options for assisting local farmers, particularly livestock operations, which are likely to have the largest potential for increasing sales revenues from their operations. The first step in such a process would most likely be to conduct a survey of existing operations to determine how much estimated demand there might be for creating centralized processing, storage and distribution facilities amongst the county's farm operations. Establishing an agricultural incubator might prove to be practical which could offer shared kitchen/processing facilities for certain types of produce, as well as business training in developing and marketing value-added products. Developing a local abattoir for processing livestock could also help to augment local operations and allow these operations

to sell greater quantities to local markets and capitalize on the farm to table movement. Similarly, shared freezer/storage facilities could assist along these lines as well. Future growth in the warehousing and distribution targeted cluster could also help to support agribusiness economic development efforts in the county.” p. 5-21; see also pp. 1-5 through 1-6.

b. Oconee County Economic Development Commission sponsored the strategic plan.

c. “RKG Associates, Inc. worked with the Oconee County administration, the Oconee County Economic Development Commission, and a carefully organized steering committee representing strategic business, community, real estate and government entities.” pp. 1-1, 6-1.

d. In January 2013, Oconee County Council adopted the Strategic Plan for Economic Development. In 2012, Oconee County Council unanimously adopted Resolution R2012-17: “Oconee County Supports Increased Agribusiness.”

4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created?
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. Two to four (2-4) full-time employees with the possibility of three to five (3-5) part-time, along with numerous temporary event staff.
- b. As an indirect result, area farmers will be able to retain existing jobs and create new jobs through the enhancement of FHM and FHA operations.
- c. Jobs will be managerial, administrative, maintenance, and marketing-based positions.
- d. Pay range for full-time employees will be approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 annually. Pay range for part-time employees will be approximately \$9.00 to \$12.00 per hour.
- e. Agriculture-based entrepreneurship opportunities will grow and expand; increased tourism will have a positive impact on the hospitality industry.

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES X **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

a. Accommodations Tax (ATAX), Hospitality Accommodation Tax (HATAX), Sales Tax

b. Based on twenty-five (25) multi-day events held at the FARM Center each year with one thousand (1,000) attendees to each event, the following is a conservative estimate of tax revenues based on type of tax:

Hotel (\$119.00/room): (20 rooms/night x 50 nights) = \$119,000.00 revenue

Accommodations Tax: $\$119,000 \times (7.00\%) = \$8,330.00/\text{year}$

ATAX/HATAX: $\$119,000 \times (1.50\% + 2.00\%) = \$4,165.00/\text{year}$

Sales Tax: $\$119,000 \times (6.00\%) = \$7,140.00/\text{year}$

TOTAL: \$19,635.00/year

Restaurant (\$15.00/meal): (300 meals/night x 50 nights) = \$225,000.00 revenue

HATAX: $\$225,000 \times (2.00\%) = \$4,500.00/\text{year}$

Sales Tax: $\$225,000 \times (6.00\%) = \$13,500.00/\text{year}$

TOTAL: \$18,000.00/year

GRAND TOTAL: \$37,635.00/year

c. There will be other revenues generated by rental fees paid by users of each respective facility at the FARM Center. Sales tax will be collected on goods purchased in Oconee County due to persons attending events at the FARM Center. Municipalities' revenue from business license fees will increase due to increased annual revenue by business license holders.

8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

a. SCFHF: An affordable, family-friendly attraction.

Foothills Heritage Market: An affordable, economical way to purchase fresh, local, healthy food items.

Foothills Heritage Cannery: An efficient, economical way to preserve healthy food, whether homegrown or purchased from the farmers market.

Foothills Heritage Arena: An exciting and affordable venue to experience rodeos, livestock shows, home & garden shows, concerts, and other events.

b. The FARM Center will be extremely visible due to its prominent location and signage along the site on Highway 123. All events will be advertised through various media outlets. The vision for the FARM Center is: "To position Oconee County as the epicenter of agriculture-based economic development and wealth-building opportunities in Upstate South Carolina."

c. Naming rights for buildings and event sponsors: \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year.

d. \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year will be spent on promotion via print, radio, TV, and social media per year.

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. Economic Development and Agriculture grants are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the FARM Center. Such grants are available through the Appalachian Resource Commission, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, US Dept. of Agriculture, SC Dept. of Agriculture, US Dept. of Commerce, SC Dept. of Commerce, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities), along with other governmental and nonprofit organizations.
- b. No others in Oconee County are known at the time of this application. However, other counties in South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina have utilized significant grant funding with similar projects. For example, GrowFood Carolina in Charleston County and Hub City Farmer's Market in Spartanburg County utilized significant grant funding to expand their operations.

11. Will the project be economically sustainable?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. Staffing resources: Initially, one (1) full-time employee to maintain Arena, Barn, Farmers Market, Cannery, and parking facilities. As the need arises, additional full- and part-time employees will be hired, along with temporary workers.
- b. A facility manager will be employed through funding provided by SCFHF. Additional employees will be added on an as-needed basis and will be paid by SCFHF. User fees and sponsorships will offset the cost of operation and maintenance.
- c. The FARM Center can serve as a location for graduation ceremonies, concerts, home & garden shows, and privately sponsored events, among other uses. Indirect economic benefit will grow as more and more producers, wholesalers, and consumers utilize the FARM Center's amenities to prepare, sell and buy agricultural products.

12. Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. Material costs are projected to increase at a rate of ten percent (10%) per year.
- b. The SCFHF and FHM will continue to incur costs to rent/lease temporary facilities (restrooms, fences, tents/structures, arenas, etc.) as a result of the lack of permanent facilities.

14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. Current services that will be impacted in a positive way include the Foothills Heritage Market, SC Foothills Heritage Fair, graduation ceremonies, concerts, and rodeos.
- b. Other events that are currently held outside of Oconee County may be attracted to hold events at the FARM Center. Provide a rainy day location for any outdoor events located in the County. It will guarantee Oconee-grown products. Permanent facilities for SCFHF and FHM will cement the importance of local agriculture.
- c. No.

15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES X NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. The FHM, current agri-business and tourism will all be greatly enhanced by the proposed project.
- b. Construction of a cannery and commercial kitchen will provide added value to agricultural products from the area, leading to increased production and economic development opportunities. Events will provide additional tourism destinations.

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

- a. Local municipal farmers markets will benefit from increased exposure. The FARM Center has great potential to coordinate well with any future "healthy lifestyle" projects as well as any future agri-business growth.
- b. This project is unique, and will not negatively impact other projects.

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- b. What are the potential benefits?
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES _____ **NO** **N/A** _____

IF YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

FARM Center Cost Projections
Based on Budget Estimates from Current Oconee County Vendor

Arena – 180x250	\$2,700,000
➤ 45,000sf; fixed seating at 3,000 with mobile capacity to 6,000; restroom facilities	
Livestock Barn – 100x200 (partially enclosed)	\$850,000
➤ 20,000sf; show ring, partially enclosed; restroom facilities	
Farmers Market Facility	\$1,800,000
➤ 45,200sf; (open air + enclosed); commercial kitchen with equipment; restroom facilities	
Cannery – 75x75	\$1,400,000
➤ 5,625sf; fully conditioned with assembly facilities	
Dedicated Parking Facilities	\$700,000
➤ Mix of asphalt paving and compacted stone parking spaces; recreational vehicle hookup facilities; shared camping facilities; mixed use sites	
Total Estimated Budget Funding	\$7,450,000

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OCONEE COUNTY
RESOLUTION R2012-17

OCONEE COUNTY SUPPORTS INCREASED AGRIBUSINESS

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina has a long, distinguished history of farming, and

WHEREAS, from Oconee's earliest days going back to the early 1700's, farming was and continues to be an important foundation of our community, and

WHEREAS, despite our national economy's transition from largely agricultural to a manufacturing and service economy, farming still plays an integral role, and

WHEREAS, we are witnessing a growing recognition of the importance of local farm production using environmentally sound and healthy best practices, and

WHEREAS, Oconee County community as a whole continues to respect and value not only the economic value of this industry, but also it's positive impact on our community values, and

WHEREAS, we understand the importance of providing future generations and visitors with an equal appreciation of this heritage, and


WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of providing today's youth with the knowledge of continuing opportunities in farming, and

WHEREAS, we have a strong desire to support the development of increased agribusiness and related activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by Oconee County Council their wish to encourage, review and support proposals/plans that will increase local agricultural activity, promote the recruitment of targeted agribusiness, increase public awareness of the fundamentals and importance of agriculture and encourage agritourism.

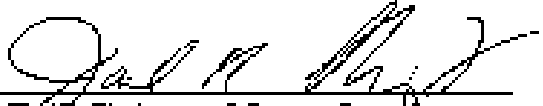
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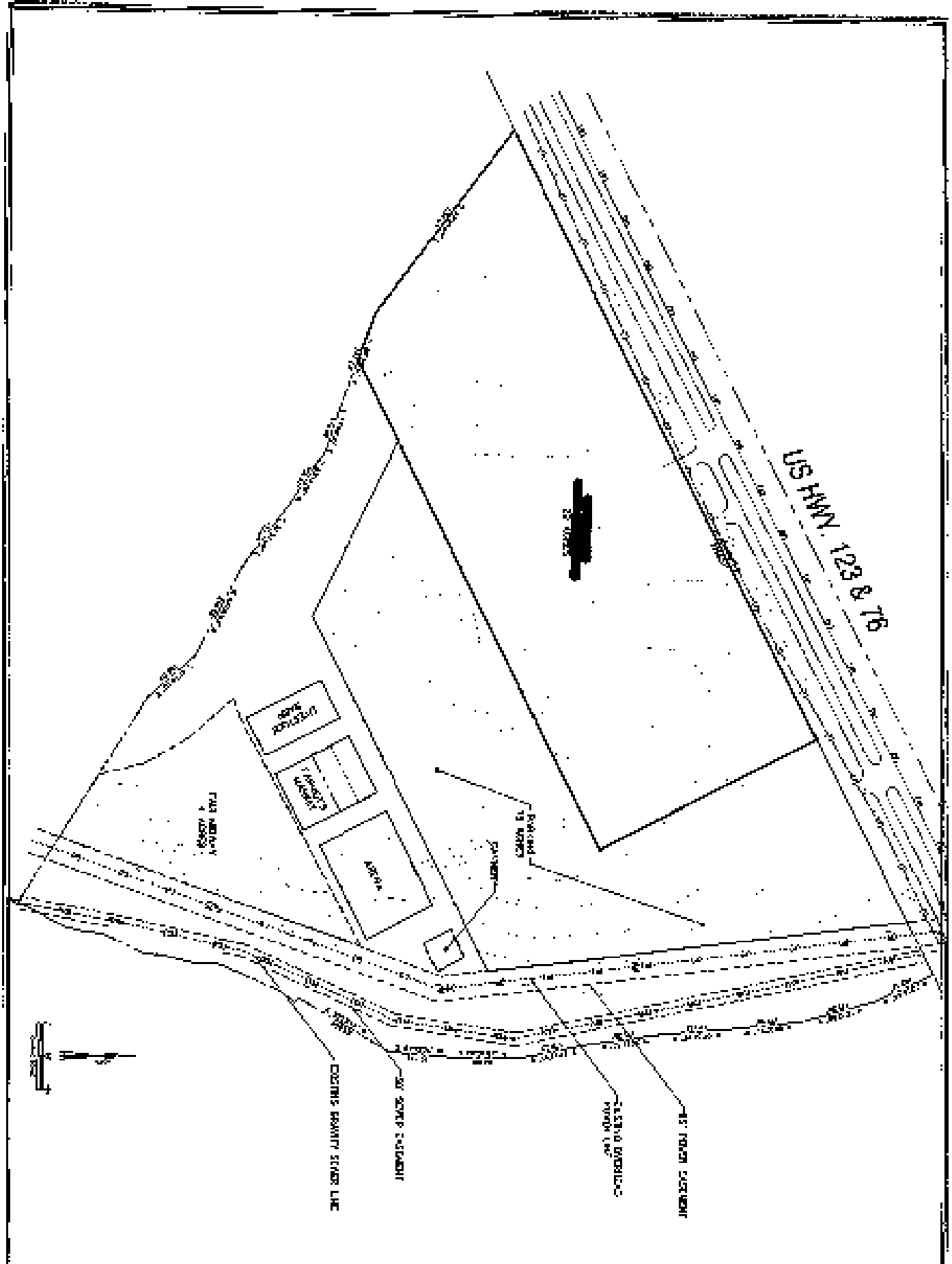
By:


