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**Public Invited to Greenbelt Advisory Board Workshops**

*Three “workshop” meetings held Sept. 21-22, regular meeting Sept. 20*

Charleston County’s Greenbelt Advisory Board for the Transportation (“Half-Cent”) Sales Tax is hosting public workshops on Sept. 21 and 22. The workshops will be held in North Charleston, Johns Island and East Cooper so they should be easy to attend for most people living in Charleston County.

The open-house workshops are designed so that people can stop by and get information, and can stay as little or long as they like. To review the working definition of greenbelts, the public comment form to be completed at the workshops or informational maps, visit the official Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax Web site at [www.smallchangeformbigchange.org](http://www.smallchangeformbigchange.org).

The locations and dates of the workshops are as follows:

**Central Workshop**

Date: Sept. 21  
Time: 2 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Lonnie Hamilton III Public Services Building  
4045 Bridge View Drive  
North Charleston, SC 29405

**West County Workshop**

Date: Sept. 22  
Time: 2 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Johns Island Regional Library  
3531 Maybank Highway  
Johns Island, SC 29455

**East Cooper Workshop**

Date: Sept. 22  
Time: 2 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Mount Pleasant Regional Library  
1133 Mathis Ferry Road

Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

“The workshops will provide opportunities for the public to help shape the future of their communities by voicing their opinions about greenspace for Charleston County,” said Louise Maybank, Chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Board. “The three meetings will give residents in each part of the County a chance to participate in the planning process by communicating directly with the Greenbelt Advisory Board and Greenways Incorporated, the Durham, North Carolina company that was selected to be the consultant.”

Greenways Incorporated was hired to develop a Comprehensive Greenbelts Plan with the primary purpose to protect, purchase and/or improve green space areas and recreational sites in Charleston County. Development of the plan will include the inventory of available greenbelt parcels, forecast of greenbelt needs over the next 25 years, review of funding resources and greenbelt parcel selection criteria.

**The next regularly scheduled GAB meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20.** The meeting will be held in County Council’s Committee Room on the second floor of the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Service Building (4045 Bridge View Drive off Leeds Avenue, North Charleston). Items to be discussed include the working definition of “greenbelts” and the upcoming public workshops.

The Greenbelt Advisory Board was created by Charleston County Council to make recommendations on transportation sales tax expenditures for greenbelt projects. For the 2006 fiscal year, \$5.9 million has been budgeted for greenbelts.

The Greenbelt Advisory Board is made up of the following members:

Chairman: Louise Maybank - Rural South\*

Vice Chairman: Mack Canterbury (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Fava)

J. Marshall Allen - Rural North\*

Raymond H. Anderson, Jr. - City of North Charleston\*\*

Charles Bennett, Jr. (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Pryor)

Rick Jackson (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Bostic)

Thomas Johnson (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Inabinett)

Warwick Jones (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Darby)

Ted W. Summerford - Town of Mount Pleasant\*\*

Henry “Dickie” Schweers (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Wallace)

Ray Singleton (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Scott)

Edwin Cooper (recommended by Charleston County Councilwoman Condon)

Megan Terebus (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Stavrinakis)

Lawrence O. Thompson - City of Charleston\*\*

(\*Recommended by Charleston County Council Chairman Leon Stavrinakis for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2005. \*\*Recommended for two-year terms starting January 1, 2005. All other seats run co-terminus with the Charleston County Councilman who recommended representative.)

Please call Cathy L. Ruff at **(843) 202-7204** for more information about the upcoming workshops or the regularly scheduled meeting. The public is reminded to visit the official

Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax Web site at **[www.smallchangeformbigchange.org](http://www.smallchangeformbigchange.org)** for up-to-date news and information, and to review minutes from each Greenbelt Advisory Board meeting.

- Written by Jennie Davis -