



Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee

Beaufort County, SC

This meeting will be held both in person at the County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, and virtually through Zoom.

Monday, June 19, 2023

3:00 PM

AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

**MARK LAWSON, CHAIRMAN
DAVID P. BARTHOLOMEW
YORK GLOVER**

**ANNA MARIA TABERNIK, VICE-CHAIR
GERALD DAWSON
JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT, EX-OFFICIO**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- [5.](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES- April 17, 2023
6. **CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD- 15 MINUTES TOTAL**

Anyone who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments and speak no longer than three (3) minutes. Speakers will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, or obscene language.

AGENDA ITEMS

- [7.](#) DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2023
- [8.](#) RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO
- [9.](#) RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ORDERING BOND REFERENDA TO BE HELD IN THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT

EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA IN THREE SEPARATE QUESTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF THE BALLOTS TO BE USED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

- [10.](#) RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL, PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE SAID FINDING AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO
- [11.](#) PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
- [12.](#) ARPA – GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM – YEMASSEE FUNDING REQUESTS
- [13.](#) AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS
14. ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Lawson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

PRESENT

Chairman Mark Lawson
 Vice-Chairman Anna Maria Tabernik
 Council Member David P. Bartholomew
 Ex-Officio Joseph F. Passiment
 Council Member Alice Howard
 Council Member Lawrence McElynn
 Council Member Gerald Dawson (arrived late)
 Council Member York Glover (arrived late)

ABSENT

Council Member Logan Cunningham
 Council Member Thomas Reitz
 Council Member Paula Brown

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chairman Lawson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FOIA

Committee Chairman Lawson noted that public notification of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the agenda.

Discussion: Council wished Council Member McElynn a happy birthday.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

6. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

No citizen comments.

7. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2023

Council Member Howard announced an April 25th workshop with Ebony Sanders to discuss the 2023 property reassessment. While the workshop targets Council Member Howard's and Council Member Glover's districts, it is open for anyone to attend.

Please watch the video stream available on the County's website to view the entire discussion.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/224076?ts=188>

CFO Williams provided an overview of the General Fund revenues and expenditure through March 2023, a projection of departments' surpluses and deficits, the Capital Project Fund, the Debt Service Fund, the Rural and Critical Lands Program's fund balance, and 7 million dollars in land purchases.

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik and CFO Williams discussed the difference between the surplus amounts for the Sheriff's Office and the Detention Center.

Council Member Howard and CFO Williams discussed the risk management surplus.

Council Member Bartholomew, Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik, and CFO Williams discussed variances in the financial statements.

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik and CFO Williams discussed personnel expenses.

Committee Chairman Lawson and CFO Williams discussed millage-based compensation.

8. FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FUNDING REQUEST PRESENTATIONS:

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/224076?ts=1240>

Representing the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation, Mr. John O'Toole briefed the Committee on the funding provided in the last five years, the FY 2024 funding request, project development, and near-term project plans, including Commerce Park.

Committee Chairman Lawson and Mr. O'Toole discussed the \$10 million product development request.

Representing the Military Enhancement Committee of Beaufort County, Neil Pugliese provided an overview of MEC's mission, economic impact, and national defense benefits. Ian Scott briefed the Committee on a task force focused on the possible redevelopment of the Naval Hospital and the next steps for the preliminary site plans and funding.

Council Member Bartholomew and Mr. Scott discussed public input on the site plan proposal and the plans for mixed-use redevelopment.

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik and Mr. Scott discussed grant funding and the MEC's establishment as a public-private partnership.

Council Member Glover and Mr. Pugliese discussed sea level rise and Parris Island.

County Administrator Greenway and Mr. Scott discussed the expansion of appointments to the MEC, including two from the Greater Island Council.

Representing the Hilton Head Island - Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, Ariana Pernice briefed the Committee on the organization's mission, governance, marketing strategy for media platforms, tourism goals, and FY 2024 budget breakdown.

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik, Ms. Pernice, and CFO Hayes discussed the funding provided to the Chamber by the local and state accommodations taxes.

Representing Beaufort Memorial Hospital, Russell Baxley briefed the Committee on the number of patients served and plans to expand access to care, programs offered through the Beaufort Memorial Foundation, the Path Program's support for employee well-being, housing assistance, and professional development, and the \$2,750,000 funding request.

Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik and Mr. Baxley discussed funding for mental health facilities, the crisis stabilization unit, and increased expenses.

Council Member Howard and Mr. Baxley discussed the home ownership time commitment and the salary of the 50 contract nurses.

Council Member Glover asked whether road conditions impact the provision of services.

Council Member Passiment and Mr. Baxley discussed the expansion of care into Bluffton.

Committee Chairman Lawson and Mr. Baxley discussed capital improvements, operational expenses, and Beaufort Memorial Hospital's current debt-free status.

9. **PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND BUDGET STATUS**

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/224076?ts=6963>

CFO Williams discussed the budget review process, reassessments to calculate millage rates, the General Fund preliminary recommended budget, and an April 27th seminar by the SC Department of Revenue to discuss millage setting and rollback.

10. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF THE OUTSTANDING BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2013A, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/224076?ts=7317>

CFO Williams highlighted three callable bonds, including a 2013 bond that can be redeemed because of the sufficient fund balance.

Jeremy Cook discussed the opportunity to pay off or refinance the callable bonds and the recommendation to pay off the 2013A bonds.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Glover, to recommend approval of an ordinance authorizing the redemption of the outstanding Beaufort County, South Carolina General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013A, and other matters related thereto.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

11. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE AN AMBULANCE FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BUDGET SURPLUS (\$328,530.00)**

Please watch the video stream available on the County's website to view the entire discussion.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/224076?ts=7874>

Assistant County Administrator Robinson briefed the Committee on a potential ambulance purchase.

Council Member Glover and ACA Robinson discussed funding and removing this item from the 2024 CIP.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Howard, to recommend approval of a resolution to purchase an ambulance from Beaufort County Emergency Medical Service Budget Surplus.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

12. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LARRY MCELYNN, GERALD DAWSON, YORK GLOVER, ALICE HOWARD, AND ANNA MARIA TABERNIK TO THE LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT AS THE COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik, to recommend approval of the appointment of Larry McElynn, Gerald Dawson, York Glover, Alice Howard, and Anna Maria Tabernik to the Lowcountry Council of Government as the County Council appointees.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

13. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF WARREN PARKER AND ED SAXON TO THE MILITARY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE AS BEAUFORT COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY 2026

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Bartholomew, to recommend approval of the reappointments of Warren Parker and Ed Saxon to the Military Enhancement Committee as Beaufort County's representatives for a three-year term with the expiration date of July 2026.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

14. AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Committee Vice-Char Tabernik, to recommend approval of the appointment of Charles Perry to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee for a four-year term with the expiration date of April 2027, the appointment of Jonathan Henney to the Planning Commission for a three-year term with the expiration date of April 2026, the appointment of Lea Cifranick-McFadden to the Disabilities and Special Needs Boards for a four-year term with the expiration date of April 2027, and the appointment of David Nelems to the Airports Board for a two-year term with the expiration date of April 2025.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 5:16 PM

Ratified:



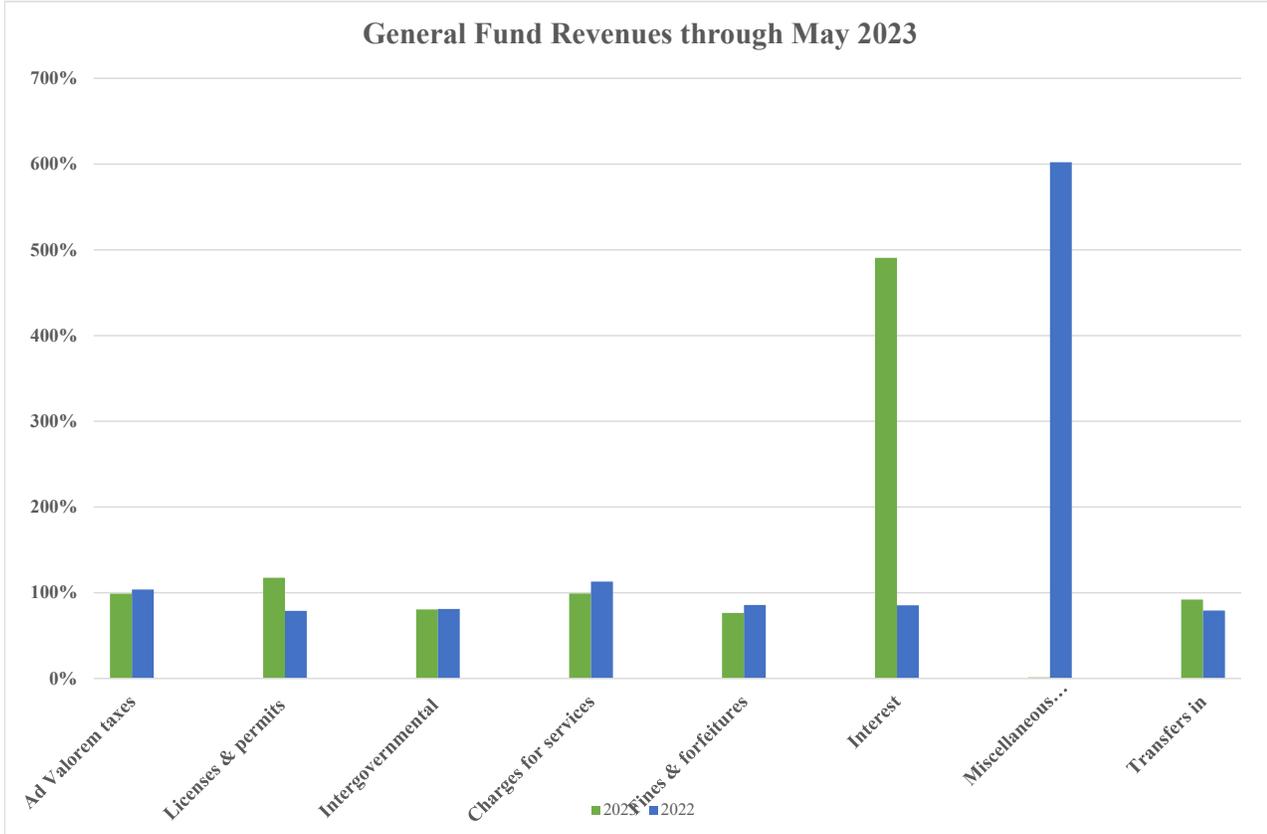
BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:
<i>Discussion and presentation of year to date financial statements for FY 2023.</i>
MEETING NAME AND DATE:
Finance Committee 06/19/2023
PRESENTER INFORMATION:
Hayes Williams Chief Financial Officer 15 Minutes
ITEM BACKGROUND:
<i>Discussion and presentation of the year to date financial reports for FY 2023.</i>
PROJECT / ITEM NARRATIVE:
<i>Discussion and presentation of the year to date financial reports for FY 2023.</i>
FISCAL IMPACT:
None.
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:
Discussion and related questions.
OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL MOTION:
N/A

Executive Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

Through May 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>
Budget FY 2023:	\$ 175,762,785
Revenue Collected to Date:	\$ 141,444,250
Revenue Collected Under Budget:	\$ (34,318,535)
Percent of Total Budget Collected:	80.47%
Percent of Year Completed:	91.67%



Function	Budget	To Date	% Received	% Year Completed
Ad Valorem taxes	\$ 109,169,986	\$ 107,931,840	98.87%	91.67%
Licenses & permits	\$ 3,958,000	\$ 4,647,753	117.43%	91.67%
Intergovernmental	\$ 10,783,780	\$ 8,684,129	80.53%	91.67%
Charges for services	\$ 15,090,813	\$ 14,958,120	99.12%	91.67%
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 770,018	\$ 588,682	76.45%	91.67%
Interest	\$ 156,000	\$ 765,682	490.82%	91.67%
Miscellaneous revenues/ Cont Fund Balance	\$ 32,111,863	\$ 443,151	1.38%	91.67%
Transfers in	\$ 3,722,325	\$ 3,424,893	92.01%	91.67%

For revenues with variances over 5% of the year completed, a brief explanation is provided below:

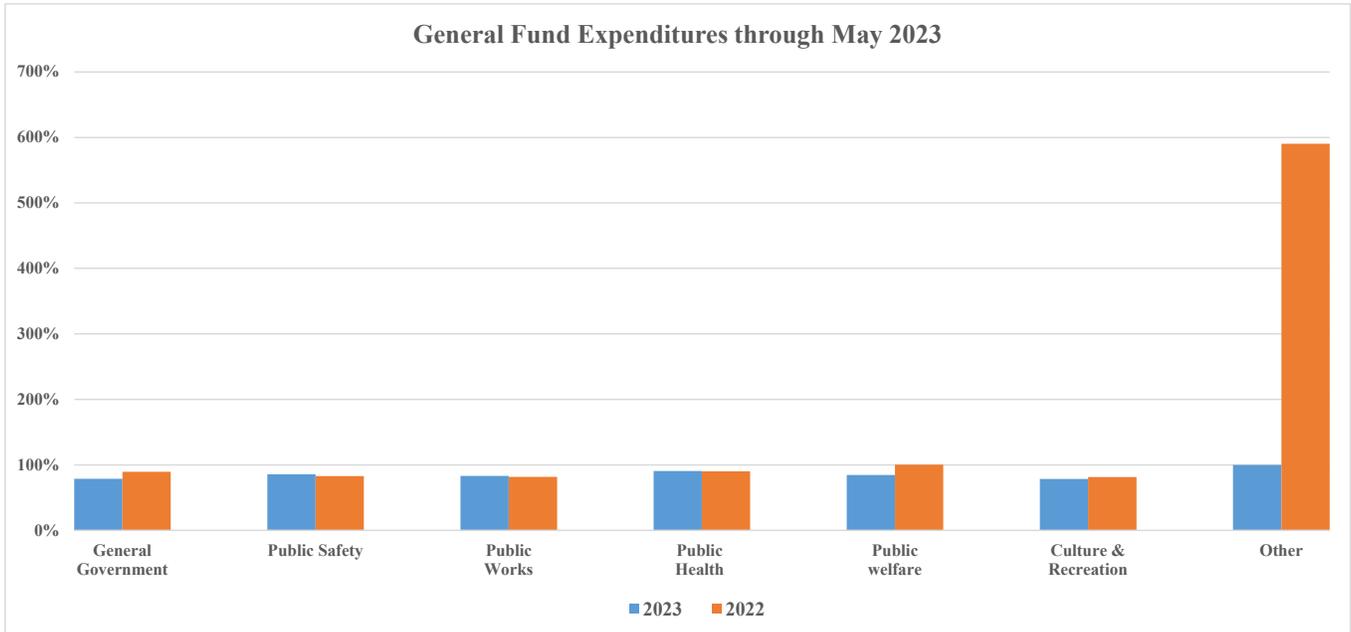
- Ad Valorem taxes - above budgeted projections exceeding expectations.
- Licenses and permits - above budget projections exceeding expectations
- Intergovernmental - currently lagging, should adjust by year end after the state aid to subdivisions is received.
- Fines and forfeitures - currently lagging should improve as year progresses.
- Interest Income - increasing interest rates are reflected in earnings.
- Miscellaneous - includes contribution of prior year fund balance.

Executive Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

Through May 31, 2023

General Fund Expenditures

Revised budget FY 2023:	\$ 175,762,785
	\$ 175,762,785
Actual Expenditures	\$ 144,339,871
Encumbrances	4,713,022
Remaining budget FY 2023	\$ 26,709,889
Percent of Total Budget Expended:	84.80%
Percent of Year Completed:	91.67%



Expense Analysis

Function	Budget	To Date	% Received	% Year Completed
General Government	\$ 57,519,640	\$ 45,343,366	78.83%	91.67%
Public Safety	\$ 53,304,446	\$ 45,651,025	85.64%	91.67%
Public Works	\$ 13,285,189	\$ 11,037,262	83.08%	91.67%
Public Health	\$ 3,699,991	\$ 3,360,048	90.81%	91.67%
Public Welfare	\$ 672,476	\$ 568,574	84.55%	91.67%
Culture & Recreation	\$ 16,727,721	\$ 13,140,927	78.56%	91.67%
Other	\$ 29,278,759	\$ 29,278,759	100.00%	91.67%

For expenditures with variances over 5% of the year completed, a brief explanation is provided below:

- General Government - departments are lagging behind budgeted amounts. Significant surpluses expected.
- Public Safety - departments are lagging behind budgeted amounts. Significant surpluses expected.
- Public Works - departments are lagging behind budgeted amounts. Significant surpluses expected.
- Public Welfare - departments are lagging behind budgeted amounts. Significant surpluses expected.
- Culture & Recreation - departments are lagging behind budgeted amounts. Significant surpluses expected.