Elizabeth G. Hulce, Clerk to Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By:


Joel Duff, Chairman of County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina



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South Carolina Foothills Heritage Fair Update 2013

This year, the fair has returned to our community in the following ways:

- Opened and operated the Foothills Heritage Market, an all-weather market that is open every Saturday beginning in May and now extending the market season to January, providing as many as 30 agricultural vendors plus several artists and craftsmen the opportunity to sell their products directly to the citizens of Oconee. Also opened an evening market in Westminster at the Depot and most recently held a preview market in West Union, working with the city to plan and promote a new market there in the spring of 2014.

We have also provided funds to the following partners and grant recipients :

- \$1,000.00 to the Westminster Masons
- \$1,000.00 to the George Grobusky College Fund of Oconee County Conservation District
- \$2500.00 to the Oconee Hillbilly Clan of the Shrine Club for the Shriner's Hospital
- \$1042.00 and over 1700lbs. of food to the Golden Corner Food Pantry
- \$150.00 tuition for Youth Beekeepers
- \$250.00 to Master Beekeeper Connor Littlefield for beekeeping supplies
- \$200.00 to send 2 Oconee FFA members to a 4-H Forestry Clinic
- \$750.00 to send 2 Oconee FFA members to the South Carolina Ag Commissioner's School
- \$200.00 cash to Dot's Kitchen.

In addition, we paid out over \$2000.00 in cash awards to 4-H and FFA Livestock Showmen & Women and over \$2800.00 in wages to youth workers at the fair. We supported the Oconee Chamber of Commerce "Steak In Oconee", resulting in a \$500 FFA Scholarship given to a young person from Oconee who is attending college with a degree focus in agriculture. This year, thanks to the support of local agribusiness, we were able to commit \$4500.00 to bring a "Fishing Hole" to the fair, providing young people, in some cases for the first time, the opportunity to feel the excitement of that "first bite" at no charge. We hope that by providing activities that focus on agriculture and natural resources, we can inspire the next generation to get or stay involved in the work we all love.

In the next few months, the fair is looking forward to finalizing a location for our permanent home. We are also committed to the construction of a cannery that will allow Oconee growers to extend their sales season by marketing value-added products in the not-too-distant future.

Most recently, we sponsored the purchase of mandolins (\$850) for the Oconee Heritage Center to continue their Appalachian music program without having to continue to rent instruments from Pickens County. We also voted to renew the Youth Beekeepers scholarships. The scholarships cover the cost of Master Beekeeper classes and the purchase of equipment to get started in the beekeeping/honey business and total \$900 (\$300 each for three young entrepreneurs in agribusiness).

Project Title: Foothills Heritage Market, Oconee County, SC

Project Summary:

The purpose of the Foothills Heritage Market is to expand the flexibility of, and access to, wealth building opportunities for area growers and to improve the connections between agricultural producers and the community by:

- Increasing the competitiveness and profitability of the local food and agriculture industry by building a market based model of agribusiness.
- Actively promoting "locally grown" and "fresh, healthy food" initiatives both at home and in restaurants
- Educating the public on the benefits of healthy eating.

This project came out of a need for a local, well-promoted farmers market that actually provided locally grown products to Oconee citizens. There were several city sponsored markets that lacked support in the form of enforcement of "local" production rules and "marketing and promotion" as a source of high quality fresh fruits and vegetables as well as other nutritious ag products.

