

Bryan Dairy Project Summary

Project Name	Bryan Dairy
Eligible Greenbelt Recipient	Lowcountry Open Land Trust
Street Address of Property Location	Bryan Dairy Road Johns Island
Acquisition Type	Conservation Easement
Total Acreage	852
Total Match	\$2,134,700
Total Greenbelt Funds	\$637,500



Project Description

Located on Johns Island, the Bryan Dairy property is approximately 852 acres of agricultural land, forested uplands, small islands and hummocks with vast expanses of wetlands including 700 acres of Spartina saltwater marshlands adjacent to the Kiawah River. The property has been in the same family for almost 200 years for traditional agricultural uses such as raising dairy and beef cattle and growing grain crops.

Compliance with Greenbelt Plan

- Assists in meeting the goals of the Greenbelt Plan's system components in the following manner:
 - 199 acres toward meeting the goals of protecting 16,240 acres of rural greenbelt lands
 - 653 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 5,610 acres of wetlands
- Meets the following components of the Greenbelt Plan's definition of greenbelts:
 - Lowcountry natural resources
 - Productive landscapes
 - Scenic corridors
- Meets three purposes of the Greenbelt Plan:
 - Preservation of natural resources
 - 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 number one desired use of greenspace identified by citizens.
- Citizens ranked conservation/preservation as their highest priority for greenspace in the Johns Island area.