Beaufort County
Detail of Revenues - General Fund
For the Period July 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023

	Approved Budget 6/30/2023	Revised Budget 6/30/2023	Actual 5/31/2023	Variances
Ad Valorem taxes				
Current taxes	\$ 98,883,996	\$ 99,280,836	\$ 98,233,975	\$ (1,046,861)
Delinquent taxes	1,471,616	1,471,616	1,633,346	161,730
Automobile taxes	7,467,534	7,467,534	7,278,237	(189,297)
3% & 7% penalties on tax	450,000	450,000	382,696	(67,304)
5% penalties on tax	500,000	500,000	403,586	(96,414)
Total Ad Valorem taxes	108,773,146	109,169,986	107,931,840	(1,238,146)
Licenses & permits				
Building permits	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,697,962	647,962
Electricians' licenses	18,000	18,000	-	(18,000)
Mobile home permits	10,000	10,000	18,630	8,630
Marriage licenses	55,000	55,000	59,480	4,480
Cable television franchises	450,000	450,000	282,691	(167,309)
Business license	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,492,740	192,740
Alcohol beverage license	75,000	75,000	96,000	21,000
Total licenses and permits	3,958,000	3,958,000	4,647,753	689,753
Intergovernmental				
State aid to subdivisions	7,951,200	7,951,200	5,829,605	(2,121,595)
Homestead exemption	2,150,000	2,150,000	2,074,840	(75,160)
Merchants inventory tax	186,000	186,000	186,309	309
Manufacturer tax exempt program	23,200	23,200	248,280	225,080
Motor carrier payments	200,000	200,000	190,682	(9,318)
Payments in lieu of taxes	100,000	100,000	65,784	(34,216)
Payments in lieu of taxes - federal	17,000	17,000	-	(17,000)
Local assessment fee UBER	9,500	9,500	4,549	(4,951)
Veteran's Officer stipend	5,500	5,500	5,784	284
Voter regulation and election stipends	128,500	128,500	8,550	(119,950)
Salary supplements for state	7,880	7,880	36,112	28,232
Poll	5,000	5,000	1,750	(3,250)
State aid child/ coroner	-	-	31,884	31,884
Total intergovernmental	10,783,780	10,783,780	8,684,129	(2,099,651)
Charges for services				
Register of Deeds	8,908,316	8,908,316	8,498,067	(410,249)
Sheriff's fees	43,900	43,900	28,505	(15,395)
Probate fees	715,000	715,000	611,078	(103,922)
Solicitor fees	1,600	1,600	-	(1,600)
Magistrate fees	121,000	121,000	139,780	18,780
Clerk of Court fees	130,821	130,821	99,165	(31,656)
Family Court fees	313,126	313,126	207,965	(105,161)
Master in Equity fees	100,000	100,000	84,727	(15,273)
Treasurer fees	15,100	15,100	39,873	24,773
Emergency Medical Service Fees	3,613,000	3,613,000	4,076,206	463,206
DSO fees	81,000	81,000	93,793	12,793
Animal Shelter fees	7,000	7,000	8,795	1,795
Library copy fees	3,000	3,000	2,516	(484)
Other fees	7,500	7,500	12,605	5,105
Video Production	75,000	75,000	97,580	22,580
Telephone services others	5,000	5,000	460	(4,540)
Detention Center Daywatch	3,300	3,300	495	(2,805)
Hilton Head Island holding facilities	34,800	34,800	-	(34,800)
Payroll services to Fire Departments	13,000	13,000	10,472	(2,528)
Credit card convenience fees	11,050	11,050	2,155	(8,895)
Cremation	-	-	5,200	5,200
Parks and recreation fees	886,600	886,600	935,903	49,303
Project income	-	1,700	2,780	1,080
Total charges for services	15,089,113	15,090,813	14,958,120	(132,693)

Beaufort County
 Detail of Revenues - General Fund
 For the Period July 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023

	Approved Budget 6/30/2023	Revised Budget 6/30/2023	Actual 5/31/2023	Variances
Fines and forfeitures				
General Sessions fines	11,918	11,918	10,107	(1,811)
Bonds escheatment	3,000	3,000	-	(3,000)
Magistrate fines	546,600	546,600	450,063	(96,537)
Other fines	15,000	15,000	-	(15,000)
Library fines	42,500	42,500	38,906	(3,594)
Forfeiture	1,000	1,000	-	(1,000)
Late penalties - Business Services	150,000	150,000	89,606	(60,394)
Total fines and forfeitures	770,018	770,018	588,682	(181,336)
Interest	156,000	156,000	765,682	609,682
Miscellaneous revenues				
Miscellaneous revenues	60,000	60,000	262,314	202,314
Contribution prior year fund balance	-	31,776,863	-	(31,776,863)
Rental of property to others	25,000	25,000	34,597	9,597
Sale of County property	250,000	250,000	146,240	(103,760)
Total miscellaneous revenues	335,000	32,111,863	443,151	(31,668,712)
Transfers in				
Transfers in other funds	433,750	1,902,325	2,450,258	547,933
Transfer from State Accommodations tax	112,000	112,000	120,635	8,635
Transfer from Hospitality tax fund	1,708,000	1,708,000	854,000	(854,000)
Total transfers in	2,253,750	3,722,325	3,424,893	(297,432)
Total revenues General Fund	\$ 142,118,807	\$ 175,762,785	\$ 141,444,250	\$ (34,318,535)

Beaufort County
 Detail of Expenditures - General Fund
 For the Period July 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023

	Approved Budget 6/30/2023	Revised Budget 6/30/2023	Spent and Encumbered 5/31/2023	Variances
General Government				
Magistrate's Court	\$ 2,478,889	\$ 2,478,889	\$ 2,011,840	\$ 467,049
Clerk of Court and Family Court	1,690,279	1,690,279	1,324,626	365,653
Treasurer	2,293,412	2,293,412	1,640,497	652,915
Solicitor	1,700,450	1,700,450	1,700,450	-
Probate Court	1,061,610	1,061,610	922,975	138,635
County Council	1,241,011	1,427,851	855,578	572,273
Auditor	1,314,900	1,314,900	1,113,510	201,390
Coroner	1,007,154	1,007,154	761,095	246,059
Master in Equity	416,915	416,915	340,942	75,973
Legislative Delegation	58,386	58,386	47,244	11,142
County Administrator	1,978,054	2,001,811	1,803,012	198,799
Communications & accountability	491,284	491,284	402,672	88,612
Broadcast services	525,366	525,366	427,364	98,002
County Attorney	1,018,945	1,018,945	823,251	195,694
Finance	1,745,218	1,650,500	1,304,363	346,137
Risk management	4,582,865	4,582,865	2,807,318	1,775,547
Purchasing	257,953	257,953	227,498	30,455
Assessor	2,261,414	2,261,414	1,953,688	307,726
Register of deeds	477,535	477,535	394,161	83,374
Community planning and development	1,202,496	1,202,496	882,937	319,559
Business services	5,000	607	1,178	(571)
Voter registration and elections	1,341,324	1,341,324	987,633	353,691
Management & Geographical information syst	7,900,628	7,899,628	6,951,101	948,527
Records Management	697,715	697,715	474,064	223,651
Employee services	993,120	985,470	785,146	200,324
Nondepartmental	17,984,844	18,674,881	14,399,223	4,275,658
Total General Government	56,726,767	57,519,640	45,343,366	12,176,274
Public Safety				
Sheriff's office	29,296,336	29,430,092	25,586,515	3,843,577
Emergency Management - Disaster	-	-	327,000	(327,000)
EMS Emergency Medical Service	11,812,985	12,123,863	10,183,485	1,940,378
Traffic and transportation engineering	376,889	1,176,419	1,097,664	78,755
Detention Center	7,445,410	7,445,410	5,908,379	1,537,031
Building and codes enforcement	1,812,675	1,816,718	1,328,220	488,498
Animal services	1,265,838	1,311,944	1,219,762	92,182
Total Public Safety	52,010,133	53,304,446	45,651,025	7,653,421
Public Works				
Public works general support	4,205,931	5,221,703	4,242,781	978,922
CIP	1,023,257	698,959	460,102	238,857
Facilities maintenance	7,173,266	7,364,527	6,334,379	1,030,148
Total Public Works	12,402,454	13,285,189	11,037,262	2,247,927
Public Health				
Mosquito control	1,820,155	1,820,155	1,480,212	339,943
Medical indigent act contributions	1,879,836	1,879,836	1,879,836	-
Total Public Health	3,699,991	3,699,991	3,360,048	339,943
Public Welfare Services				
Veteran's affairs office	274,476	274,476	170,574	103,902
Human services alliance	398,000	398,000	398,000	-
Total Public Welfare Services	672,476	672,476	568,574	103,902

Beaufort County
 Detail of Expenditures - General Fund
 For the Period July 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023

	Approved Budget 6/30/2023	Revised Budget 6/30/2023	Spent and Encumbered 5/31/2023	Variances
Cultural and Recreational				
Parks and recreation services	6,287,336	6,782,634	4,143,977	2,638,657
Libraries	4,473,435	4,473,435	3,825,298	648,137
Education allocation	5,171,652	5,471,652	5,171,652	300,000
Total Cultural and Recreational	<u>15,932,423</u>	<u>16,727,721</u>	<u>13,140,927</u>	<u>3,586,794</u>
Other				
Economic Development	674,563	1,274,563	672,932	601,631
	<u>674,563</u>	<u>1,274,563</u>	<u>672,932</u>	<u>601,631</u>
Total operating expenditures	<u>142,118,807</u>	<u>146,484,026</u>	<u>119,774,134</u>	<u>26,709,892</u>
Uses of fund balance				
Transfer of General Fund Balance to Capital Improvement fund	-	22,330,000	22,330,000	-
Land purchase Cooler Tract	-	5,011,845	5,011,845	-
Land purchase 2 Mullet Street	-	1,936,914	1,936,914	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>29,278,759</u>	<u>29,278,759</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures General Fund	<u>142,118,807</u>	<u>175,762,785</u>	<u>149,052,893</u>	<u>26,709,892</u>
Net surplus	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,608,643)</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance beginning of year			<u>74,868,056</u>	
Fund balance end of year			<u>\$ 67,259,413</u>	

Beaufort County
Capital Improvements Fund
For the Period July 1, 2022 - Present May 31, 2023

	Revised Budget 6/30/2023	Actual Received/ Spent Encumbered 5/31/2023	Variances
Ad Valorem taxes			
Current taxes	\$ 3,856,092	\$ 3,600,000	\$ (256,092)
Total Ad Valorem taxes	<u>3,856,092</u>	<u>3,600,000</u>	<u>(256,092)</u>
 Total revenues	 <u>3,856,092</u>	 <u>3,600,000</u>	 <u>(256,092)</u>
Capital Outlay			
Items from Ordinance 2022/08			
Pepper Hall - road improvements	1,300,000	-	1,300,000
Items from Ordinance 2022/31			
Property acquisition -Technical College of the Lowcountry	1,227,736	1,227,736	-
EMS - vehicle purchases	889,233	889,233	-
EMS - capital equipment	695,951	505,940	190,011
Detention Center - renovations	1,000,000	467,947	532,053
Arthur Horne Building	900,000	-	900,000
Parks and Recreation - M.C. Riley Pool	441,796	253,292	188,504
Items from Ordinance 2022/35			
Condemnation - Helmsman Way	3,400,000	3,400,000	-
Condemnation of Melrose Landing			
Condemnation of Melrose Landing-Ordinance 2022/37	900,000	900,000	-
Condemnation of Melrose Landing- CA	150,000	150,000	-
Condemnation of Melrose Landing- ARPA Funding	450,000	450,000	-
Items from Ordinance 2022/41			
Parks and Recreation Capital Projects	1,055,000	-	1,055,000
Voter Registration Building	240,000	47,750	192,250
Purchase of 1505 North Street	631,064	631,064	-
Engineering - Transportation Project	6,000,000	1,843,811	4,156,189
Items from Ordinance 2023/11			
DSN Pathway	250,000	15,450	234,550
CIP Improvements	2,000,000	894,044	1,105,956
Current Year Budget Ordinance 2022/33			
Planning and Zoning - vehicle purchase	50,000	32,808	17,192
EMS - vehicle purchases	913,480	913,176	304
Renovations existing buildings	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Animal Services - vehicle purchases	207,436	207,436	-
Public Works - vehicle purchases	273,500	273,320	180
Public Works - equipment	654,669	654,352	317
Public Works - other Improvements	2,119,000	232,851	1,886,149
Facility Maintenance - professional services	250,000	12,000	238,000
Facility Maintenance - vehicle purchases	80,000	69,735	10,265
Facility Maintenance - capital equipment	83,027	66,164	16,863
Facility Maintenance - renovation of existing buildings	250,000	29,511	220,489
Mosquito Control - equipment	118,318	118,318	-
Mosquito Control - other improvements	400,000	49,150	350,850
Parks and Recreation - vehicle	248,000	209,641	38,359
Parks and Recreation - equipment	243,000	242,762	238
Parks and Recreation - special projects	5,000,000	2,286,948	2,713,052
Parks and Recreation - equipment	152,000	107,148	44,852
Capital Improvements	128,289	-	128,289
County Coronor	44,999	44,999	-
Library - vehicle	76,000	67,665	8,335
Total expenditures	<u>34,322,498</u>	<u>17,294,251</u>	<u>17,028,247</u>

Beaufort County
 Capital Improvements Fund
 For the Period July 1, 2022 - Present May 31, 2023

	Revised Budget 6/30/2023	Actual Received/ Spent Encumbered 5/31/2023	Variances
Other			
Sale of County Property	1,055,000	-	1,055,000
Transfer to DSN	(38,300)	(38,300)	-
Transfer to close Capital Funds	227,725	227,725	-
Transfer frm ARPA fund Purchase of Melrose	450,000	450,000	-
Transfer from General Fund to Capital Fund	22,330,000	22,330,000	-
Other revenues	<u>24,024,425</u>	<u>22,969,425</u>	<u>1,055,000</u>
Net surplus/ (deficit)	(6,441,981)	9,275,174	
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>6,441,981</u>	<u>6,441,981</u>	
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,717,155</u>	

BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
Rural and Critical Lands Program - Unrestricted Fund
 Period July 1 - May 31, 2023 Preliminary and Unaudited

		May
		2023
Revenues		
Miscellaneous	\$	8,008
Interest		109,193
Total Revenues		117,201
Expenditures		
Professional Services ¹		155,469
Fee simple purchase - Blocker Field		83,170
Land Conservation Easement - Lobeco Farms		534,802
Land Conservation Easement - Village Creekside		358,863
Total Expenditures		1,132,304
Change in Fund Balance		(1,015,103)
Fund Balance, beginning		15,393,215
Fund Balance, ending	\$	14,378,112
Future proposed projects costs		
Cotton Hall	\$	4,449,000
Camp St. Mary's		2,000,000
Proposed project 1		1,550,000
Proposed project 2		1,000,000
Proposed project 3		880,000
Proposed project 4		2,500,000
Proposed project 5		750,000
Proposed project 6		77,500
Proposed project 7		350,000
Proposed project 8		500,000
Professional fees/ closing costs		270,000
Total proposed project costs		14,326,500
Estimated remaining balance	\$	51,612

Note 1: Professional Expenditures include consulting services provided by the Beaufort County Open Land Trust and various legal and appraisal related expenditures for the related land acquisitions.

Proposed projects are under negotiations or due diligence details will be disclosed after recommendation from the Rural and Critical Land Program Committee.



BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:
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MEETING NAME AND DATE:
Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee 6/19/2023
PRESENTER INFORMATION:
Sara Weathers, Pope Flynn, LLC 15 minutes
ITEM BACKGROUND:
The Commission of the Fripp Island Public Service District has determined to seek authorization from the Beaufort County Council to issue general obligation bonds subject to a favorable referenda of qualified electors. The Commission requests that the County Council hold a public hearing on the question of the issuance of bonds pursuant to Section 6-11-830 of the S.C. Code.
PROJECT / ITEM NARRATIVE:
The Fripp Island Public Service District (FIPSD) has determined to issue bonds defray the costs related to (1) certain fire station improvements, the purchase of squad trucks and a ladder truck, and various equipment of the fire department, (2) erosion control improvements including bolstering existing revetment, and (3) repairs and improvements to the Fripp Inlet Bridge.
FISCAL IMPACT:
If there is a successful referendum and bonds are issued, the bond payments will be made from the debt service account of FIPSD. The millage rate increase will depend upon which bonds are approved in the referenda and issued by the Commission. Based upon current projections, FIPSD estimates that a millage increase of 8.2 mills would be sufficient to pay debt service on \$5,250,000 of general obligation bonds.
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:
OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL MOTION:
Motion to approve/deny "RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

A RESOLUTION

ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Beaufort County (the “*County Council*”), which is the governing body of Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “*County*”), in meeting duly assembled:

Section 1 Findings of Fact.

Incident to the adoption of this resolution, the County Council has made the following findings of fact:

(a) The County Council is empowered by Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “*Enabling Act*”), to authorize the governing body of any special purpose district created prior to March 7, 1973, and located in whole or in part within the County to issue general obligation bonds of such special purpose district in order to provide funds to be used in the furtherance of any power or function committed to such special purpose district and in effect on March 7, 1973;

(b) The Fripp Island Public Service District, South Carolina (hereinafter called the “*District*”), is a special purpose district located within the County and created prior to March 7, 1973, having been created by Act No. 1042 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1962, as amended, and is authorized, *inter alia*, to acquire and operate such facilities, equipment, and apparatus as shall be required for the provision of sewer, solid waste, and fire services within the District and to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out such authority;

(c) The Fripp Island Public Service District Commission, the governing body of the District, has petitioned the County Council to hold a public hearing and thereafter authorize the issuance of not exceeding \$5,250,000 of general obligation bonds of the District (the “*Bonds*”) in order to provide:

- (1) \$1,320,000 to defray the costs of acquiring, designing, constructing, renovating, and equipping fire service facilities, apparatus, equipment, and vehicles, to include, without limitation, station improvements, beach rescue equipment, squad trucks, and aerial apparatus; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “*Fire Service Project*”);
- (2) \$870,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and mitigating certain District revetments and related infrastructure; capitalized interest during

construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “*Revetment Project*”); and

- (3) \$3,060,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing and improving the Fripp Inlet Bridge and related infrastructure, including, without limitation, bent retrofits and abutment protection; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “*Bridge Project*” and together with the Fire Service Project and the Revetment Project, the “*Projects*”).

(d) The County Council is now minded to proceed in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act to call for and establish a date for a public hearing to be held on the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 2 Ordering of Public Hearing.

The County Council finds that it may be in the interest of the District to raise moneys for the purpose of providing for the Projects, and in that connection hereby orders a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds (the “*Public Hearing*”).

Section 3 Time and Place of Hearing.

(a) The Public Hearing shall be held on the question of the issuance of the Bonds in the Beaufort County Council Chambers in the Administration Building of the Beaufort County Government, Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC 29902, on the 24th day of July, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits), and the notice of the Public Hearing in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be published once a week for three successive weeks in *The Post and Courier*, which is a newspaper of general circulation in the County. The first such publication shall not be less than 16 days prior to the hearing date.

(b) The Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized to approve changes to the notice of the Public Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A to conform the same to reflect changes in County Council practices or its meeting schedule.

Section 4 Hearing Shall be Public.

The Public Hearing shall be conducted publicly at the time and place above stated and both proponents and opponents of the proposed issuance of the Bonds shall be given a full opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

Section 5 Subsequent Finding and Determination.

Following the Public Hearing, the County Council shall determine whether and to what extent the Bonds should be issued.

Section 6 Further Action.

The Chairman of the County Council and the proper County officials are hereby authorized and empowered to take all necessary action to provide for the holding of the Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act.

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DONE AT BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, this 26th day of June 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

(SEAL)

Joe Passiment, Chairman

Attest:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk
County Council of Beaufort County

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the County Council of Beaufort County (the “County Council”), which is the governing body of Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “County”), is considering whether the Fripp Island Public Service District, South Carolina (the “District”) shall be authorized to issue not exceeding \$5,250,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the District (the “Bonds”). On June 26, 2023, the County Council adopted a resolution authorizing the holding of a public hearing on such matter. As required by Section 6-11-840 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, you are advised of the following:

1. A public hearing will be held on the issuance of the Bonds in the Beaufort County Council Chambers in the Administration Building of the Beaufort County Government, Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC 29902, on the 24th day of July, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., on the question of the issuance of the Bonds.

2. The District has informed the County of its desire to issue the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,250,000 in order in order to provide:

(A) \$1,320,000 to defray the costs of acquiring, designing, constructing, renovating, and equipping fire service facilities, apparatus, equipment, and vehicles, to include, without limitation, station improvements, beach rescue equipment, squad trucks, and aerial apparatus; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “Fire Service Project”);

(B) \$870,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and mitigating certain District revetments and related infrastructure; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “Revetment Project”); and

(C) \$3,060,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing and improving the Fripp Inlet Bridge and related infrastructure, including, without limitation, bent retrofits and abutment protection; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “Bridge Project” and together with the Fire Service Project and the Revetment Project, the “Projects”).

3. The District estimates that the costs of the Projects, will not exceed \$5,250,000.

4. For the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they respectively mature and for the creation of such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor, the full faith, credit and taxing power of the District shall be irrevocably pledged, and there shall be levied annually on all taxable property in the District ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay principal and interest on the Bonds as the same fall due.