Project Approach:

We had an implementation strategy that included the following steps:

1. Align this project with the Oconee Economic Development Commission and have agriculture included as part of the county's long term economic development strategy.
2. Set up the market under the umbrella of the South Carolina Foothills Heritage Fair 501c3 as a county-wide farmers' market, operated by a Market Steering Committee set up by and reporting to the fair board.
3. Establish a market location in the demographic center of the county and provide support to the surrounding city markets in the way of promotion and educational programs.
4. Establish a vendor base with a minimum of 12 weekly vendors in year 1, including at least 75% local produce or fruit growers.
5. Include instructional activities for both adults and children, focusing on hands-on learning and healthy eating practices.

Goals and Outcomes:

Beginning by working with a member of the Oconee County Council's Economic Development Committee, we asked county council to pass a resolution supporting agriculture as a key industry in Oconee and recognizing the need to support the industry as well as to preserve land for future use. This Resolution, R2012-17 was passed in the fall of 2012. Beginning in January, 2013, the Market committee began searching for a market site and planning for an opening date of May 4th, 2013. With help from the Economic Development Commission and local volunteers, a location for the market was secured on private property and advertisements were placed seeking vendors. Rules for the market and an "official" application were written and approved, a website and Facebook page were created and a dinner meeting of all interested parties was held. Based on interest in the market, Oconee County granted funds in the amount of \$11,500 to purchase a shade structure for the market, Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative provided portable toilet facilities and power to the market and the City of Westminster provided a water tap for the market. The Market Steering committee performed on-site visitations to the farms of all growers who applied to sell at the market, ensuring that listed crops were established and growing sufficient to be sold at the market.

Grant funds were needed to secure banners at the county market location, flyers to stimulate interest in the new market and to pay for sufficient advertising for the "new" market as well as ongoing information regarding what produce and fruits were available as the season progressed, special sampling opportunity notices, cooking demonstrations, etc.

Beneficiaries:

At the end of our established "Open Season" for the market, May 4th through October 26th, 2013, the Foothills Heritage Market had 41 vendors who had applied and participated in the market, with a weekly average of 28 producers attending each week. Of the 41 vendors who applied, 32 (79%) were produce or fruit growers, including tomatoes, squash, radishes, a variety of beans, hydroponic lettuce and tomatoes, potatoes and sweet potatoes and winter season greens, a variety of berries, specialty fruits such as persimmons, paw paws, asian pears, muscadines and scuppermons, as well as apples and peaches. Among the other products sold by vendors at the market were locally grown beef and pork, fresh eggs, goat products and honey, nursery plants, wood products and even a local writer who sold autographed copies of her book each week.

By July, we had lost 3 of our vendors...one who had stopped growing his own produce and started buying at Georgia markets and bringing the products to the Foothills Market. He was told he could not return as this was against the rules clearly outlined in the application he had turned in. Two other vendors secured restaurant contracts for all the product they could provide for the remainder of the season so we considered this a huge success for those growers.

Monthly surveys of vendors done by a market volunteer indicated that the average vendor had set a goal of between \$100 and \$200 per market in order to make it worth the effort of participating each week. Every vendor responded for every survey that they had made MORE THAN their established goal each week. Taking the average attendance of 28 vendors per week, making \$150 each, the total direct economic impact on farmers at the Foothills Heritage Market was \$4200 per week. At peak attendance, this would have reached over \$6000 in direct weekly impact on farm families in Oconee. Looking at the season as a whole, from May 4th to October 26, or 25 Saturday markets (the market was closed October 5th for the fair), this comes to \$3750 per grower for the season. While there were some growers who made significantly more and a few who suffered losses from the weather who made less, we feel the market was a tremendous success.

As far as shoppers at the market, we opened with approximately 350 the first day in May. We utilized funds from market memberships to advertise heavily for our "Grand Opening" on June 4th and had over 1000 shoppers attend the Foothills Heritage Market. On average, the market draws approximately 350 to 400 people each week. This is significantly higher than the average number of shoppers at one of the local city markets which, in the past, averaged less than 50 shoppers each week. The Foothills Heritage Market worked closely with the Westminster City Market this year to establish a new site for their market as well as a new time and day...Tuesday evenings from 4 to 7. They were very happy with the results of our joint project and plan to re-open the evening market next year with a tasting/cooking event in early May. The city of West Union is also going to host a fall market in conjunction with the Foothills Heritage Market on Thursday November 7th and Thursday December 5th in preparation for opening their new farmers market just off of Highway 11 in West Union, SC in early May of 2014.

Because of their financial success at the market, several of our growers decided to put in winter crops (greens, turnips, sweet potatoes, lettuce in high tunnel structures) and asked that the market season be extended through the peak for those crops (early January 2014) so volunteers have installed lights at the market, and we are currently advertising the extension of our season through December. Although attendance at the market is down from its peak, just 15 vendors and an average of 100 to 150 +/- shoppers each week, we plan to continue to be open through the first week of January 2014, giving these growers the potential for an additional \$1500 in income.

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Lessons Learned

1. There will always be people who try to get ahead by not following the rules. And they can be VERY difficult to deal with if they have been involved for many years and do not want to give up control.
2. Running a farmers market is very hard work. There needs to be some sort of funding to support a market manager's position.
3. People LOVE the idea of locally grown food and being able to talk with the producer of the food they are carrying home to their family. The farmers' market offers a great social outlet as well as a place to buy food.
4. You cannot advertise enough. No matter how much good we thought we did running ads, we still run into people on a daily basis who did not know our market exists.

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OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014.

