

Bear Swamp Project Summary

Project Name	Bear Swamp
Eligible Greenbelt Recipient	City of Charleston
Street Address of Property Location	Bear Swamp Road Charleston
Acquisition Type	Fee Simple
Total Acreage	203.5
Total Match	\$6,000,000
Total Greenbelt Funds	\$2,820,000



Project Description

The Bear Swamp Road tract is a 203.5-acre parcel located in West Ashley. Situated at the end of Bear Swamp Road, it consists of approximately 161 acres of developable highland and approximately 42.5 acres of wetlands. Two adjacent tracts have existing Ducks Unlimited conservation easements in place. The City of Charleston has received approval to use both urban and rural funds for this project. Approximately half of the acreage will be preserved in natural, traditional uses and the remaining half will be used for recreational activities.

Compliance with Greenbelt Plan:

- Assists in meeting the goals of the Greenbelt Plan's system components in the following manner:
 - 161 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 2,000 acres of urban greenbelt lands
 - 42.5 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
 - Active greenspace
- Meets two purposes of the Greenbelt Plan:
 - Outdoor access and recreation
 - Protection of public health, safety and welfare
- Addresses wishes of public by:
 - Providing passive greenspace, which is the most desired type of greenspace identified by citizens.
 - Provides walking and biking trails, which is the second most desired use of greenspace identified by citizens.
- Citizens identified trail development as the highest priority for greenspace in the West Ashley area.