5. The aforesaid hearing shall be conducted publicly and both proponents and opponents of the proposed action shall be given full opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel. Following the hearing, the County Council shall, by ordinance, make a finding as to whether and to what extent the Bonds should be issued and may thereupon authorize the governing body of the District to issue the Bonds to the extent it shall be found necessary.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ORDERING BOND REFERENDA TO BE HELD IN THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA IN THREE SEPARATE QUESTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF THE BALLOTS TO BE USED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.
MEETING NAME AND DATE:
Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee 6/19/2023
PRESENTER INFORMATION:
Sara Weathers, Pope Flynn, LLC 15 minutes
ITEM BACKGROUND:
The Commission of the Fripp Island Public Service District has determined to seek authorization from the Beaufort County Council to issue general obligation bonds, subject to a favorable referenda of qualified electors. The Commission requests the question of issuing the bonds be put to a referenda of qualified voters as the bonds would not be subject to the 8% debt limit of the District.
PROJECT / ITEM NARRATIVE:
The Fripp Island Public Service District (FIPSD) has determined to issue bonds to defray the costs related to (1) certain fire station improvements, the purchase of squad trucks and a ladder truck, and various equipment of the fire department, (2) erosion control improvements including bolstering existing revetment, and (3) repairs and improvements to the Fripp Inlet Bridge.
FISCAL IMPACT:
If there is a successful referendum and bonds are issued, the bond payments will be made from the debt service account of FIPSD. The millage rate increase will depend upon which bonds are approved in the referenda and issued by the Commission. Based upon current projections, FIPSD estimates that a millage increase of 8.2 mills would be sufficient to pay debt service on \$5,250,000 of general obligation bonds.
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:
OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL MOTION:
Motion to approve/deny "RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ORDERING BOND REFERENDA TO BE HELD IN THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA IN THREE SEPARATE QUESTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF THE BALLOTS TO BE USED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

A RESOLUTION

ORDERING BOND REFERENDA TO BE HELD IN THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA IN THREE SEPARATE QUESTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF THE BALLOTS TO BE USED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

FINDINGS

Section 1.01 Findings of Fact.

The County Council of Beaufort County (the “*County Council*”), which is the governing body of Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “*County*”), hereby finds and determines:

(a) The Fripp Island Public Service District, South Carolina (the “*District*”), was created and established as a body politic and corporate by Act No. 1042 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1962, as amended;

(b) Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended (the “*Constitution*”), provides that general obligation debt may be incurred by the governing body of any special purpose district for any of its corporate purposes in an amount not exceeding eight percent of the assessed value of all taxable property of such district. Such Article further provides that if general obligation debt is authorized by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the special purpose district voting in a referendum authorized by law, there shall be no conditions or restrictions limiting the incurring of such indebtedness except as specified in such Article.

(c) The corporate powers and duties of the District are performed by the Fripp Island Public Service District Commission (the “*Commission*”), and as such, the Commission is the governing body of the District.

(d) In carrying out its functions and duties, the Commission has determined that a need exists at the present time to issue general obligation bonds in order to provide:

- (1) \$1,320,000 to defray the costs of acquiring, designing, constructing, renovating, and equipping fire service facilities, apparatus, equipment, and vehicles, to include, without limitation, station improvements, beach rescue equipment, squad trucks, and aerial apparatus; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance

of such general obligation bonds (the “*Fire Service Project*”);

- (2) \$870,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and mitigating certain District revetments and related infrastructure; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “*Revetment Project*”); and
- (3) \$3,060,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and improving the Fripp Inlet Bridge and related infrastructure, including, without limitation, bent retrofits and abutment protection; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “*Bridge Project*” and together with the Fire Service Project and the Revetment Project, each a “*Project*” and collectively the “*Projects*”).

(e) The Commission, on behalf of the District, submitted a petition (the “*Petition*”) to the County Council requesting authorization to issue general obligation bonds of the District in a principal amount of not exceeding \$5,250,000 (the “*Bonds*”), in order to finance the costs of the Projects, and the costs of issuance thereof.

(f) Pursuant to the terms of the Petition, the County Council held a public hearing on the question of the issuance of the Bonds on July 24, 2023, and, as requested in the Petition, the County Council is authorized to, and has determined to, require an election under Section 6-11-890 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, as a condition to the issuance of the Bonds.

ARTICLE II

REFERENDUM

Section 2.01 Order to Hold Referendum.

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, there are hereby ordered three bond referenda to be held in the District (each a “*Bond Referendum*” and together, the “*Bond Referenda*”) on November 7, 2023, or such other date as may be determined by the Chairman of the Commission in consultation with the Election Commission (as defined below). On the date of the Bond Referenda, there shall be submitted to all persons residing in the District and qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina the question of whether the District shall be authorized and empowered to issue the Bonds for the purpose of accomplishing the applicable Project, and paying the costs of issuance thereof.

Section 2.02 Voting and Polling Places.

The Bond Referenda shall be conducted by the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County (the “*Election Commission*”). The voting precincts and polling places for each of such precincts shall be such precincts and polling places as established by law within the District.

Section 2.03 Ballot Questions.

The Election Commission is requested to conduct the Bond Referenda in accordance with South Carolina law. Upon approval by the Election Commission, the form of the ballots to be used in the Bond Referenda and the instructions to voters appearing thereon shall be in substantially the forms set forth at Appendix A below, with such other changes as may be deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Commission upon consultation with the Director of the Election Commission.

Section 2.04 Conduct of Referenda.

(a) The Election Commission shall conduct the Bond Referenda pursuant to Sections 6-11-810 through 6-11-1050, inclusive, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended and under the election laws of this State, *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) At the Bond Referendum, with regard to the authorization of the Bonds, all qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of the authorization of such Bonds for the stated purposes shall vote “yes”, and all qualified electors opposed to the issuance of such Bonds shall vote “no.” If a majority of the electors voting in the applicable Bond Referendum vote in favor of the authorization of Bonds, Bonds may be issued in accordance with Article X, Section 14, Paragraph (6) of the Constitution, to the extent of the authorization provided in such Bond Referendum.

Section 2.05 Notice of Bond Referenda.

Notice of the Bond Referenda (the “**Notice**”), substantially in the form set forth in Appendix B, shall be published in compliance with the provisions of Sections 7-13-35 and 4-15-50, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. The Chairman of the Commission shall be authorized to make such modifications or changes to the Notice as he shall deem necessary, including providing separate Notice for each Bond Referendum, and the published version thereof shall constitute conclusive evidence of the approval of the Notices by the County Council.

The Election Commission is authorized to change any of the locations of polling places for the Bond Referendum in accordance with State law as deemed necessary or advisable. In the event of such change, appropriate changes are to be made to the Notice.

Section 2.06 Registration and the Election Commission.

A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Election Commission, and the Election Commission is hereby requested as follows:

- (1) to join in the action of the District in providing for the Notice and the ballots in substantially the form contained herein;
- (2) to prescribe the forms of ballots to be used in the Bond Referenda;

- (3) to arrange for polling places for each precinct, or any part of a precinct within the District;
- (4) to appoint Managers of Election;
- (5) to provide a sufficient number of ballots or voting machines, as the case may be, for each Bond Referendum;
- (6) to conduct the Bond Referenda, receive the returns thereof, canvass such returns, declare the result of each Bond Referendum, and certify such results to the County Council; and
- (7) to take other steps and prepare such other means as shall be necessary or required by law in order to properly conduct the Bond Referenda.

DONE AT BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, this 14th day of August 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

(SEAL)

Joe Passiment, Chairman

Attest:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk
County Council of Beaufort County

**APPENDIX A
FORM OF BALLOTS**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR REFERENDUM
GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS
FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Precinct____
No. _____

Initials of Issuing Officer

Question

Shall the Fripp Island Public Service District, located in Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “District”), be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$1,320,000 to defray the costs of acquiring, designing, constructing, renovating, and equipping fire service facilities, apparatus, equipment, and vehicles, to include, without limitation, station improvements, beach rescue equipment, squad trucks, and aerial apparatus; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds?

- Yes, in favor of the question
- No, opposed to the question

If you are in favor of the question, fill in the oval before the words “Yes, in favor of the question”; if you are opposed to the question, fill in the oval before the words “No, opposed to the question.”

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR REFERENDUM
GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS
FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Precinct____

No._____

Initials of Issuing Officer

Question

Shall the Fripp Island Public Service District, located in Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “District”), be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$870,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and mitigating certain District revetments and related infrastructure; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds?

- Yes, in favor of the question
- No, opposed to the question

If you are in favor of the question, fill in the oval before the words “Yes, in favor of the question”; if you are opposed to the question, fill in the oval before the words “No, opposed to the question.”

OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR REFERENDUM
GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS
FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Precinct____
No._____

Initials of Issuing Officer

Question

Shall the Fripp Island Public Service District, located in Beaufort County, South Carolina (the "District"), be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$3,060,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and improving the Fripp Inlet Bridge and related infrastructure, including, without limitation, bent retrofits and abutment protection; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds?

- Yes, in favor of the question
- No, opposed to the question

If you are in favor of the question, fill in the oval before the words "Yes, in favor of the question"; if you are opposed to the question, fill in the oval before the words "No, opposed to the question."

APPENDIX B
FORM OF NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
\$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Referendum will be held in the Fripp Island Public Service District, South Carolina (the “District”), on November 7, 2023, for the purpose of submitting to all persons qualified to vote in the District pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, the following questions:

Question #1

Shall the Fripp Island Public Service District, located in Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “District”), be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$1,320,000 to defray the costs of acquiring, designing, constructing, renovating, and equipping fire service facilities, apparatus, equipment, and vehicles, to include, without limitation, station improvements, beach rescue equipment, squad trucks, and aerial apparatus; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds?

- Yes, in favor of the question
- No, opposed to the question

If you are in favor of the question, fill in the oval before the words “Yes, in favor of the question”; if you are opposed to the question, fill in the oval before the words “No, opposed to the question.”

Question #2

Shall the Fripp Island Public Service District, located in Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “District”), be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$870,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and mitigating certain District revetments and related infrastructure; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds?

- Yes, in favor of the question
- No, opposed to the question

If you are in favor of the question, fill in the oval before the words “Yes, in favor of the question”; if you are opposed to the question, fill in the oval before the words “No, opposed to the question.”

Question #3

Shall the Fripp Island Public Service District, located in Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “District”), be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$3,060,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and improving the Fripp Inlet Bridge and related infrastructure, including, without limitation, bent retrofits and abutment protection; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds?

- Yes, in favor of the question
- No, opposed to the question

If you are in favor of the question, fill in the oval before the words “Yes, in favor of the question”; if you are opposed to the question, fill in the oval before the words “No, opposed to the question.”

The questions are being submitted pursuant to Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended, Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 3 and Title 4, Chapter 15 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “South Carolina Code”), a resolution of the Commission of the District adopted on May 9, 2023, a resolution of the County Council of Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “County Council”) adopted on August 14, 2023, and an ordinance of the County Council enacted on August 14, 2023. If a majority of the qualified electors of the District voting in the Referendum approve the issuance of general obligations bonds of the District, such bonds as approved may be issued by the District either at one time as a single issue or from time to time as several separate issues. The proceeds of the bonds will be used for the purpose of defraying the costs set forth in the Questions.

Every person offering to vote must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the Referendum, must reside in the County and the District, and must be duly registered on the books of registration for the County as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides and offers to vote on or before the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum.

Any person wishing to vote in this election must register:

In-person: No later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, October [6], 2023

Email, Fax, or Online: No later than 11:59 p.m. Sunday, October [8], 2023

By Mail: Must be postmarked by Tuesday, October [10], 2023

Beginning Monday, October [23], 2023, the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County will be open for early voting from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday until November [4], 2023. (Closed Sundays and holidays)

There are four (4) Early Voting Centers in Beaufort County:

Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County (Main office) 15 John Galt Rd Beaufort, SC 29906	Hilton Head Government Complex 539 William Hilton Pkwy Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Bluffton Recreation Center (Satellite office) 61B Ulmer Rd Bluffton, SC 29910	St. Helena Branch Library 6355 Jonathan Francis Senior Rd St. Helena Island, SC 29920

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs when voting in person.

- S.C. Driver’s License
 - Includes standard License and REAL ID
- S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
 - Includes standard ID card and REAL ID
 - Includes SC Concealed Weapons Permit
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
 - Includes all Department of Defense Photo IDs and Veterans Affairs Benefits Card
- U.S. Passport
 - Includes U.S. Passport ID Card

Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County office or the Department of Motor Vehicles. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit scVOTES.gov or call the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County at (843) 255-6900.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the polling places designated below and shall be open during those hours without intermission or adjournment. Appropriate vote recorders will be provided at the polling places for the casting of ballots on the aforesaid question. Managers of Election will be appointed by the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County. The precincts (or portions thereof) within the District and locations of the several polling places for such Referendum are as follows:

Precinct
Saint Helena 2C

Location
Fripp Island Community Center
205 Tarpon Blvd.
St. Helena Island SC 29920

The process for examining absentee ballot returns may begin at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023, but the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County plans to begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at 1:00 p.m. on November 5, 2023 at the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County office, 15 John Galt Rd, Beaufort, SC 29906.

At 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023, the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the Referendum. This hearing will be held at the main office, located at 15 John Galt Rd., Beaufort, SC 29906.



BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:
RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL, PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE SAID FINDING AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
MEETING NAME AND DATE:
Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee 6/19/2023
PRESENTER INFORMATION:
Sara Weathers, Pope Flynn, LLC 15 minutes
ITEM BACKGROUND:
The Commission of the Fripp Island Public Service District has determined to seek authorization from the Beaufort County Council to issue general obligation bonds, subject to a favorable referenda of qualified electors. The Commission requests that, following a public hearing on the matter, the County Council enact the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds, subject to a favorable referenda of qualified electors. This ordinance authorizing the bond issuance is required pursuant to Section 6-11-860 of the S.C. Code.
PROJECT / ITEM NARRATIVE:
The Fripp Island Public Service District (FIPSD) has determined to issue bonds to defray the costs related to (1) certain fire station improvements, the purchase of squad trucks and a ladder truck, and various equipment of the fire department, (2) erosion control improvements including bolstering the existing revetment, and (3) repairs and improvements to the Fripp Inlet Bridge.
FISCAL IMPACT:
If there is a successful referendum and bonds are issued, the bond payments will be made from the debt service account of FIPSD. The millage rate increase will depend upon which bonds are approved in the referenda and issued by the Commission. Based upon current projections, FIPSD estimates that a millage increase of 8.2 mills would be sufficient to pay debt service on \$5,250,000 of general obligation bonds.
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:
OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL MOTION:
Motion to approve/deny "RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL, PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE SAID FINDING AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL, PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE SAID FINDING AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE

August 14, 2023

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:**

ARTICLE I – FINDINGS

Section 1.01 Findings of Fact.

The County Council of Beaufort County (the “*County Council*”), the governing body of Beaufort County, South Carolina (the “*County*”), hereby finds and determines:

(a) Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended (the “*Constitution*”), provides that special purpose districts may incur general obligation bonded indebtedness upon such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may prescribe by general law, subject to the following limitations: (i) such debt must be incurred only for a purpose which is a public purpose and a corporate purpose, and (ii) unless excepted therefrom, such debt may be issued in an amount not exceeding 8% of the assessed value of all taxable property of such special purpose district (the “*Bonded Debt Limit*”). Article X, Section 14(6) further provides that “if general obligation debt be authorized by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the political subdivision voting in a referendum authorized by law” then such bonds may be issued without regard to the Bonded Debt Limit.

(b) Pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “*Enabling Act*”), the governing body of any county in the State of South Carolina (the “*State*”) may authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds by special purpose districts located within its bounds to defray the cost of any authorized purpose of such special purpose district.

(c) Fripp Island Public Service District, South Carolina (the “*District*”) was created and established as a special purpose district, a body politic and corporate, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1042 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1962, as amended. The District is located wholly within the County and is authorized, *inter alia*, (i) to provide fire, water, and sewer services, (ii) to acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, mortgage, sell, transfer and dispose of any property, real, personal, or mixed, or any interest therein, (iii) to construct and maintain roads, and (iv) to do all other acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out any function or power committed or granted to the District.

(d) Pursuant to Section 6-11-830 of the Enabling Act, the County Council, upon petition of the governing body of any special purpose district, may determine that it is in the interest of such special purpose district to raise moneys for the furtherance of any power or function of the special purpose district and order a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District.

(e) The Fripp Island Public Service District Commission (the “*Commission*”), the governing body of the District, petitioned the County Council to hold a public hearing and

thereafter authorize the issuance of not exceeding \$5,250,000 of general obligation bonds of the District (the “**Bonds**”) in order to provide:

- (1) \$1,320,000 to defray the costs of acquiring, designing, constructing, renovating, and equipping fire service facilities, apparatus, equipment, and vehicles, to include, without limitation, station improvements, beach rescue equipment, squad trucks, and aerial apparatus; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “**Fire Service Project**”);
- (2) \$870,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and mitigating certain District revetments and related infrastructure; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “**Revetment Project**”); and
- (3) \$3,060,000 to defray the costs of repairing, reconstructing, and improving the Fripp Inlet Bridge and related infrastructure, including, without limitation, bent retrofits and abutment protection; capitalized interest during construction; and the costs of issuance of such general obligation bonds (the “**Bridge Project**” and together with the Fire Service Project and the Revetment Project, each a “**Project**” and collectively the “**Projects**”).

(f) By action previously taken, the County Council ordered that a public hearing (the “**Public Hearing**”) on the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$5,250,000 of general obligation bonds of the District (the “**Bonds**”) be held on the 24th day of July, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., and the notice of the Public Hearing was duly published once a week for three successive weeks in *The Beaufort Gazette* and *Island Packet*, newspapers of general circulation in the County.

(g) The Public Hearing has been duly held at the time and date and in the manner set forth above and was conducted publicly. Both proponents and opponents of the proposed action were given full opportunity to be heard and it is now in order for the County Council to proceed, after due deliberation, in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act to make a finding as to whether or not the Bonds should be issued.

(h) The County Council has determined to condition the issuance of the Bonds upon the result of a special election to be held in the District on the question of the issuance of the Bonds (each ballot question for a project set forth in Section 1.01(e) a “**Bond Referendum**,” and together the “**Bond Referenda**”). Such Bond Referenda shall be conducted pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 15 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, as required by the Enabling Act.

(i) The County Council, by separate resolution, dated July 24, 2023, has ordered the Bond Referenda be held, and specified other details of the Bond Referenda therein. Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution provides that if general obligation debt is authorized by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the special purpose district voting in a referendum authorized by law, there shall be no conditions or restrictions limiting the incurring of such indebtedness except as specified in such Article. Bonds for the Fire Service Project, the Revetment Project, or the

Bridge Project, when and if issued following the respective favorable Bond Referendum, would not be restricted by, or count toward, the Bonded Debt Limit, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State.

ARTICLE II – AUTHORIZATION

Section 2.01 Referendum Authorization.