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1. PROJECT NAME: NORTHERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
2. Entity Name: TOWN OF SALEM
3. **Project Description: Develop the basic infrastructure and facilities needed to Support community and economic development.
4. Estimated Project Cost: \$ 1,300,000.00
5. Funding for this project from other source[s]: (\$ 250,000.00)
Town match
6. Net Amount Applied For: \$1,150,000.00
7. **Benefits of Project: This project could create 175 temporary construction jobs over the next 2 years and 85 permanent jobs over the next 5 years for citizens in the Salem area. The availability of nearby jobs greatly enhances the standard of living for Salem families. While this is an additional benefit, the waterline will also provide greatly improved fire safety for residents and the new businesses of Salem.
8. Entity Contact Information:
Name: Town Of Salem
Telephone Number[s]: 864-944-2819
Email: kalexander@salemnc.us
9. Submitted by [name/title]: Kim Alexander Clerk
10. Other Comments/Notes:

** You may provide supporting material with this form to include but not limited to plans, studies, maps, brochures, artist renderings, cost estimates, photographs, etc. Submitted material should not exceed 20 pages [in addition to this form].

Please be advised that the Commission may for the Commission's discretion schedule a meeting with the Entity submitting the project to obtain additional information.

Questions regarding this process and/or this form should be directed to hhulse@oconeesc.com.

COMMISSION USE

CPSTC ID# 10

Date Rec'd: 1-15-14

Recommended: Y / N



Oconee County, South Carolina

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission

Project Criteria Questionnaire

Project Name/Description: **OCONEE NORTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

This project will help with the development of the business corridor in the northern part of Oconee County. This project will provide many benefits, along with providing critical infrastructure for several schools and residential boarding facilities. In November 2012 unemployment in Oconee County was 8.6%, as compared to SC at 8.3% and the US rate of 7.7% for the same month; the region traditionally is higher than State unemployment. The rural character/isolation creates obstacles for many of the citizens of Salem; jobs are few in the immediate area; and Salem residents on average travel 24.4 minutes to work in Seneca/Clemson area (one-way travel time). Salem is ripe for growth with the ecotourism draw of the nearby lakes, waterfalls, forests and parks, and has seen great residential growth nearby with the number of homes built or purchased near Lakes Keowee and Jocassee. Over the last two years, Salem has been approached by eight business persons, including hoteliers, grocery stores and other retailers wanting to build along Highway 11, however, when Salem cannot provide them needed infrastructure the construction plans cease. The Town, seeking to grow business opportunities and jobs for its citizens plan to obtain funding to leverage with its infrastructure fund (local funds) to construct the first of two phases of water infrastructure along this corridor.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

Please return this form to the staff liaison either via email or US Mail:

bhulse@oconeesc.com

Clerk to Council
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Please be advised that individual Commission members will not accept questionnaires.

1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue?
- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

The basic infrastructure needs for many rural areas in Oconee County are the same however the Town of Salem is looking to the future and preparing for the growth as the County has placed new substations in the Northern area fire service in the Tarnasee area is still difficult due to the issue of fire hydrants and having to shuttle water the new storage facility and water supply loop will help with the safety of the residents in Oconee County.

2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

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3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county or one or more of the municipalities?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

The County had a fire service study done and this will assist in helping with better service for these Oconee Residents.

5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed;

6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created?
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed;

Businesses that will be served by this project is 12

260 Jobs created _____

85 Jobs retained _____

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

This project could create 175 temporary construction jobs over the next 2 years and 85 permanent jobs over the next 5 years for citizens in the Salem area. The availability of nearby jobs greatly enhances the standard of living for Salem families. While this is an additional benefit, the waterline will also provide greatly improved fire safety for residents and the new businesses of Salem.

8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

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Businesses that will be served by this project is 12

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

11. **Will the project be economically sustainable?**

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

12. **Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?**

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

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15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

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18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- b. What are the potential benefits?
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES _____ **NO** _____ **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:



**OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION**

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1. PROJECT NAME: RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER

2. Entity Name: TOWN OF SALEM

3. **Project Description: Gym, Activity center with exercise facility and educational rooms. Ball fields walking trails etc. benefit To all ages. Youth – Senior.

4. Estimated Project Cost: \$ 743,700.00

5. Funding for this project from other source[s]: (\$ 75,000.00 Town Match

6. Net Amount Applied For: \$ 736,200.00

7. **Benefits of Project: The Quality of life in the Town and surrounding Area

8. Entity Contact Information:
Name: Town of Salem
Telephone Number[s]: 864-944-2819
Email: kalexander@saalemse.us

9. Submitted by [name/title]: Kim Alexander, Clerk

10. Other Comments/Notes: Please see attached.

** You may provide supporting material with this form to include but not limited to plans, studies, maps, brochures, artist renderings, cost estimates, photographs, etc. Submitted material should not exceed 20 pages [in addition to this form].

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Questions regarding this process and/or this form should be directed to shulse@oconeesc.com

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CPSTC ID# II
Date Rec'd: 1-15-14
Recommended: Y / N



Oconee County, South Carolina

**Capital Project Sales Tax Commission
Project Criteria Questionnaire**

Project Name/Description: RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

The park recreation facility and community senior center will serve the purpose of simple relaxation and gathering with family and friends for picnics with the average Oconee County Resident will visit a park at least once per month for picnics and/or exercise along with other types of recreational activities. Festivals and fairs are other popular events for small towns during the warmer months. Moreover, festivals can be excellent economic development tools, yielding a \$4 in local sales for every \$1 spent on organizing the festival and often Town parks are the setting. This facility will serve approximately 93% of the senior population in the county as they are in close proximity to the location of this facility. Added senior activities and continuing ed class will help improve the quality of life for the residents in Northern Oconee County.

