

## Murrell Tract Project Summary

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<b>Project Name</b>	Murrell Tract
<b>Eligible Greenbelt Recipient</b>	U.S. Forest Service
<b>Street Address of Property Location</b>	Murrell Road McClellanville
<b>Acquisition Type</b>	Fee Simple
<b>Total Acreage</b>	96
<b>Total Match</b>	\$213,500
<b>Total Greenbelt Funds</b>	\$200,000



### Project Description

This property is located in the St. James-Santee Parish in eastern Charleston County approximately five miles north of Awendaw. The tract contains 96 acres of loblolly, longleaf, and pond pines with a dense understory of hardwoods and briars. Within the 96 acres, there are approximately six acres of isolated wetlands. Two blackwater cypress ponds are located just south of the road that traverses the tract and are easily accessible by foot. The property will be incorporated into the Francis Marion National Forest.

### Compliance with Greenbelt Plan

- Assists in meeting the goals of the Greenbelt Plan's system components in the following manner:
  - 90 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 10,275 acres in the Francis Marion National Forest
  - 6 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:
  - Passive greenspace
  - Lowcountry natural resources
  - Productive landscapes
  - Heritage landscapes
  - Scenic corridors
  - Natural infrastructure
- Meets all purposes of the Greenbelt Plan:
  - Preservation of natural resources
  - Preservation of historic and cultural property
  - Protection of scenic landscapes
  - Outdoor access and recreation
  - Protection of public health, safety and welfare
- Addresses wishes of public by:
  - Providing passive greenspace, protecting Lowcountry natural resources and protecting heritage landscapes, which are the top three most important types of greenspace identified by citizens
  - Protecting wildlife habitat and providing walking and biking trails and educational/interpretative parks, which are the top three uses of greenspace identified by citizens
- Citizens ranked conservation/preservation as their highest priority for greenspace in the East County area.