(a) The Supreme Court of South Carolina, in *Zeigler v. Dorchester County*, 426 S.C. 615, 622 (2019) held “that a ballot referendum proposing bonded indebtedness must contain a single question for each proposal to which voters can respond affirmatively or negatively.” The Bonds, in the aggregate, would finance three separate proposals and have been divided into three separate questions accordingly.

(b) Should the Bond Referenda result favorably to the issuance of Bonds for the Fire Service Project, the Revetment Project, or the Bridge Project, and upon the filing of the declaration of the result of the applicable Bond Referendum in the office of the Clerk of Court for Beaufort County, South Carolina, the District is hereby authorized to issue Bonds for such Fire Service Project, the Revetment Project, or the Bridge Project to the extent of the authorization provided in the applicable Bond Referendum. Upon such filing, the Commission, on behalf of the District, is authorized to cause the issuance of the Bonds at one time or from time to time, as it may determine, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,250,000 (or such lesser amount as may be approved at the applicable Bond Referendum), in order to defray (i) the costs of the Fire Service Project, the Revetment Project, or the Bridge Project, as applicable, and (ii) the costs of issuance of the Bonds or, in the discretion of the District, general obligation bond anticipation notes (the “*BANS*”) in a principal amount of not exceeding \$5,250,000, pursuant to the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 17 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “*BAN Act*”). The Bonds and the BANS shall be issued pursuant to a resolution of the Commission adopted in conformity with the terms and provisions of the Enabling Act and the BAN Act, respectively.

Section 2.02 Ordinance to be Provided to District.

A certified copy of this Ordinance shall forthwith be transmitted to the Commission to advise it of the action taken by the County Council, whereby subject to favorable Bond Referenda, the Commission has been authorized to issue, pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act, the Bonds.

Section 2.03 Further Action.

The Chairman and other County officers are herewith authorized and empowered to take such further action as may be necessary to fully implement the action contemplated by this Ordinance.

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DONE AT BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, this 14th day of August 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

(SEAL)

Joe Passiment, Chairman

Attest:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk
County Council of Beaufort County

First Reading: June 26, 2023
Second Reading: July 24, 2023
Public Hearing: July 24, 2023
Third Reading: August 14, 2023



BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:
PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
MEETING NAME AND DATE:
FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; 6/19 @ 2PM
PRESENTER INFORMATION:
WOOD & PARTNERS, INC <i>90 MINUTES</i>
ITEM BACKGROUND:
THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN PROJECT WAS COMMISSIONED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL IN MID-2021. THE SCOPE OF SERVICES INCLUDES A CLEAR SET OF SHORT-TERM, MID-TERM, AND LONG-TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES THAT WILL PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COUNTY STAFF.
PROJECT / ITEM NARRATIVE:
THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR 20 MONTHS AND HAS INCLUDED THE COMPLETION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECT TASKS: TASK 1 - PROJECT MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION, PRELIMINARY SCOPE REVIEW AND REFINEMENT; TASK 2 – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INCLUDING INPUT MEETINGS WITH COUNTY STAFF, DEVELOPMENT OF A PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE, TWO FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS WITH INDIVIDUAL STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, FIVE COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND CROWDSOURCING WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT; TASK 3 – PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETINGS, FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS, AND COMMUNITY MEETING AS OUTLINED ABOVE; TASK 4 – COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT & STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY; TASK 5 – NEEDS ANALYSIS & DEVELOPMENT OF SHORT, MID, AND LONG TERM GOALS; TASK 6 – RECREATION PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; TASK 7 – LEVEL OF SERVICES ANALYSIS; TASK 8 – EQUITY MAPPING AND DEVELOPMENT OF GENERAL LAND/FACILITY USE RECOMMENDATIONS; TASK 9 – FINAL ACTION PLAN AND MASTER PLAN REPORT PRESENTATION.
FISCAL IMPACT:
LONG TERM FISCAL IMPACTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY COUNCIL’S PRIORITIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDY’S RECOMMENDATIONS.
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:
STAFF RECOMMENDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDY’S RECOMMENDATIONS.
OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL MOTION:
<i>PRESENTATION ONLY – Resolution for adoption of the plan will follow at a later date.</i>



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Beaufort County, South Carolina Parks & Recreation Master Plan



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
LAND PLANNING



Project Update- Beaufort County Council

Presentation Agenda

- Consultant Team Members
- Demographics & Trends
- Community Engagement, Survey & Priority Investment Ranking (PIR)
- Recreation Programs, Services & Staffing Assessment Process
- Park & Facility Inventory & Assessment
- Level of Service Process & Equity Mapping
- Sports Tourism & Economic Impact Assessment Process
- Capital Improvements Recommendations
- Next Steps

Team Introductions

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 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAND PLANNING

- Specialize in Park & Recreation Planning
- Team with Significant Local Experience
 - ✓ Buckwalter, Oscar Frazier & Burton Wells, Whitehall, New Riverside & Lowcountry Celebration Park
- Park & Rec Needs Assessments
 - ✓ Savannah, Charleston & Columbia
 - ✓ Richland County, Richmond County & Columbia Co, GA



Team Introductions



- National, full-service management consulting & planning firms for government agencies
- Agencies in 45 states & 7 foreign countries
- 1000+ projects across South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia & Florida
- Long standing relationship with WP including Master Plans for Aiken, SC; Richland County, SC; Columbia County, GA & Augusta, GA

Full-service Consulting Practice

- Planning
- Assessments
- Customer Service Training
- Web and App Development



Team Introductions

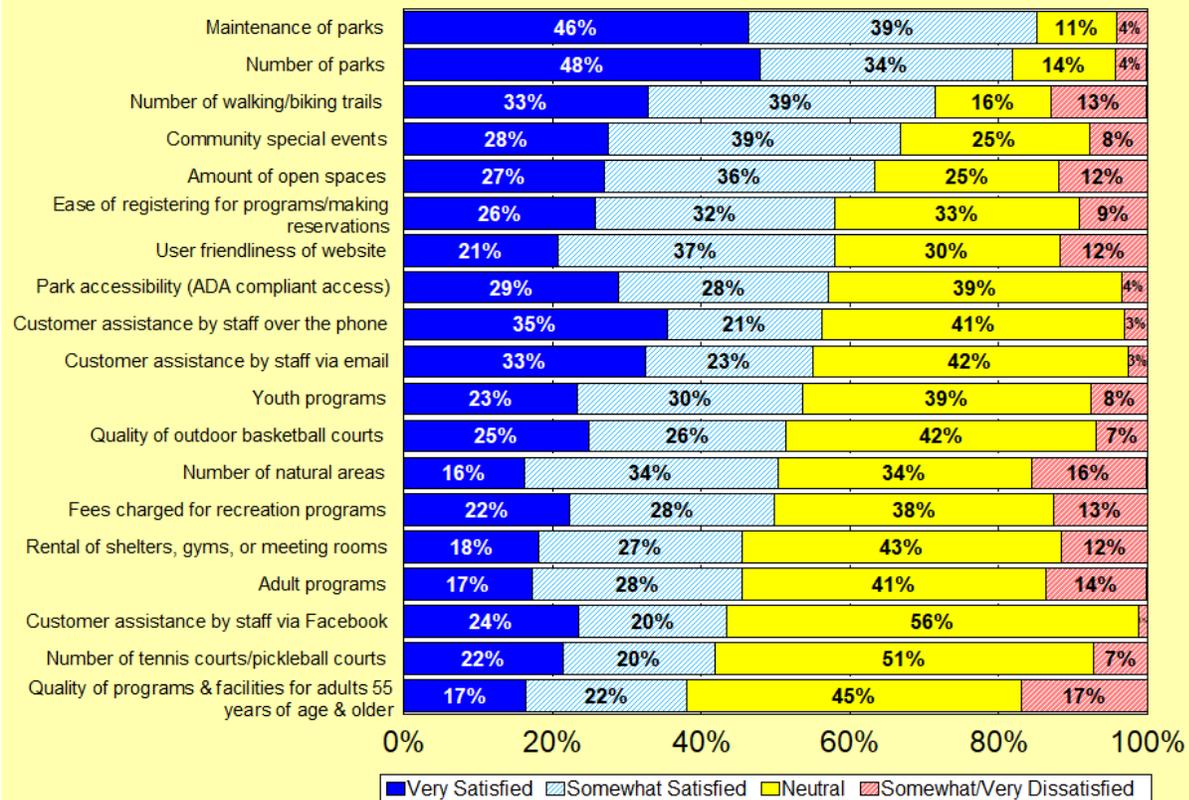


Background & Ability of Personnel

- Full service public opinion survey & market research firm of nearly 100 people
 - ✓ Expertise in parks and recreation surveys nationwide
- 1000+ parks and recreation surveys nationwide
- Benchmarking research
- Long Standing Relationship with WPI

Q13. Satisfaction With Various Parks & Recreation Services

by percentage of respondents



Source: ETC Institute (2018)



Our Team = Local, Regional and National Insights...

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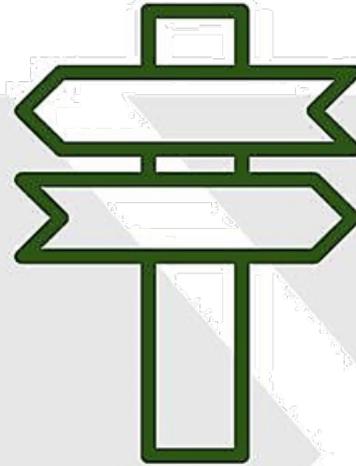
PLANNING PROCESS

Key Steps in Planning Process

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Where Are We
TODAY?



Where Are We Going
TOMORROW?



How Do We Get
THERE?

Multi-Lingual Crowdsourcing Website

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Welcome To Beaufort County Parks And Recreation

Beaufort County Parks and Recreation provides a myriad of services and programs at facilities located throughout Beaufort County. We utilize proactive means to provide fun, safe, and fiscally responsible recreational services to elevate the quality of life in our county and region. We accomplish this effort through standing by our core values: Professionalism - Demonstrating proficiency and skill, as well as honesty, integrity, and respect. Accountability - Taking personal responsibility to be engaged and receptive in providing quality recreational services. Teamwork - Pursuing the best solution, or outcome, for both the community and our organization.

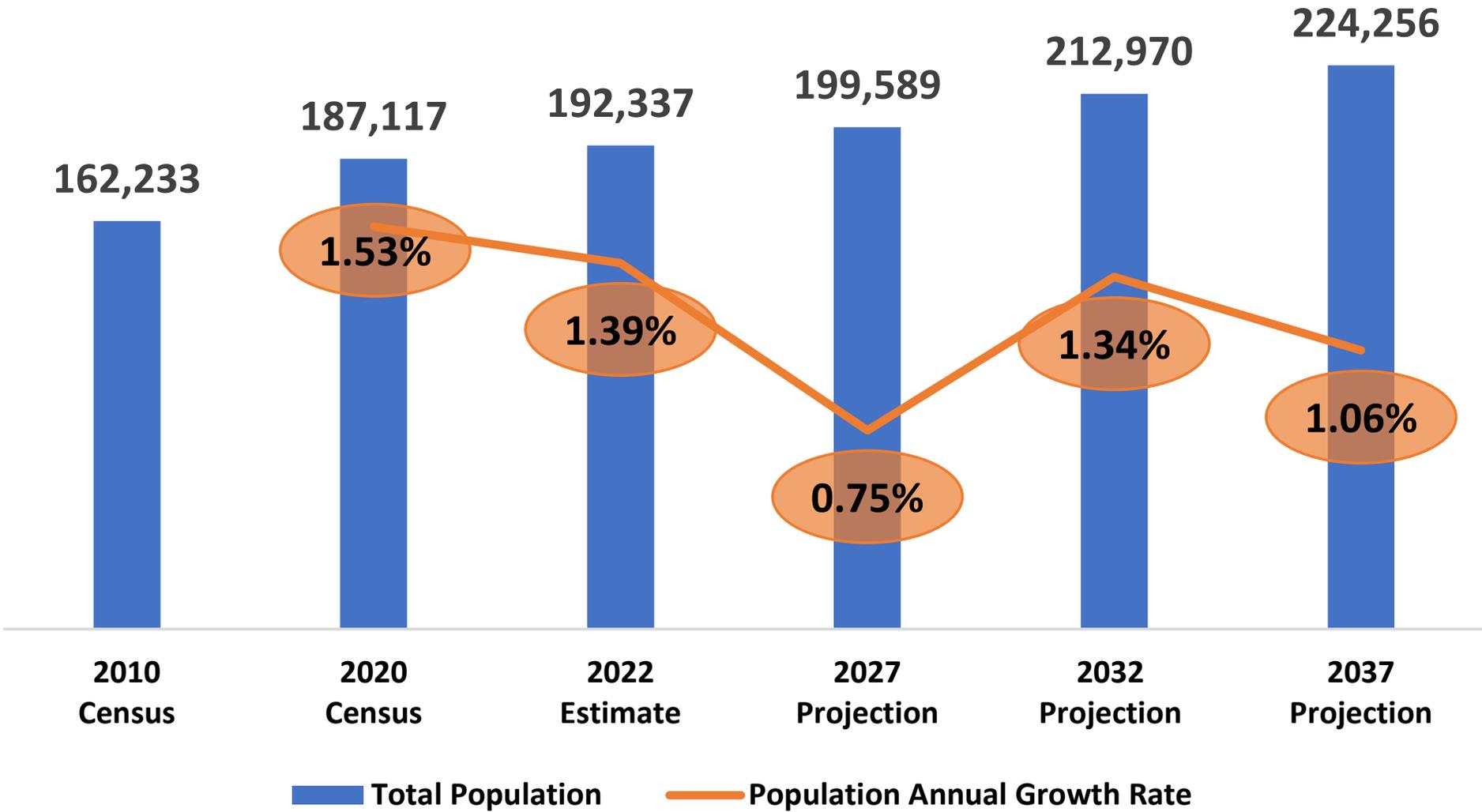
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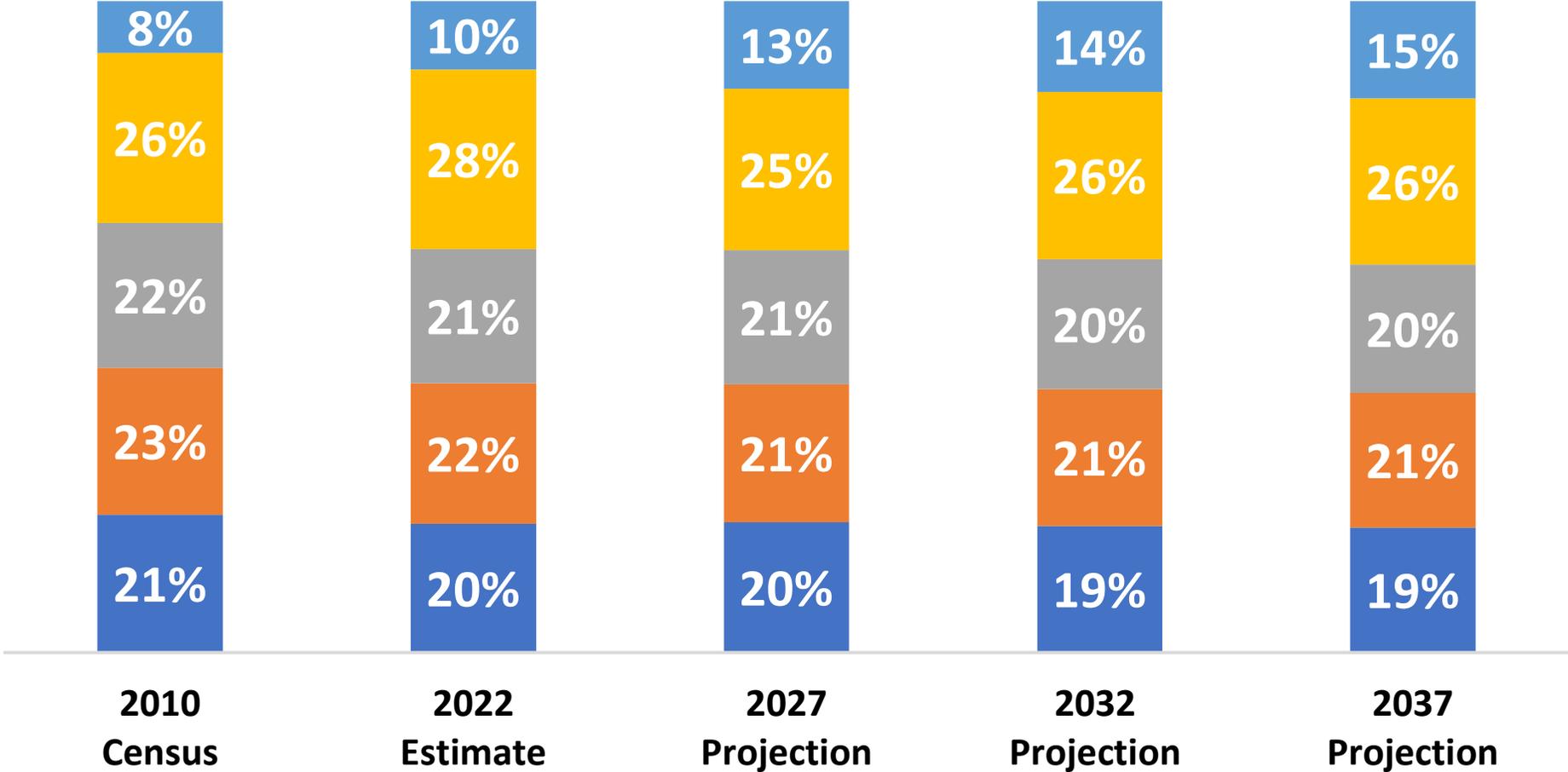
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POPULATION