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1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

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- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

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Benefits identified were as follows: •Personal Benefits: •Exercise, fitness & conditioning , Fun and entertainment, Learning and education , Relaxation ,Health, Social Benefits: Getting to know people, Group participation, Interaction of adults and kids, Community awareness ,Environmental Benefits: Fresh air, Nature, A place to be outdoors

2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
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3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county or one or more of the municipalities?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

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The County has a strategic plan that includes this information.

4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

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5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

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6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created?
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- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

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Park workers that will be employed by the town along with business that will benefit from the tournaments and other events this will bring.

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

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We have an economic numbers and a study .

8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

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- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

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Attract more business

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

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10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES **NO** **N/A**

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- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

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11. Will the project be economically sustainable?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
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12. Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

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- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

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13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES NO N/A

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- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

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14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

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15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES NO N/A

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- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

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16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

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17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below:

- What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- What are the potential benefits?
- Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

This will help with the county wide recreation needs Basic services to poorer residents
Protection of natural environment
Civic identity and pride
Community visual appeal and function
Develops strong communities
Percent of population using regularly
Individual growth and development
Avoidance of costly damage due to mismanagement of the ecological system
Prevents social problems
Reduces health problems and costs
Integrates disabled, disadvantaged and socially alienated
Job creation
Percent of population who might use
Assists tourist industry
Attracts industry
Prepares individual to cooperate with others
Increases property values and tax revenues
Opportunities for underemployed
Desire to replace volunteer effort
Saves property owner expense
Stimulates leisure retail industry

19. Will the project create any disruption or inconvenience to the public?

YES _____ NO x N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the potential sources of disruption or inconvenience to the public?
- b. What steps can be taken to mitigate the problems?

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OCONEE COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION
Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Due no later than January 15, 2014

The Capital Project Sales Tax Commission has established a minimum project value for submission in the amount of \$250,000.

1.	PROJECT NAME:	Broadband Access Development
2.	Entity Name:	Oconee County (This is a suggestion for a County infrastructure project.)
3.	**Project Description:	Encourage rural broadband coverage by building and leasing four to six towers to cover the areas where terrestrial broadband connections would not be profitable. These towers would be located to encourage connection to the FOCUS fiber network. And would be leased an existing commercial fixed wireless broadband provider (e.g. PEAK Internet) at a reduced rate.
4.	Estimated Project Cost:	\$1,500,000 to 2,000,000
5.	Funding for this project from other source[s]:	(\$ 0)
6.	Net Amount Applied For:	\$1,500,000 to 2,000,000
7.	**Benefits of Project:	Provide broadband service to rural residents of Oconee County. This will improve the educational opportunities for our students and improve the attractiveness for corporate development.
8.	Entity Contact Information:	
	Name:	Mike Cammick
	Telephone Number[s]:	(864) 944-0442
	Email:	Cammick6@gmail.com
9.	Submitted by [name/title]:	Mike Cammick Resident of Oconee County
10.	Other Comments:	

**You may provide supporting material with this form to include but not limited to plans, studies, maps, brochures, artist renderings, cost estimates, photographs, etc. Submitted material should not exceed 20 pages (in addition to this form).

Please be advised that the Commission may, for the Commission's discretion, schedule a meeting with the Entity submitting the project to obtain additional information.

Questions regarding this process and/or this form should be directed to dhulse@oconeesc.com.

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Oconee County, South Carolina

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Project Criteria Questionnaire

Project Name/Description: Broadband Access Development

The purpose of this document is to assist the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC) in understanding your proposed capital projects.

Please provide a brief summary of the overall project below:

This project is requesting Oconee County use the Capital Project Sales Tax revenue to encourage broadband availability in the rural areas of the county by building antenna (cell) towers to be leased to a provider of fixed wireless broadband services as a cost effective alternative to DSL. DSL uses traditional telephone lines and is not well suited our old rural infrastructure.

Wireless broadband provides higher data rates than DSL and does not depend on AT&T's wire line infrastructure. It is the technology of the future.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather additional information regarding the project. Please provide as much information as you wish for each question. The Commission is not requesting that you provide any information not already in your possession regarding this project.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

Please return this form to the staff liaison either via email or US Mail:

bhulse@oconeesc.com

Clerk to Council
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Please be advised that individual Commission members will not accept questionnaires.

1. Does the proposed project directly address a health and/or safety needs in Oconee County?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What is the need most directly addressed by the proposed project, and how will it address the issue?
- b. Are there other possible alternatives to proposed project?
- c. Have other solutions been proposed/attempted?
- d. What secondary benefits to health and safety will result from the proposed project?

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2. Does the proposed project address a federal/state mandate?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency is mandating the project (note specific section of law/regulation)?
- b. Has the project been reviewed by an attorney, and if so who?
- c. Are there other possible alternatives to the proposed project?
- d. Is there a deadline to meet the mandate, and is this a recurring requirement? If so, what is the anticipated length of time the proposed project will remain in compliance?

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3. Is the proposed project consistent with adopted strategic plans for either the county of one or more of the municipalities?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What strategic plans reference the proposed project (note any timelines, responsible parties, etc.)?
- b. What agency sponsored the strategic plan?
- c. How was the plan developed?
- d. Has the plan been adopted/endorsed by County Council, City Council or other governing bodies?

