

Paradise Shrimp Farm Project Summary

Project Name	Paradise Shrimp Farm
Eligible Greenbelt Recipient	Edisto Island Open Land Trust
Street Address of Property Location	SC Highway 174 Edisto Island
Acquisition Type	Conservation Easement
Total Acreage	505.4
Total Match	\$1,127,000
Total Greenbelt Funds	\$900,000



Project Description

Paradise Shrimp Farm is located along Scenic Highway 174 on Edisto Island. The 505-acre property contains highland, forested areas, marshlands, wetlands, and shallow ponds. There is approximately 2,500 feet of frontage along Scenic Highway 174; 1,600 feet of frontage along the Intracoastal Waterway; and 2,400 feet of marsh frontage along Whooping Creek and Sand Creek. The property adjoins three other protected conservation properties and is directly across the Intracoastal Waterway from the Donnelly Wildlife Management Area.

Compliance with Greenbelt Plan

- Assists in meeting the goals of the Greenbelt Plan's system components in the following manner:
 - 383.4 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 16,240 acres of rural greenbelt lands.
 - 122 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 5,610 acres of Lowcountry wetlands.
- Meets the following components of the Greenbelt Plan's definition of greenbelts:
 - Lowcountry natural resources
 - Productive landscapes
 - Scenic corridors
 - Natural infrastructure
- Meets four of the five purposes of the Greenbelt Plan:
 - Preservation of natural resources
 - Preservation of historic and cultural property
 - Protection of scenic landscapes
 - Protection of public health, safety and welfare
- Addresses wishes of public by:
 - Protecting Lowcountry natural resources, which is the second most important type of greenspace identified by citizens.
 - Protecting wildlife habitat, which is the top desired use of greenspace identified by citizens.
- Citizens in the West County area identified conservation/preservation as their highest priority for greenspace.