

Sweetgrass Project Summary

Project Name	Sweetgrass
Eligible Greenbelt Recipient	Sweetgrass Society
Street Address of Property Location	1413 Highway 45 McClellanville
Acquisition Type	Fee Simple
Total Acreage	71
Total Match	\$130,000
Total Greenbelt Funds	\$1,596,500



Project Description

The project consists of two parcels totaling 70.69 acres in the eastern portion of Charleston County near the town of McClellanville. The property contains three ponds and abuts the Francis Marion National Forest. The land will be used to plant, preserve and propagate sweetgrass for the survival of the state craft of sweetgrass basket weaving. The Sweetgrass Society will offer ongoing lectures, demonstrations, classes and festivals. The project provides the opportunity to connect to the existing Francis Marion National Forest nature trail.

Compliance with Greenbelt Plan

- Assists in meeting the goals of the Greenbelt Plan's system components in the following manner:
 - 71 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 10,275 acres in the Francis Marion National Forest
- Meets the following components of the Greenbelt Plan's definition of greenbelts:
 - Passive greenspace
 - Lowcountry natural resources
 - Heritage landscapes
 - Natural infrastructure
- Meets four purposes of the Greenbelt Plan:
 - Preservation of natural resources
 - Preservation of historic and cultural property
 - Outdoor access and recreation
 - Protection of public health, safety and welfare
- Addresses wishes of public by:
 - Providing passive greenspace and protecting heritage landscapes, which are two of 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.