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County wide broadband access has been an ongoing goal of the county council.

4. Does the proposed project implement the recommendations of a previous study?

YES NO N/A

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What agency sponsored the study (note the source of any funding)?
- b. What was the purpose of the study, and when was it performed?
- c. What factors considered in the study have changed since the work was done?
- d. Have the results of the study been presented to County Council?

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5. Has the proposed project been included in previous Capital Improvement Plans for the County or another organization?

YES _____ NO N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. When was the project first proposed?
- b. What was the original proposed date of construction/acquisition/implementation?
- c. Has any other agency also included the proposed project (or significant portion of) on their capital improvement plan?

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6. Will the proposed project result in the creation of (or retention of) jobs?

YES NO _____ N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How many jobs will be created?
- b. How many jobs will be retained that would otherwise be lost without the proposed project?
- c. What types of jobs?
- d. What is that anticipated pay range of the jobs?
- e. Are there other known job-related benefits associated with the proposed project?

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County wide broadband access will improve education and make the county more attractive to companies considering locating in the Oconee county.

7. Will the proposed project facilitate development that directly enhances revenues through taxes or fees?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What sources of increased revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) are anticipated to stem from the proposed project?
- b. What is the anticipated annual impact on each revenue source?
- c. Are there other possible enhancements to revenues that may be associated with the proposed project?

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8. Will the proposed project enhance the County's image, thereby attracting potential investors?

YES _____ NO X N/A _____

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. How will the proposed project be viewed by the 'average' citizen?
- b. How 'visible' will the proposed project (or its benefits) be?
- c. What type(s) of, and how much, private investment is the proposed project anticipated to attract?
- d. What level and type of promoting will be necessary to achieve the proposed project's maximum potential in attracting investment?

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The lack of generally available of broadband service is a black eye for the county when trying to lure businesses to build here.

9. Will the proposed project help prevent the loss of jobs and/or revenue (other than any discussed above in this section) from Oconee County?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of jobs/revenue are subject to loss without the proposed project?
- b. Has a project similar to the one proposed been completed in the county/jurisdiction to which the jobs/revenue will potentially be lost? If so, describe.
- c. Are there known alternatives to the proposed project that may effectively save the jobs/revenue?

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10. Will the proposed project facilitate acquisition of grants and/or other outside funding?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What types of grants and/or other outside funding sources are expected to be made available by construction/acquisition of the proposed project?
- b. Have other jurisdictions successfully leveraged such funds with similar projects? If so, provide a brief overview.

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11. Will the project be economically sustainable?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What resources (staffing, maintenance, upgrades, etc.) are anticipated to be required to operate and maintain the proposed project?
- b. How will the proposed project offset the cost of operation and maintenance?
- c. Are there additional potential sources of economic benefit available?

Click on gray area to insert response -box will expand as needed:

When renting the towers the county will charge enough to pay a maintenance provider to maintain them and maybe make a profit too.

12. Is the proposed project supported by available or previously designated funding?

YES **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What funding sources are designated for the proposed project?
- b. If the construction/acquisition of the proposed project is to be phased or otherwise completed over a period of 2 or more fiscal years, are the designated funds available for each fiscal year?

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13. Will construction/acquisition of the proposed project now result in significant savings or economies of scale?

YES _____ **NO** **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What are the anticipated costs to delaying the project?
- b. Are there factors other than inflation that may result in additional costs?

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14. Will the proposed project improve the efficiency of existing operations?

YES _____ **NO** **N/A** _____

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What existing services will be impacted by the proposed project?
- b. In what way will the proposed project improve existing services?
- c. Are there options to the proposed project to gain similar improvements in efficiency?

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15. Will the proposed project require additional resources (staff, funding, etc.) to support its operation after completion?

YES X **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What additional resources will be required?
- b. Can some resources be 'shared' with other assets?
- c. Are there options available that will limit need for additional resources?

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The contract with the maintenance company and leases will need to be managed.

16. Will the proposed project improve levels of service provided?

YES X **NO** **N/A**

If **YES** provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other asset or function will be enhanced by the proposed project?
- b. How will levels of service be enhanced?

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Sections of the county that do not have and would not get home broadband service will be able to have it.

17. Does the proposed project coordinate well with other ongoing or planned projects?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What other projects may be impacted by the decision to construct/acquire the proposed project at this time?
- b. Are there any special concerns that need to be addressed to ensure the development of the proposed project does not negatively impact other projects?

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This project supports the goals of the FOCUS fiber network build.

18. Does the proposed project address needs or otherwise benefit other jurisdictions?

YES NO N/A

If YES provide the following information in the space indicated below.

- a. What jurisdiction(s) will benefit from the proposed project?
- b. What are the potential benefits?
- c. Is there a potential for partnership with the jurisdiction?

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YES _____ NO X N/A _____

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There will be somebody to complain about the towers but they will be in the minority.



