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Greenbelt Advisory Board Meets Tuesday, Nov. 29 and Tuesday, Dec. 6 ***Process begins for developing framework of comprehensive plan***

Charleston County's Greenbelt Advisory Board for the Transportation ("Half-Cent") Sales Tax will conduct meetings at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 and Tuesday, December 6. The meetings are open to the public.

Meetings 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 in North Charleston).

To begin the development of the greenbelt comprehensive plan framework, both meetings will be dedicated to addressing the following topics: defining urban and rural greenbelt project criteria, developing a statement of intent for the allocation of the funds, and creating policies for the conservation toolbox, prioritization criteria, funding allocations and leveraging.

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.

Please call Cathy L. Ruff at **(843) 202-7204** for more information about the upcoming meeting.

Visit the official Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax Web site at www.smallchangeformbigchange.org for up-to-date news and information, meeting notices, and to view minutes from advisory board meetings for both the greenbelts and transportation portions of the sales tax.