POPULATION BY AGE SEGMENTS

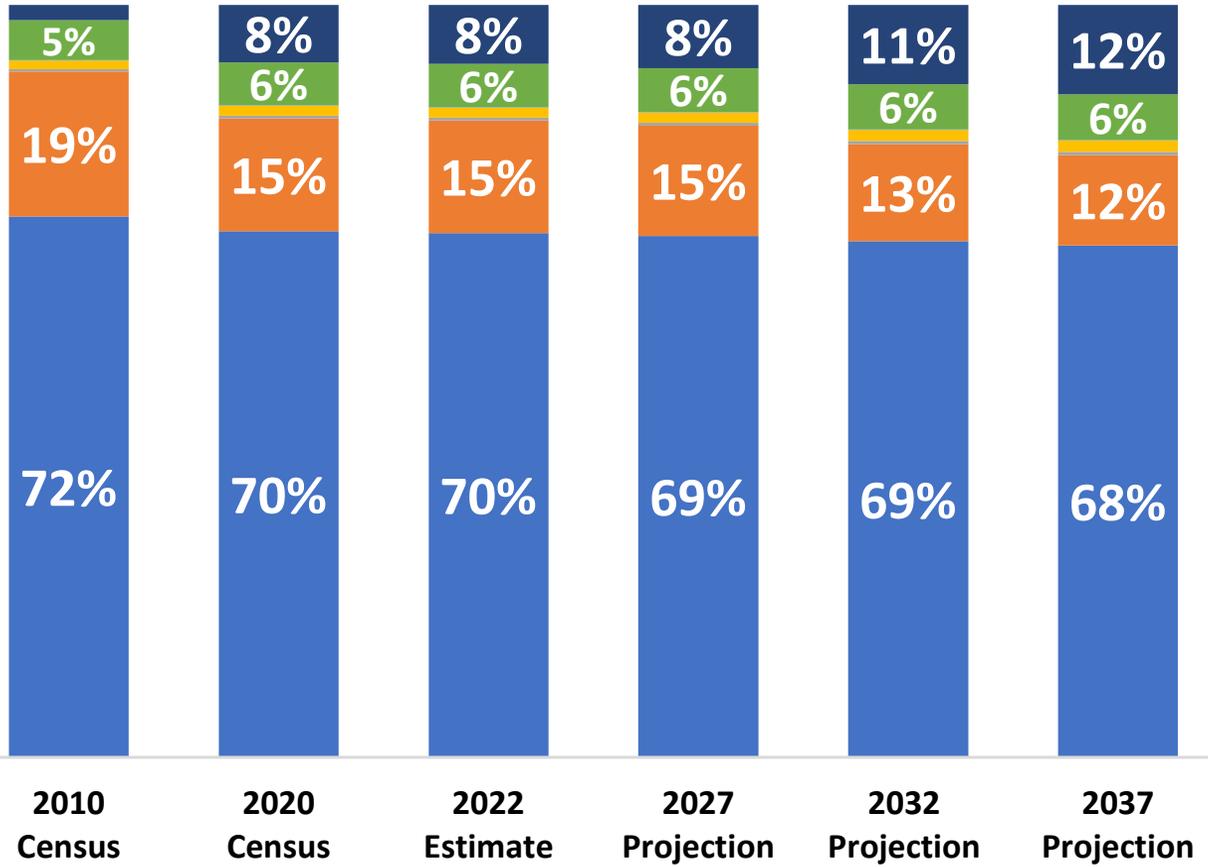
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RACE

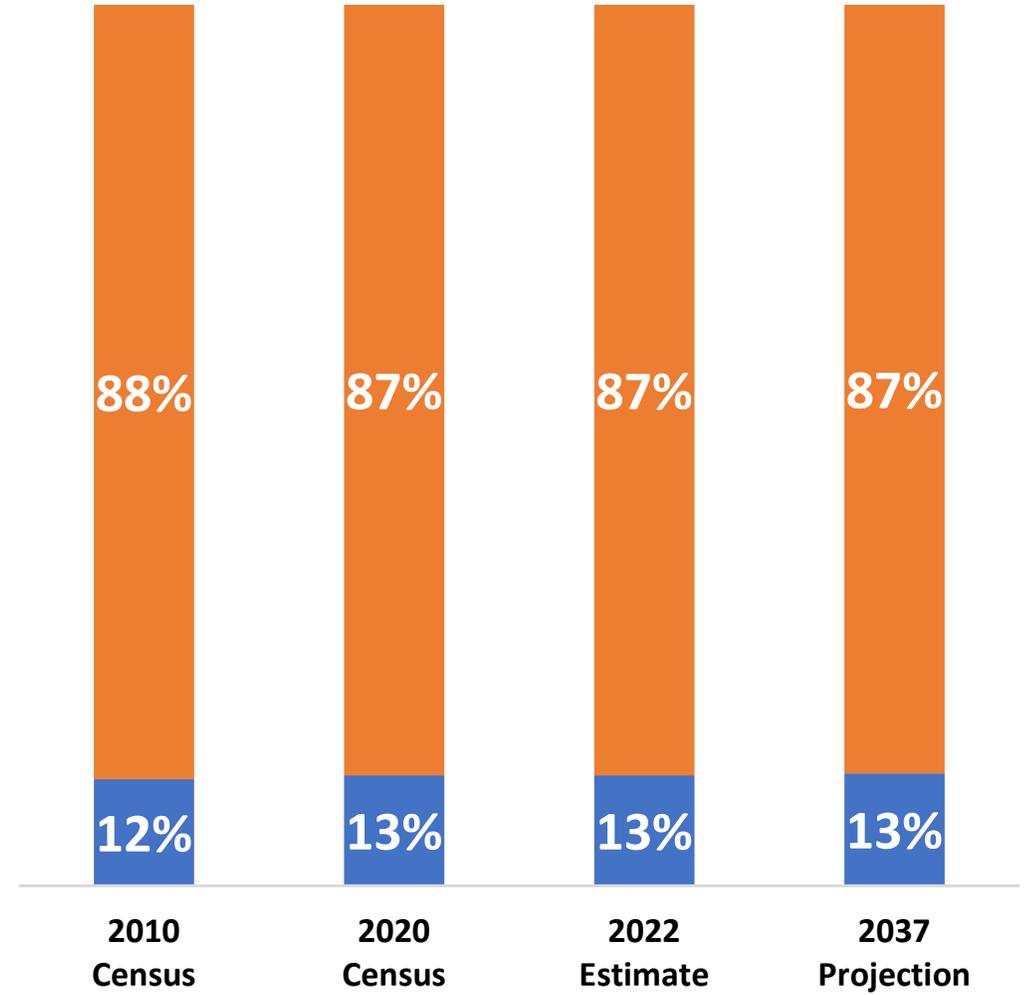
- White Alone
- American Indian
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- Two or More Races
- Black Alone
- Asian
- Some Other Race



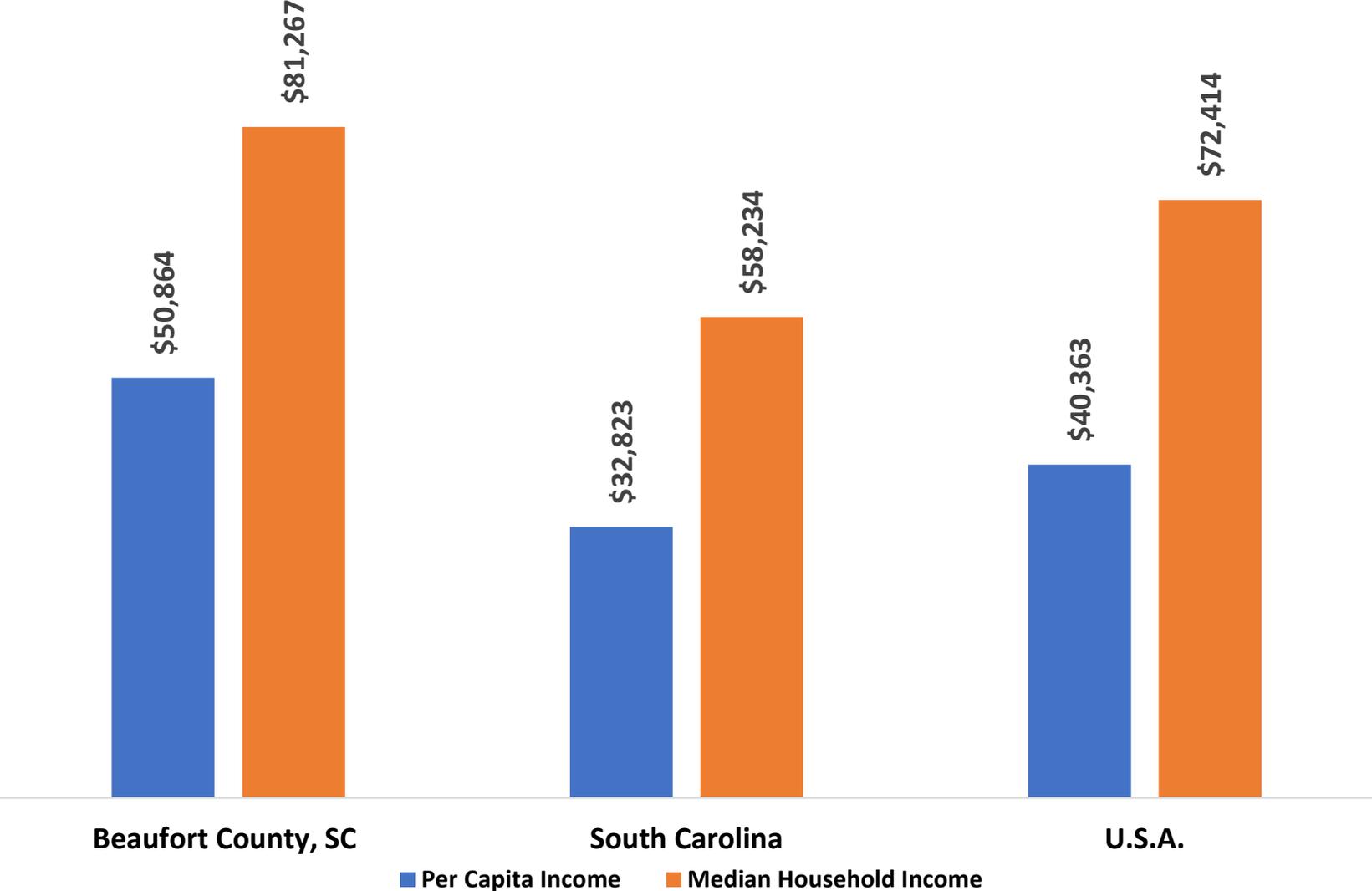
HISPANIC POPULATION

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- Hispanic / Latino Origin (any race)
- All Others

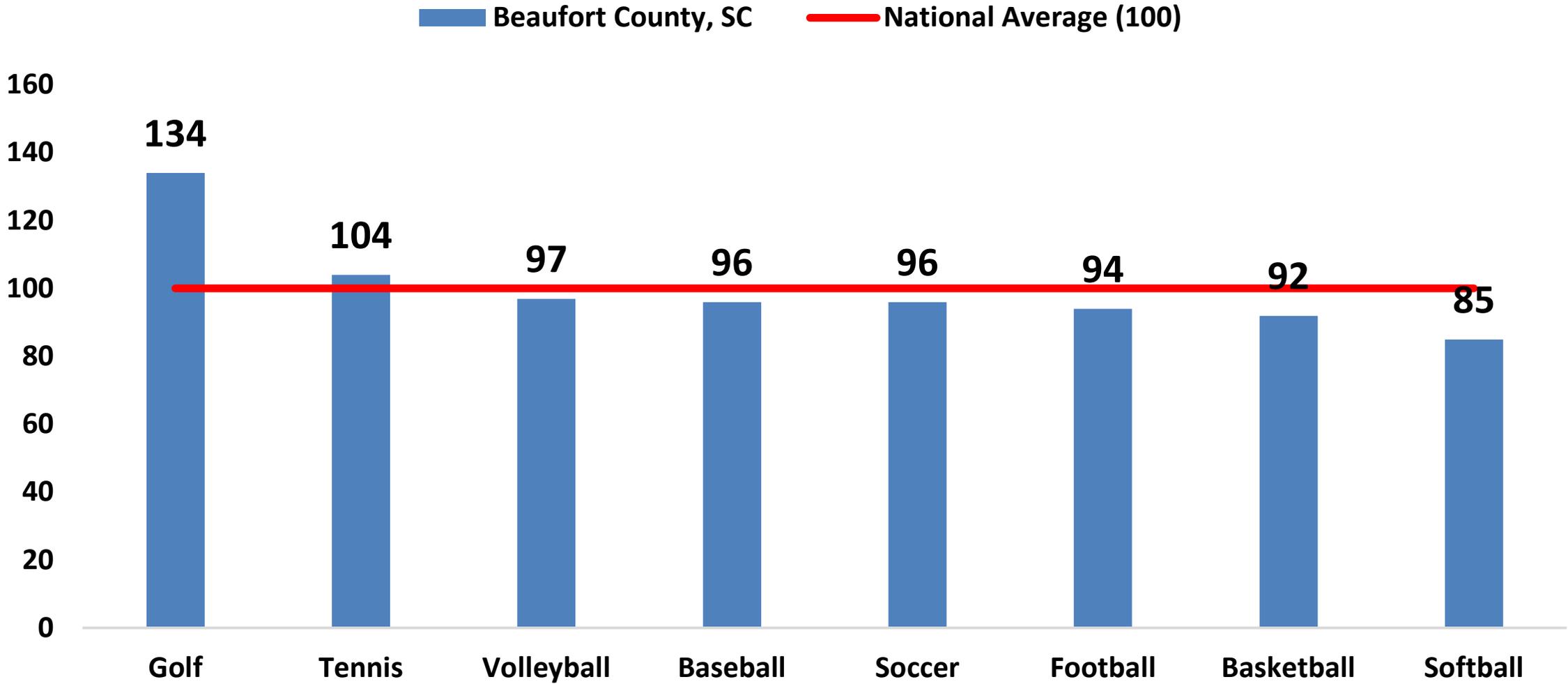


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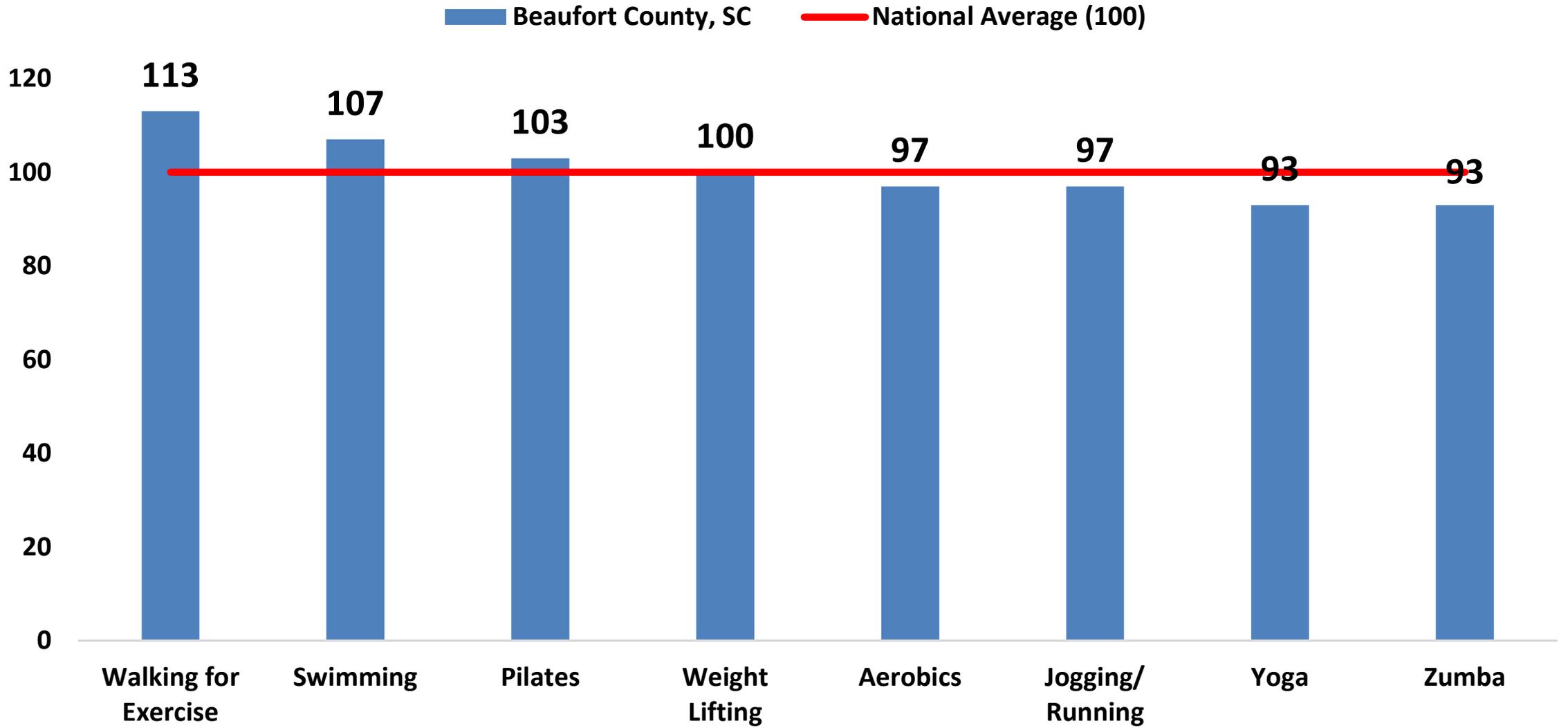


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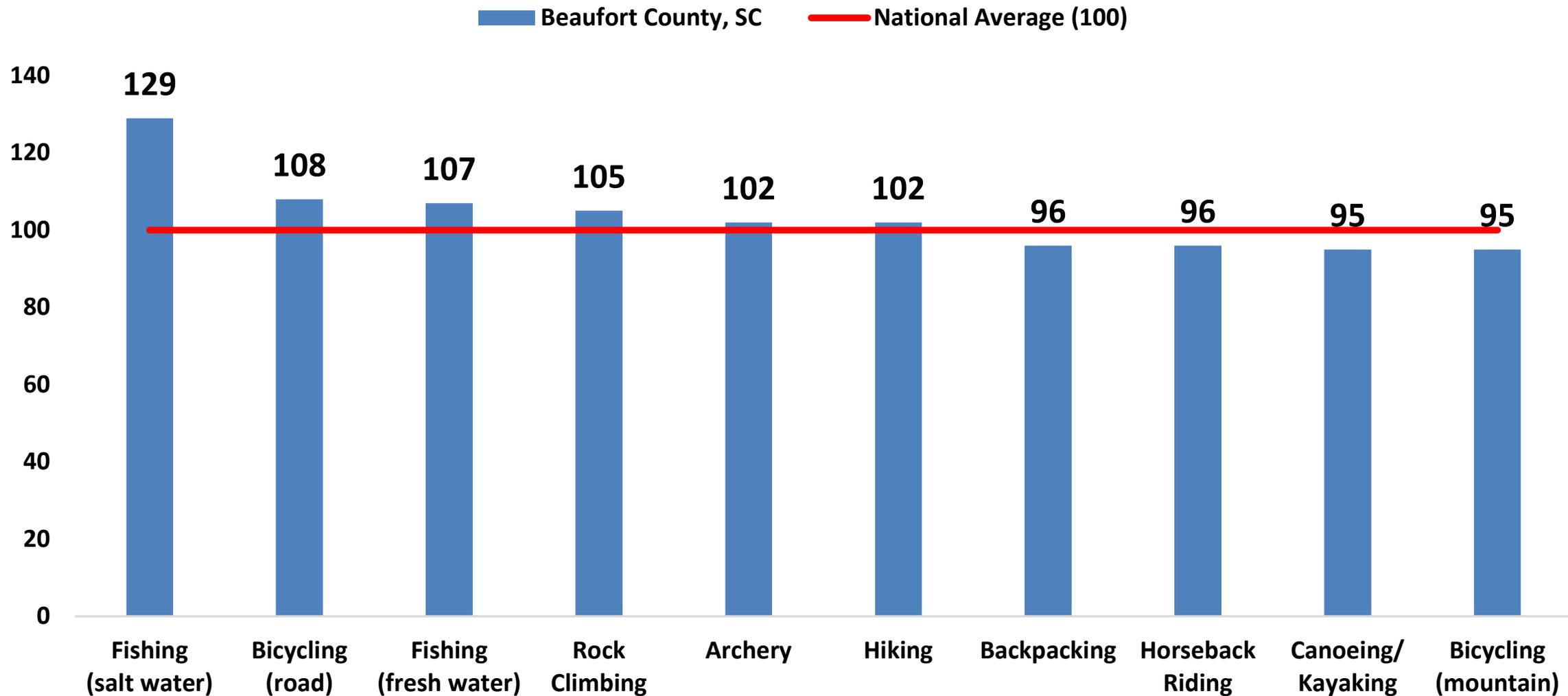
GENERAL SPORTS MPI