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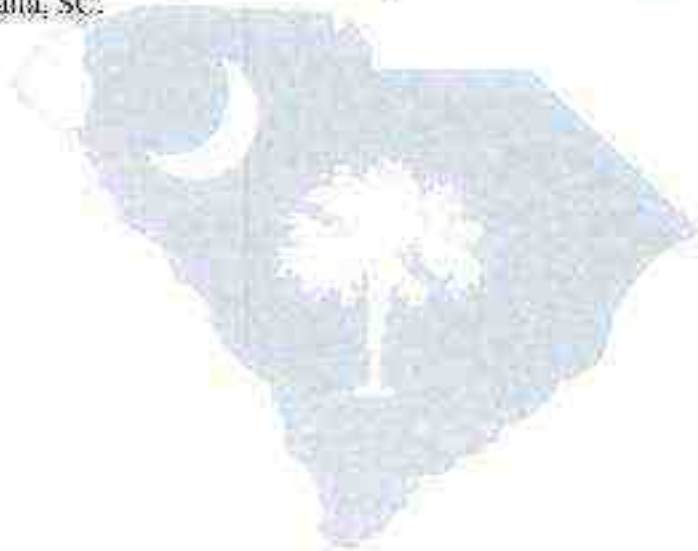
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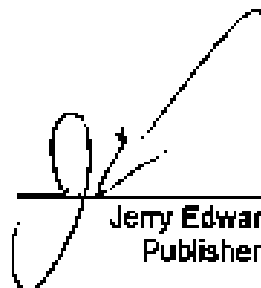
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Tuesday, November 19:
10am - 12pm
Wednesday, November 20:
2pm - 4pm
5pm - 7pm

A copy of the proposed zoning ordinance is available online at www.cityofclemson.org/planning-and-zoning. If you cannot attend any of the workshops, but would like to submit your comments and questions, please contact the Planning and Codes Department.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS
PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL:
853-2050
erichardson@cityofclemson.org
OR info@cityofclemson.org
All meetings will be free-of-charge. Please choose one meeting to attend.

The Doonee County Capital Project Sales Tax Commission will hold meetings on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Doonee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Elm Street, Warrenton, OR.

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*The CPSTC is providing this as information only.
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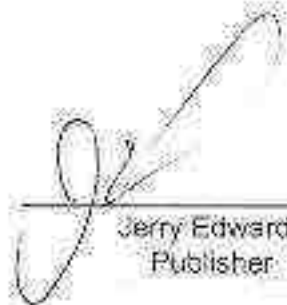
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1011 will host several public workshops to answer questions and gather comments regarding the proposed updates to the City of Clemson's Zoning Ordinance. The workshops will be informal drop-in meetings held in the Community Room at Clemson's City Hall during the following dates and times:

Tuesday, November 19:
 10am - 12pm
 Wednesday, November 20:
 2pm - 4pm
 5pm - 7pm

A copy of the proposed zoning ordinance is available online at www.cityofclemson.org/planning and codes. If you cannot attend any of the workshops, but would like to submit your comments and questions, please contact the Planning and Codes Department.

COMMENT'S OR QUESTIONS
 PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL

864-666-2050
arichardson@cityofclemson.org
 OR jm@cityofclemson.org
 All meetings will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please choose one meeting to attend.

The Geesee County Capital Project Sales Tax Commission will hold meetings on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 6:30 a.m. in Council Chambers, Geesee County Administrative Office, 418 S. Pine Street, Waynesville, NC.

Call 864-2873 to purchase tickets.



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out my front window and I saw it. I called it in to 911, and they had already received reports of it."

By Wednesday afternoon, a makeshift memorial that included stuffed animals and balloons had been started at the base of a tree on the church property, attracting people who knew the family and some who didn't. A prayer vigil was held Wednesday night at the church.

Deborah Payne was one of those bringing items for the memorial.

"I have grandbabies and I love my grandbabies," Payne said. "I know that the grandmother to these

Ryan Goodroe said he was "more concerned" with the family "to reach out and help them however we can."

"Our church will love this family and reach out to this family if the family wants us in," Goodroe said. "I will talk with state patrol and work with them on how to go about cleaning up the property. We can get a new sign and landscape. Those things aren't as important as helping out this family and letting them know they can find comfort and support here while going through this difficult time."

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8 - 35 - 44 - 51 - 56 - 18

S.C. PICK THREE — 1/1/13

Evening: 0 - 4 - 2

S.C. PICK FOUR — 1/1/13

Evening: 7 - 9 - 0 - 2

THE WEATHER



Today

Showers;
winds WSW
at 13

High: 52
Low: 30



Tonight

Partly
cloudy;
winds NW
at 10

Low: 30



Friday

Sunny;
winds N at 9

High: 43
Low: 26



Saturday

Sunny;
winds
ENE at 3

High: 45
Low: 34



Sunday

Showers;
winds NW
at 3

High: 54
Low: 34



Monday

Partly
cloudy;
winds WNW
at 6

High: 49
Low: 32

RIVERS AND LAKES

Lake	Change (As of 7 a.m. yesterday)	Full pool
Harbort Lake	661.65 up .41	650.0
Lake Keowee	98.1 up .2	100.0
Lake Russell	476.00 down .23	480.0
Lake Tharion	333.18 up 1.05	330.0
Lake Jocassee	96.3 down .4	100.0
River	Stage/Change	Flood Stage
Tallulah River at Tallulah Falls	5.13 down .01	0/0
Saluda River at Greenville	5.88 down .62	12.0
French Broad at Rosman, NC	2.90 down .13	3.0
Twelve Mile Creek near Liberty	2.83 down .31	0/0
Chattooga near Clayton	2.35 down .17	5.0

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Mom charmed with DU after

Cassandra Patton was charged with two counts

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Beth Hulse

From: Beth Hulse
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Beth Hulse; classadmgr@upstatetoday.com
Subject: Please run as box ad: January 2, 2014: CPSTC Submission Ad
Attachments: 102513 - 2 - Ad Requesting Project Submission.docx

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Thanks

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