FITNESS MPI



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY MPI





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Community Engagement Meetings

Meetings held throughout County

- Public Meetings at:
 - ✓ Buckwalter Park
 - ✓ Burton Wells Park
 - ✓ Dale Community Center
 - ✓ Scott Recreation Center
 - ✓ Lind Brown Center
- Additional Meetings with:
 - ✓ Staff
 - ✓ Daufuskie Island (Zoom)
 - ✓ Beaufort Co. Sports Council
 - ✓ Parks & Rec Advisory Board (Zoom)





3 QUESTIONS

Community Engagement - Strengths:

- What are P&R Strengths?
 - ✓ Diversity of offerings
 - ✓ County does well with what they have
 - ✓ Staff is hard working
 - ✓ Field conditions good at Burton Wells & Oscar Frazier
 - ✓ Rec Centers at Burton Wells & Buckwalter are Great!
 - ✓ Youth athletics & active sports
 - ✓ There are scholarships available
 - ✓ Partnerships with other groups



Community Input - Opportunities:

- Opportunities for Improvement?
 - ✓ Renovate older facilities & centers
 - ✓ Consolidate dispersed playing fields
 - ✓ Facilities to serve locals & tournaments
 - ✓ More youth after school & summer programs
 - ✓ Add artificial turf fields to alleviate overuse
 - ✓ Increase offerings for seniors
 - ✓ Rural areas are underserved
 - ✓ Consider fairness & equity
 - ✓ Add northern Buckwalter-type facility





Community Input - Priorities:

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- The ***One Thing*** you would do?
 - ✓ Affordable programs
 - ✓ Convenient parks w/ less travel time
 - ✓ Equity & fairness in rural areas
 - ✓ Fields with artificial turf
 - ✓ Central aquatic facility & splashpads
 - ✓ Programs for seniors
 - ✓ Programs for children
 - ✓ Open closed centers
 - ✓ Different needs North & South of Broad
 - ✓ Funding for St. Helena, Lady's Island & Daufuskie Island





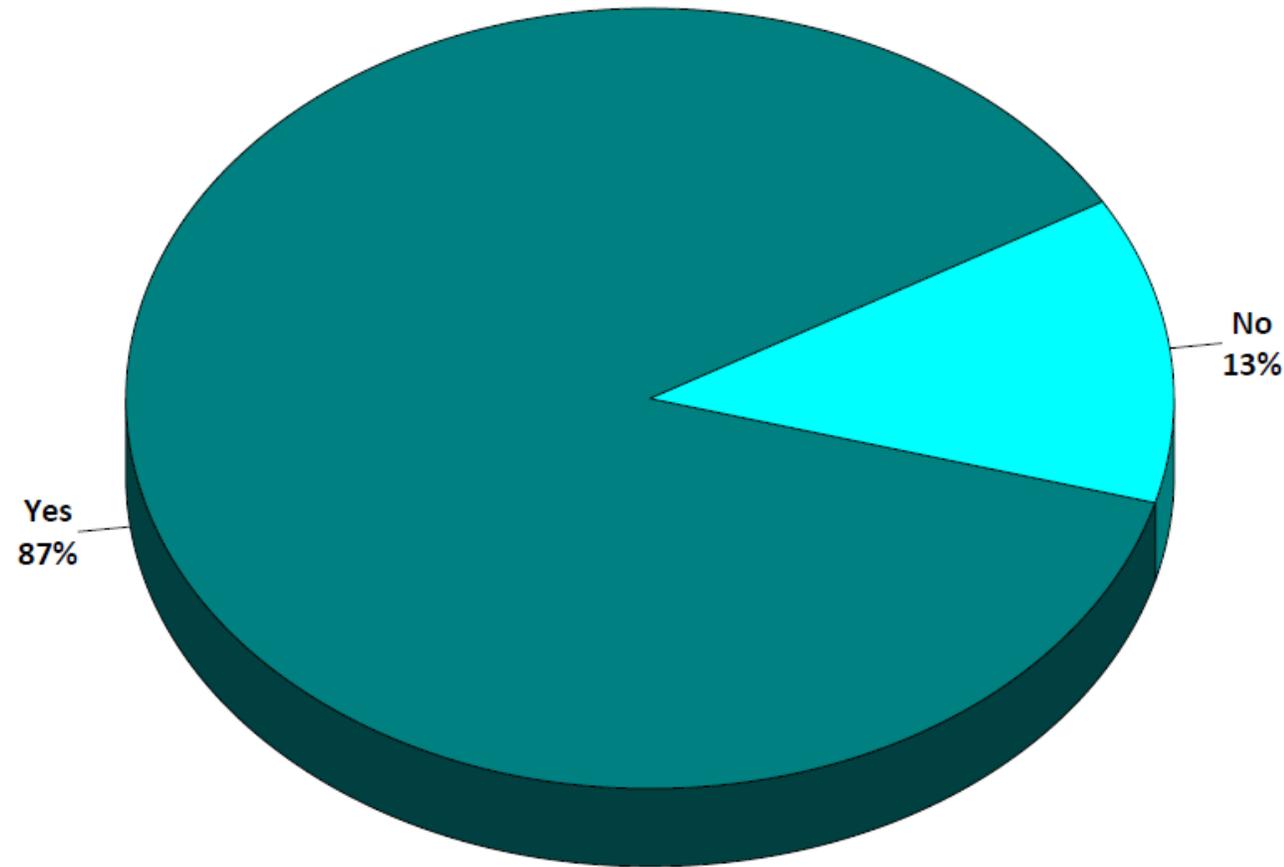
Public Opinion Survey

- Statistically Reliable Tool for input from County residents
- Goal: 300
- Actual: 351 completed surveys
- Precision +/- 5.2% and 95% Level of Confidence



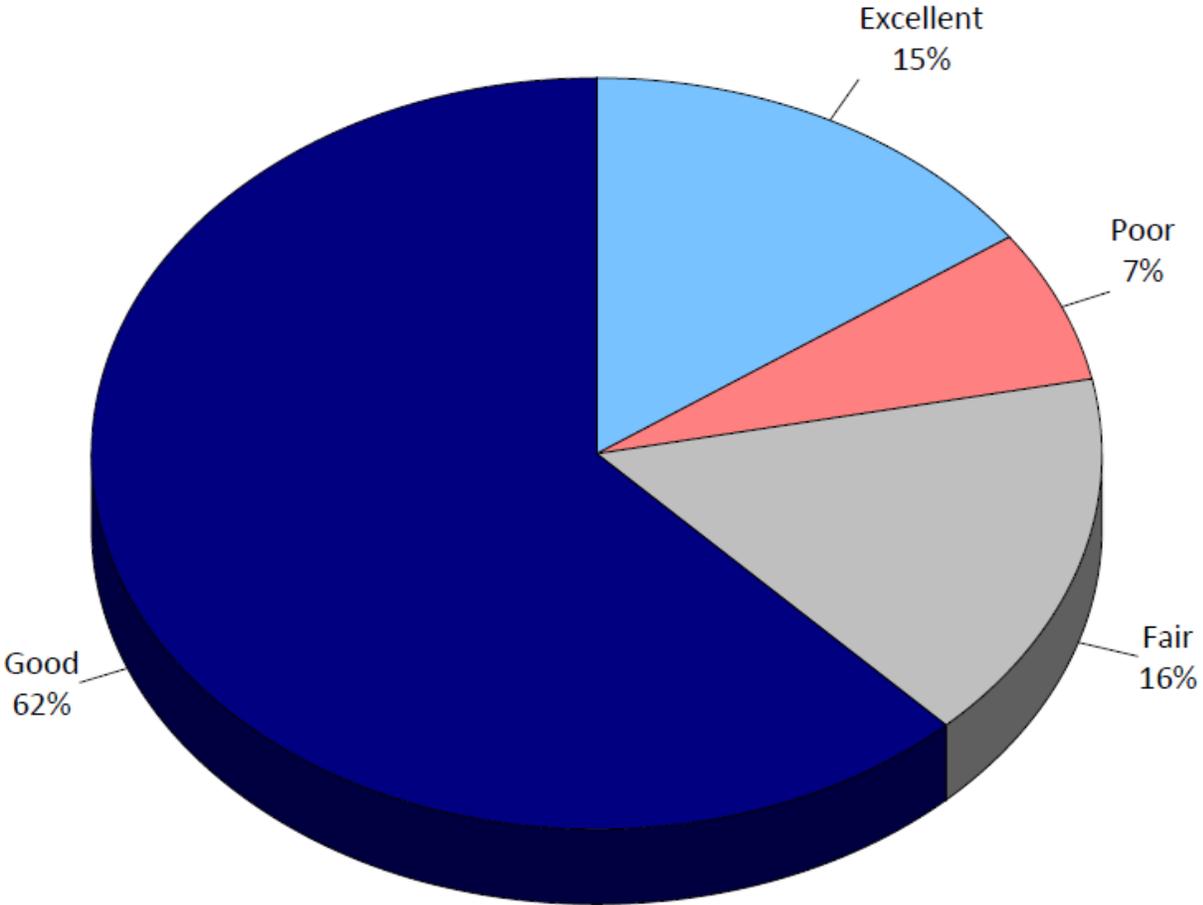
Q1. Have You Or Your Household Visited Any Parks Or Recreation Facilities Offered By Beaufort County During The Last 2 Years?

by percentage of respondents



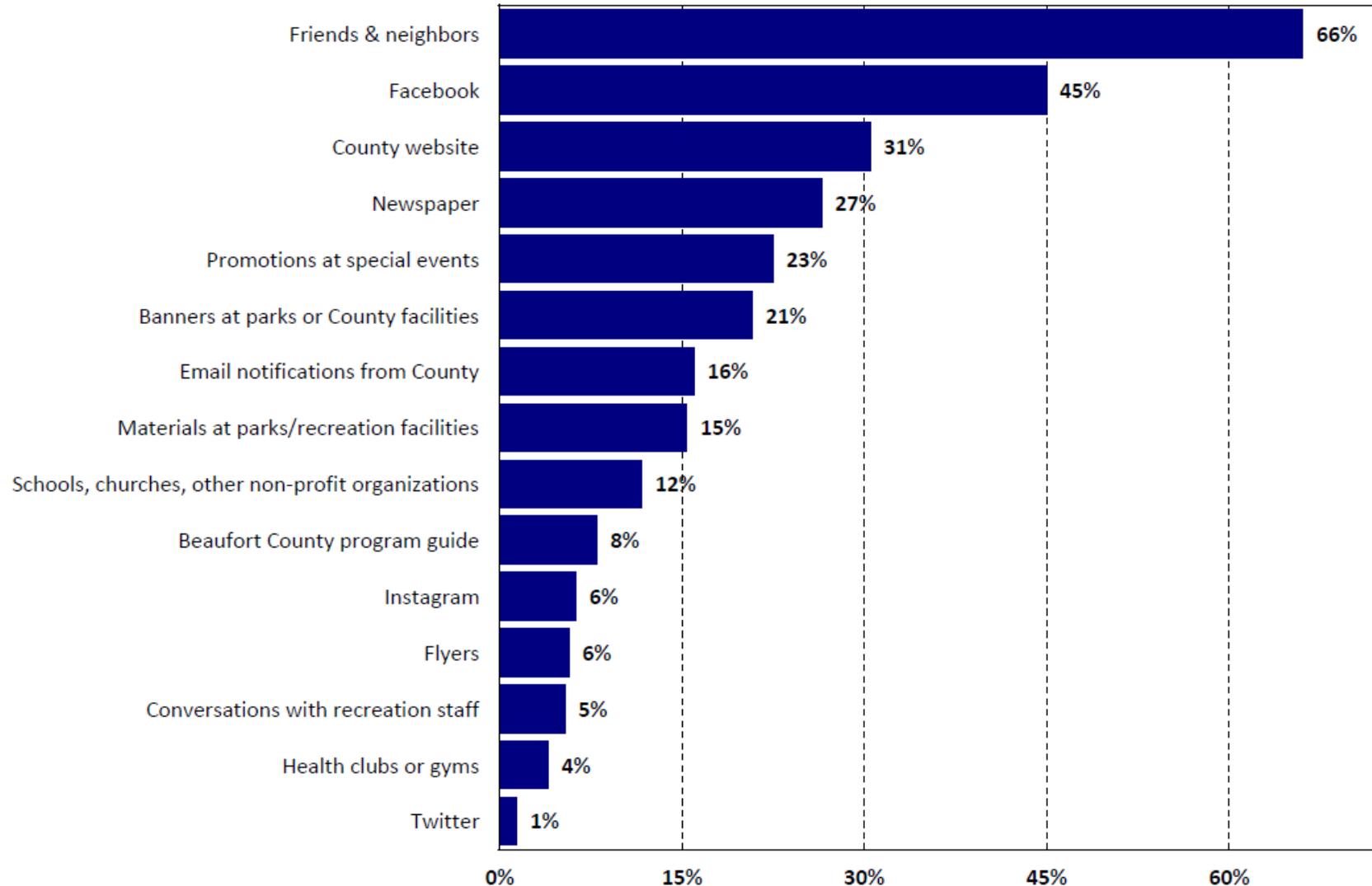
Q1b. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of ALL the Beaufort County parks or recreation facilities you have visited during the last 2 years?

by percentage of respondents who responded "Yes" to Q1 (excluding "not provided")



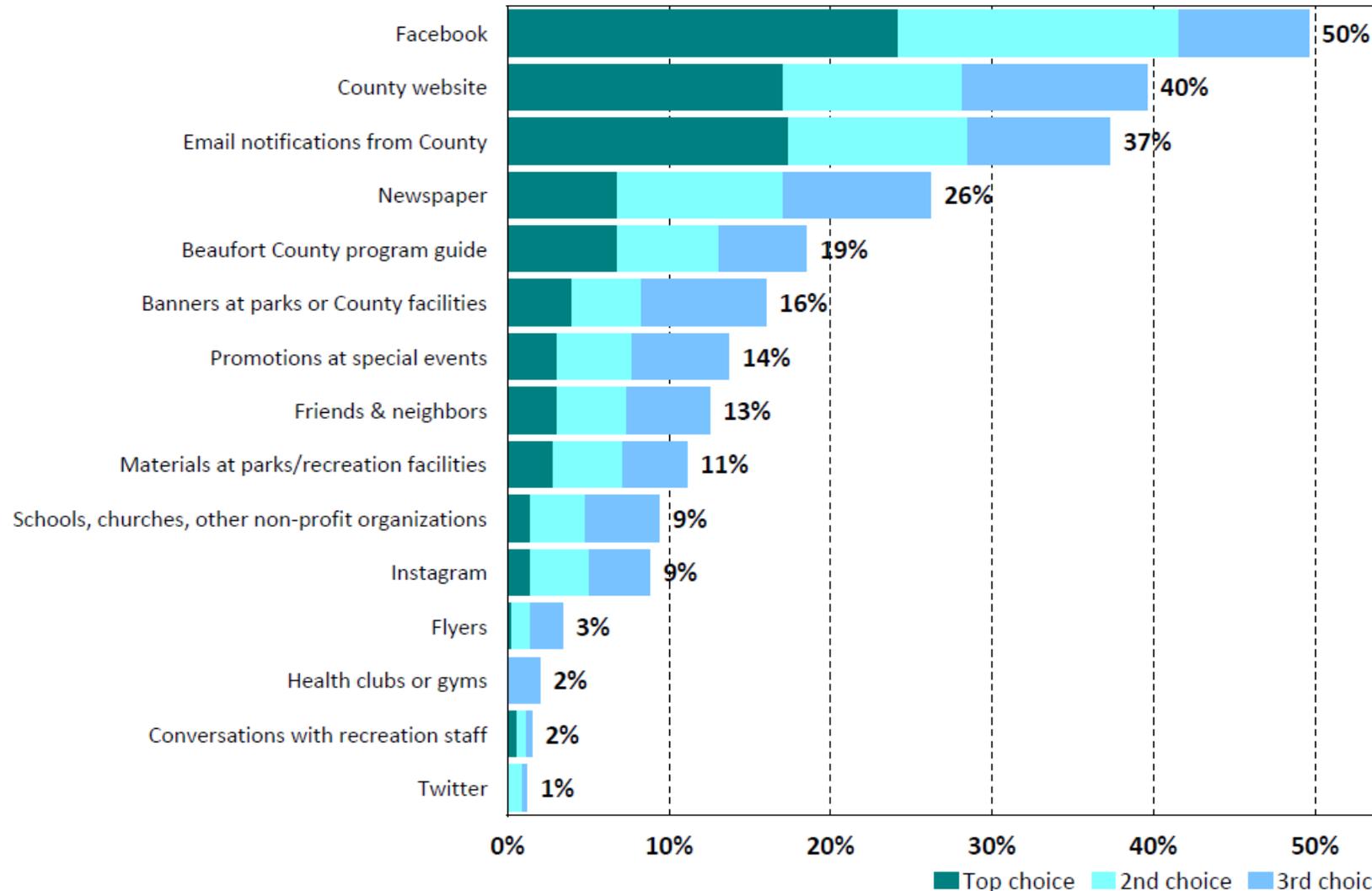
Q2. Ways Households Currently Learn About Recreation Programs and Activities

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



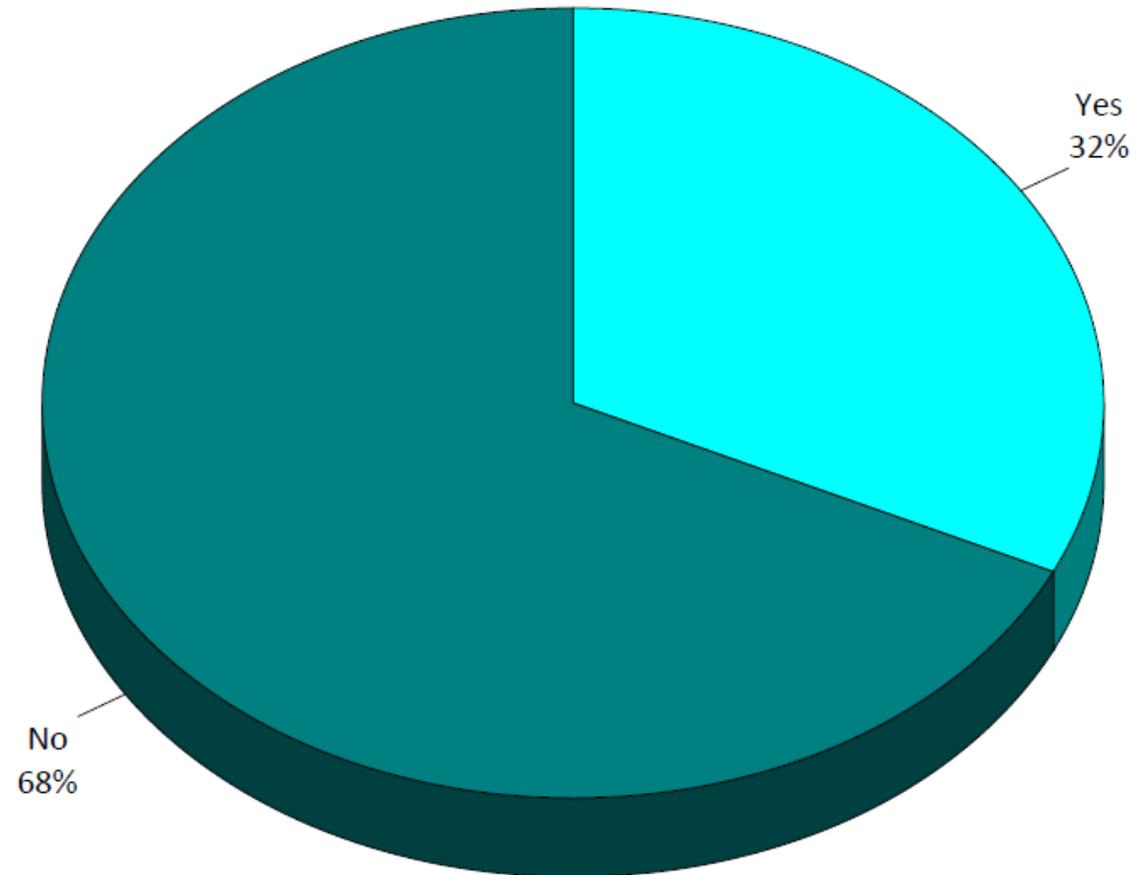
Q3. Most Preferred Sources for Learning About Recreation Programs and Activities

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top three choices



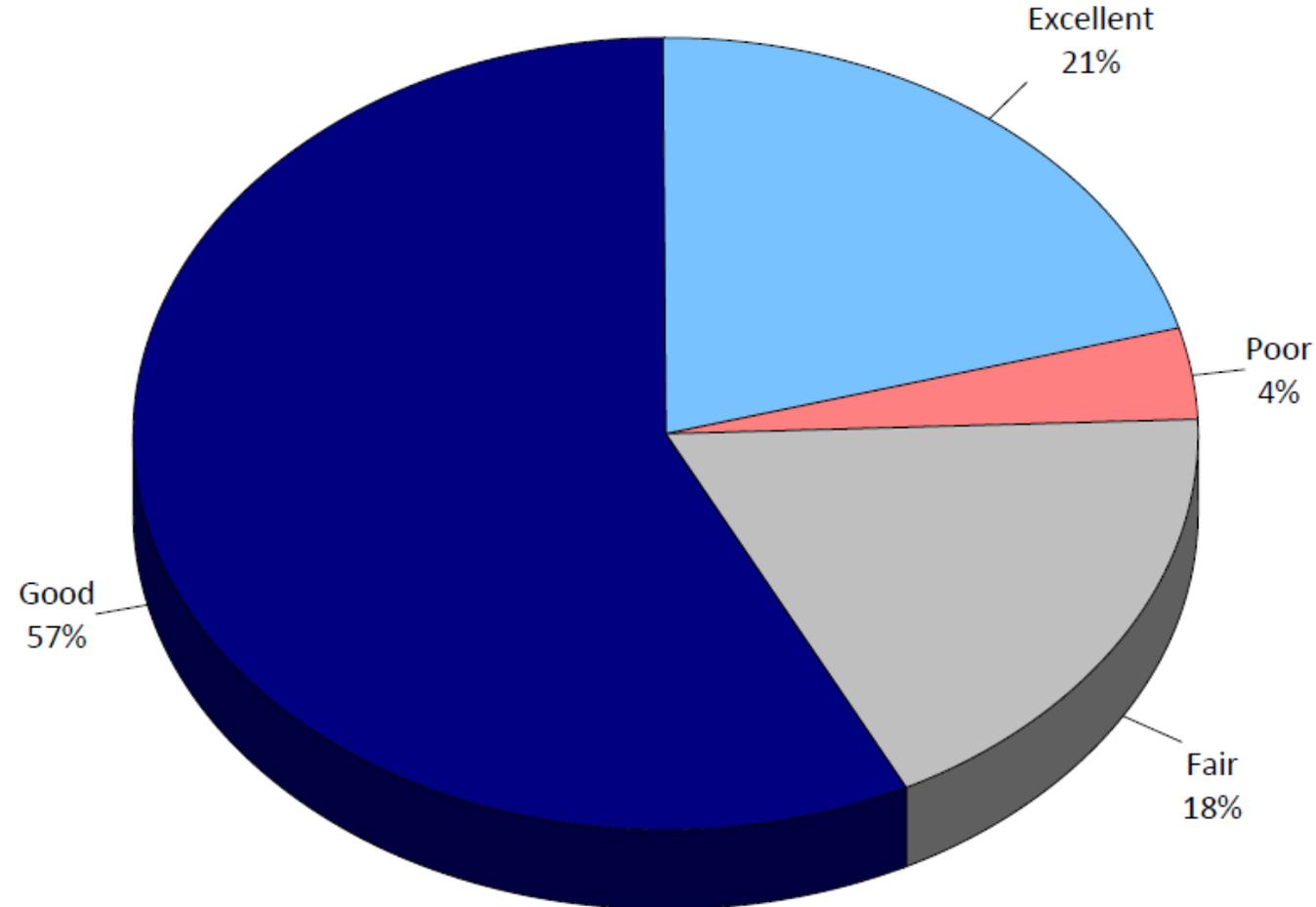
Q4. Has your household participated in any programs offered by Beaufort County Parks and Recreation Department during the last 2 years?

by percentage of respondents



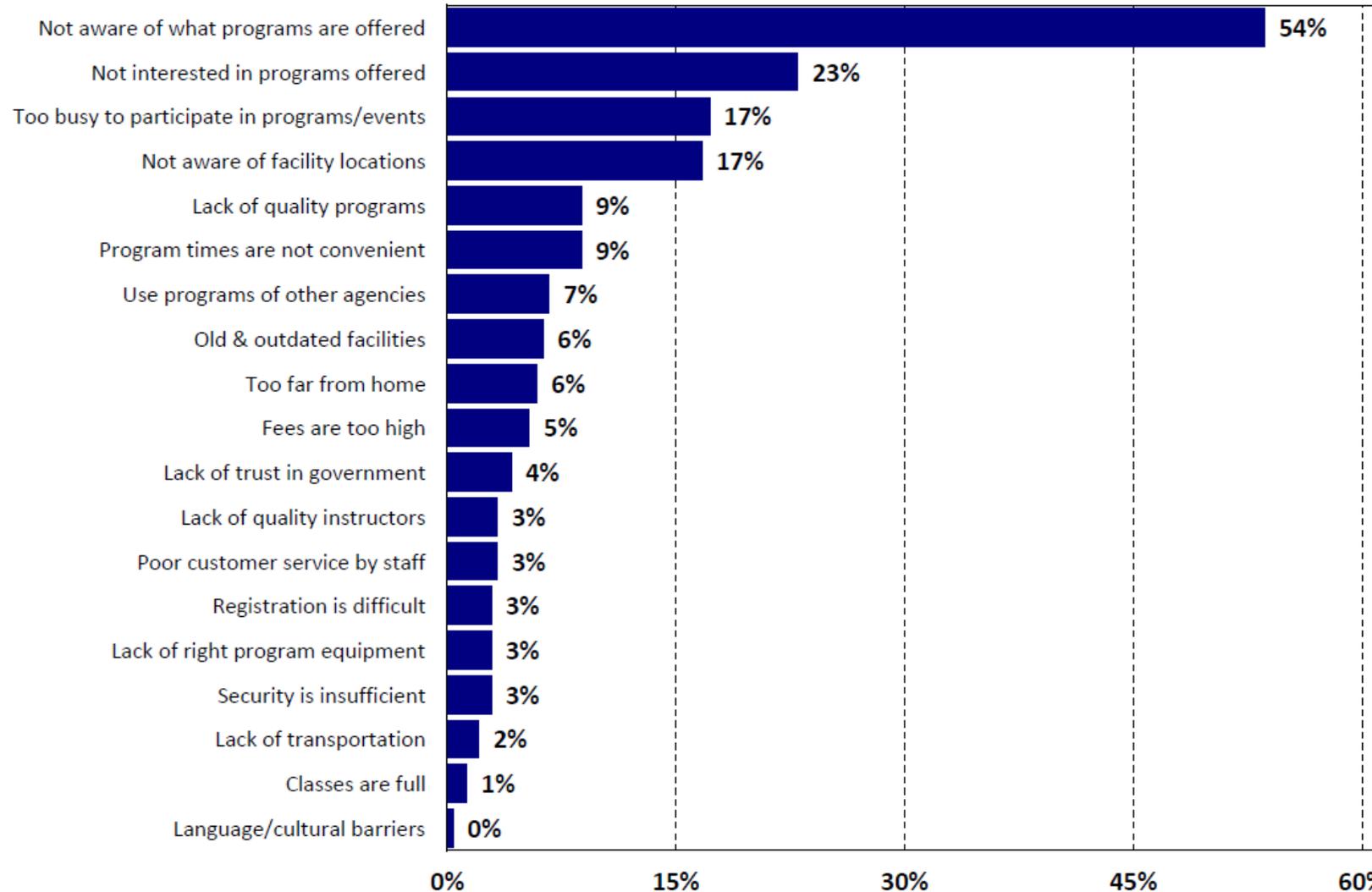
Q4b. How would you rate the overall quality of Beaufort County Parks and Recreation Department Programs?

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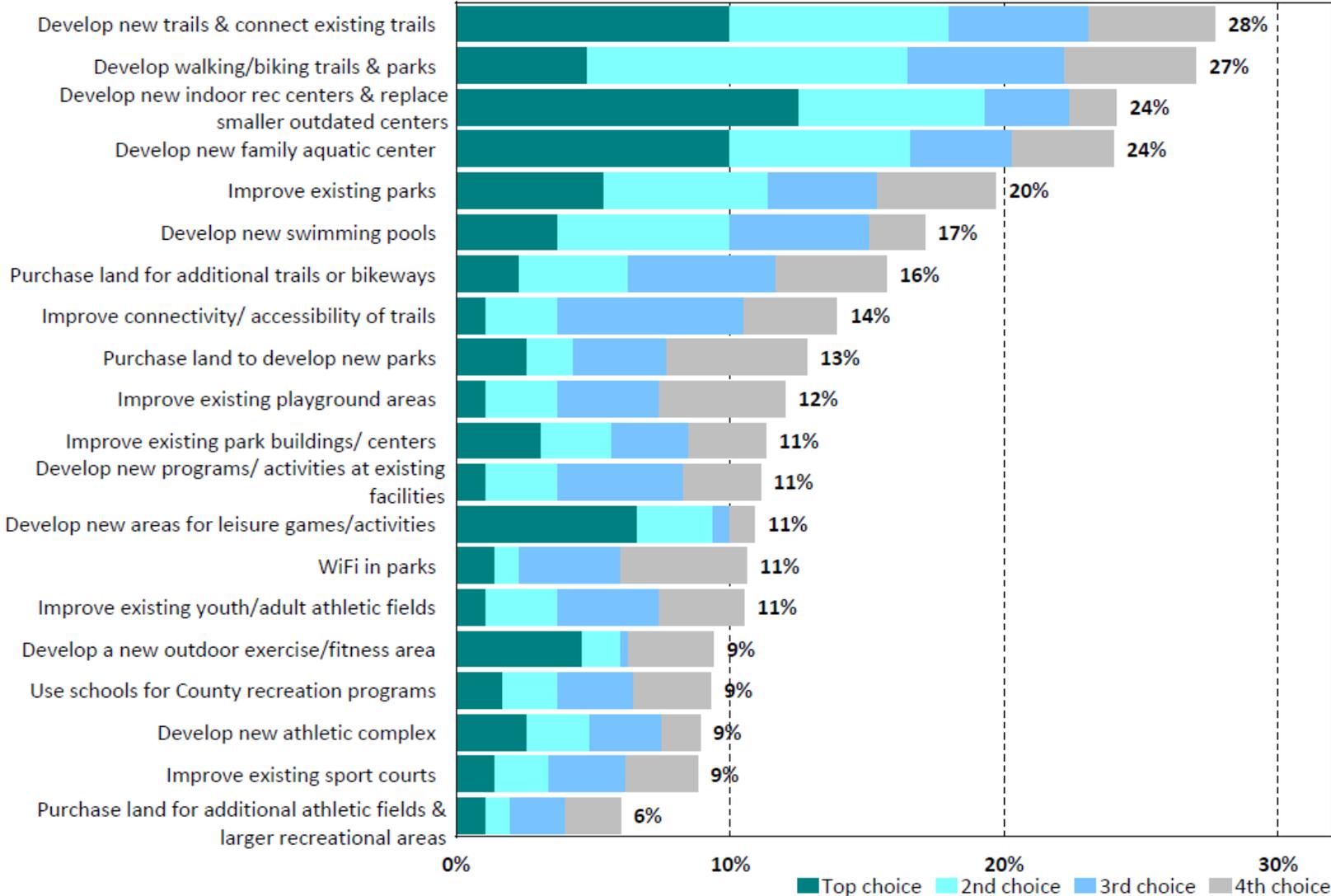
Q4c. Barriers to Parks and Recreation Programs Participation

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



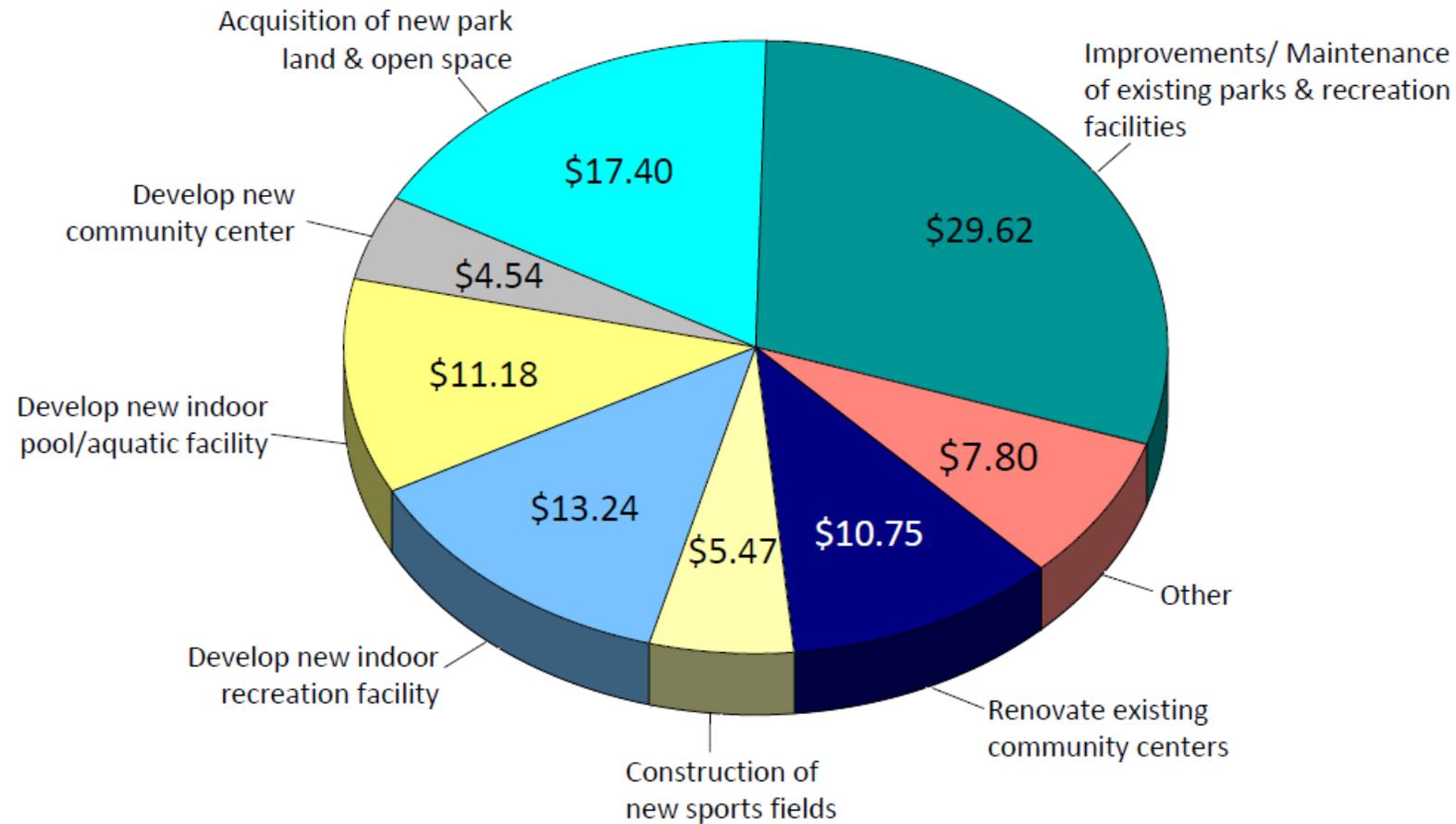
Q12. Items Respondents are Most Willing to Fund

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



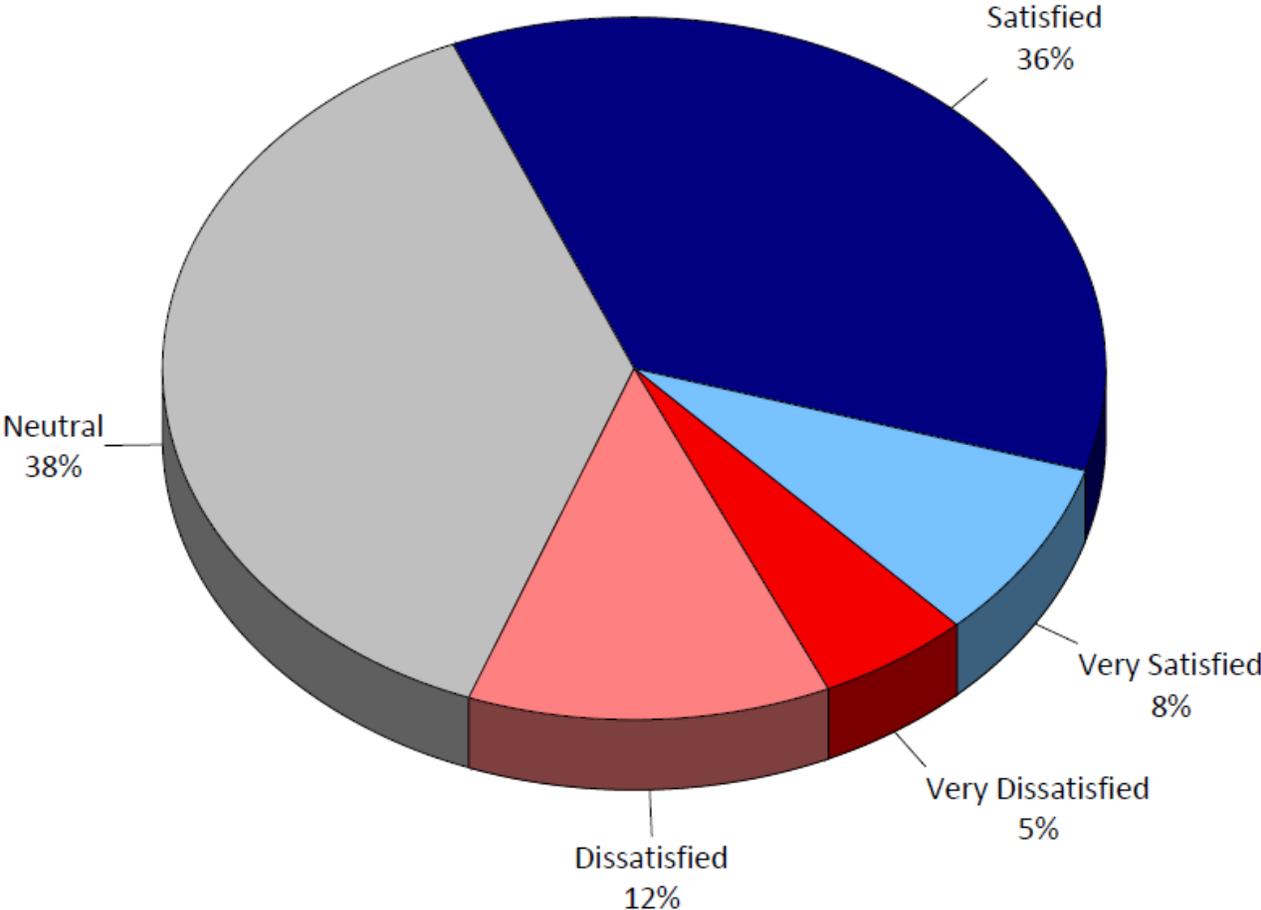
Q13. With a Budget of \$100, How Would Respondents Allocate Funds for Parks and Recreation?

by average allocated per item



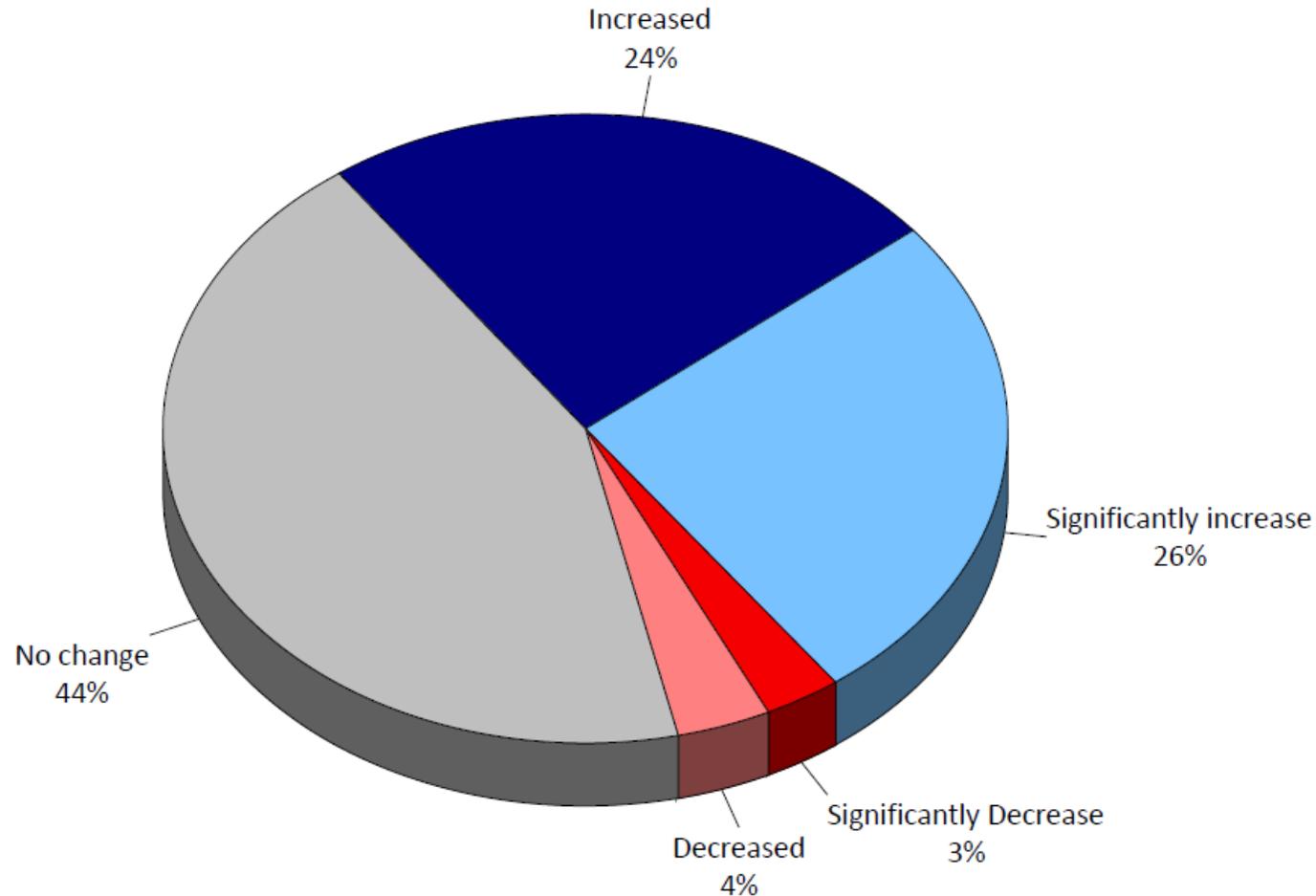
Q15. Level of Satisfaction with Overall Value Received from Parks and Recreation Department

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



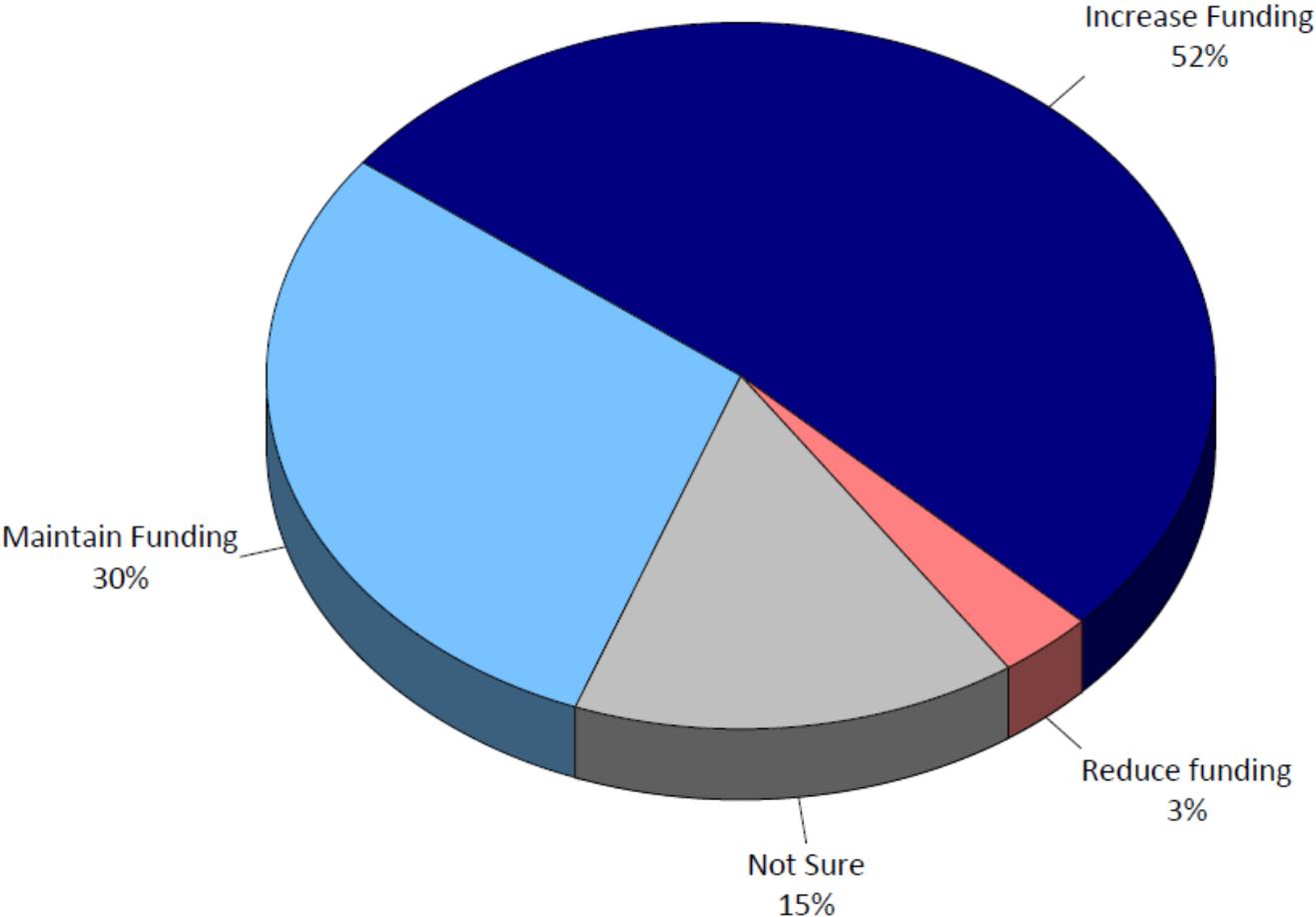
Q16. Given the recent COVID-19 Pandemic, how has your and your household's perception of the value of parks, trails, open spaces and recreation changed?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



Q17. Based on your perception of value, how would you want Beaufort County to fund future parks, recreation, trails, and open space needs?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")





PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Core Program Areas



Five Existing Core Program Areas

Age Segment Identification

AGES SERVED						
Core Program Area	Preschool (5 and Under)	Elementary (6-12)	Teens (13-17)	Adult (18+)	Senior (55+)	All Ages Programs
Aquatics						X
Athletics						X
Youth Programming	X	X				
Senior Programming					X	
70/30 Programs		X	X	X	X	

Program Area Lifecycle

Lifecycle Stage	Description	Actual Program Distribution		Recommended Distribution
Introduction	New program; modest participation	20%	58%	50-60% total
Take-Off	Rapid participation growth	10%		
Growth	Moderate, but consistent population growth	28%		
Mature	Slow participation growth	8%	40%	40% total
Saturation	Minimal to no participation growth	33%		
Decline	Decline participation	3%	3%	0-10% total

Pricing Strategies

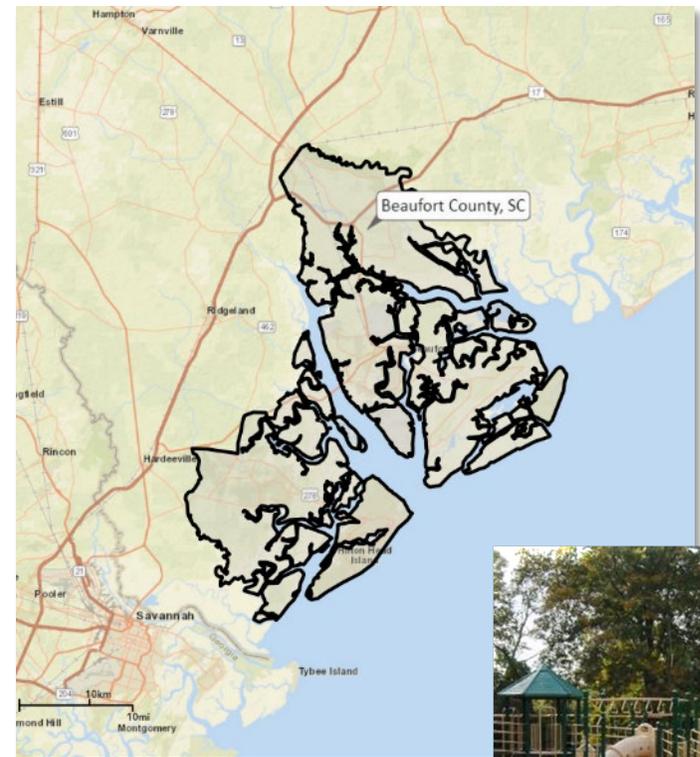
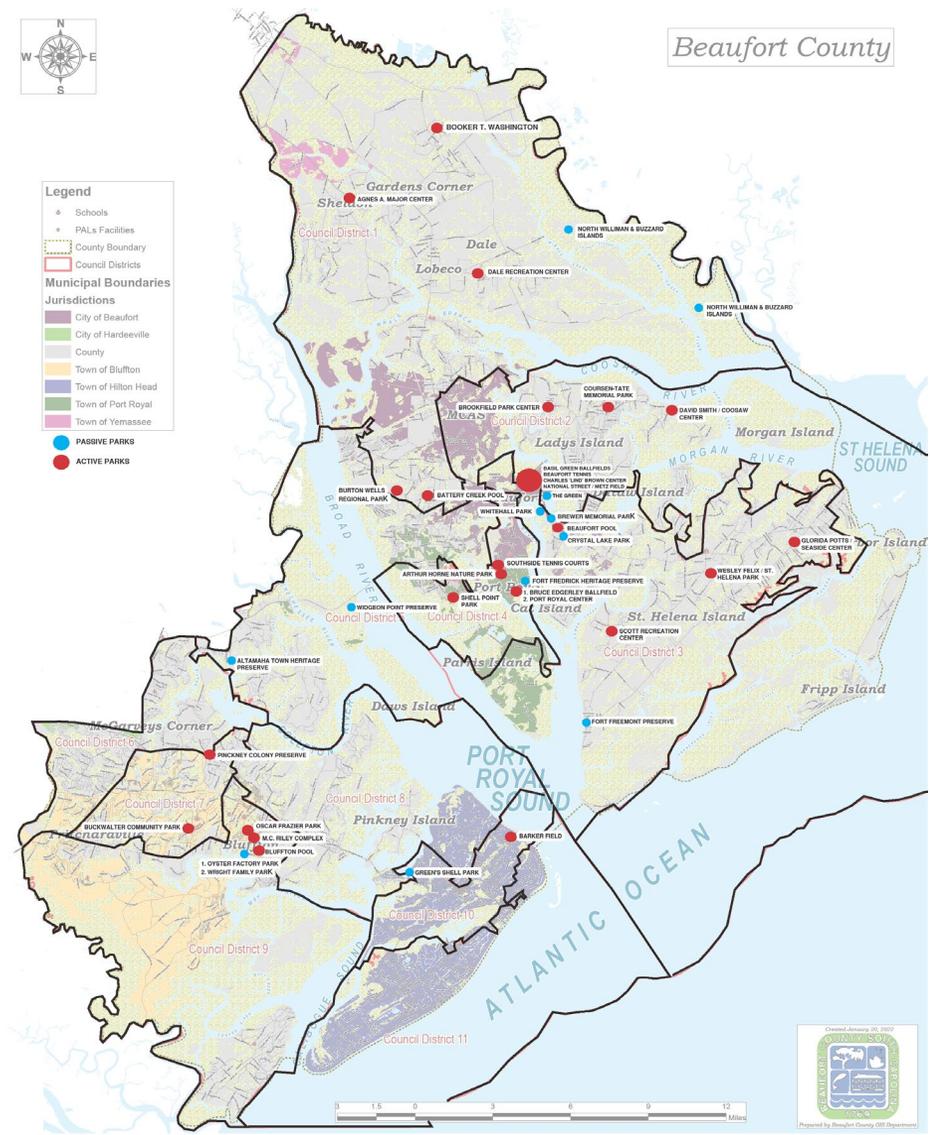
PRICING STRATEGIES

	Age Segment	Family / Household Status	Residency	Weekday / Weekend	Prime / Non-Prime Time	Group Discounts	By Location	By Competition (Market Rate)	By Cost Recovery Goals	By Customer's Ability to Pay
Core Program Area	Different prices offered for different ages	Different prices offered for family / household groups	Different prices for resident vs non-resident	Different prices for different days of the week	Different prices for different times of the day	Different prices for groups	Different prices at different locations	Competitors' prices influence your price	Dept. cost recovery goals influence your price	Scholarships, subsidies, discounted rates offered for low-income
Aquatics	X	X	X			X		X		X
Athletics	X									X
Youth Programming		X								X
Senior Programming										X
70/30 Programming										X

PARK & FACILITY ASSESSMENT

Park & Facility Inventory & Assessment

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Park & Facility Inventory & Assessment

Burton Wells Regional Park

64 Burton Wells Rd.

Beaufort, SC 29902



Amphitheater: Poor

Outdoor basketball ct: Good

Facility	Number/Size	Condition		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Offices (10) & Lg. Classrooms (2)		✓		
Basketball Gym	1	✓		
Racquetball Courts	2	✓		
Fitness Room	1	✓		
Outdoor Basketball	1	✓		
Dog Park- has erosion	1		✓	✓
Concession Stands	2		✓	
Football Field (1 w/ lights)	2	✓	✓	
Baseball/Softball Fields	5	✓	✓	
Soccer Fields	2		✓	
Family Restrooms	2	✓		
Playground w/sand	2		✓	✓
Small Kitchen	2	✓		
Women's Restrooms	4	✓		
Men's Restrooms	4	✓		
Locker/Shower Rooms	2	✓		

Park Description:

Park that includes a recreation center, senior center, four multi-purpose fields, five baseball/softball fields, dog park, and pond with kayak launch & walking trail. Pickleball (5) planned to be added. Soccer fields drainage has "disappeared" - football is better as they added drainage there. Ballfields- (3) newer infields were redone & work ok. Grass areas don't drain well. (2) old fields need rework.

Usage: Light Medium Heavy

Acreage:

Park Type: Reg. Park

Overall Rating: Good

Current Facility Strengths:

- Lots of recreation amenities at the park.
- Lake area is attractive.
- Field lighting.

Current Facility Weakness: • Drainage issues on fields - esp. (2) soccer fields

- Location.
- Needs additional gym(s).
- Storage space.

Possible Improvements:

- Add additional gym(s).
- Fix drainage issues at the fields.
- Field irrigation system and well need to be upgraded.
- Amphitheater needs work/ Dog Park= bad erosion
- New playground = needs safety surface
- Turf Soccer Fields?
- Could use light & drainage at softball field by Rec. Center
- Host ball tournaments?
- Redo old ballfields add batting cages/ replace old playgrnd
- Put library in park?

Scott Recreation Center

242 Scott Hill Road

St. Helena, SC 29920



Park Description:

Neighborhood Park split by road

Usage: Light Medium Heavy

Acreage: 5

Park Type:

Overall Rating: Fair-Poor

Current Facility Strengths:

- Basketball court planned for resurfacing
- Kitchen small but in good shape
- Beautiful oak tree at entry to building

Current Facility Weakness:

- Old playground lacks adequate surfacing
- Scorers/Concession building roof needs replacement from Matthew damage
- Tennis Court needs resurfacing

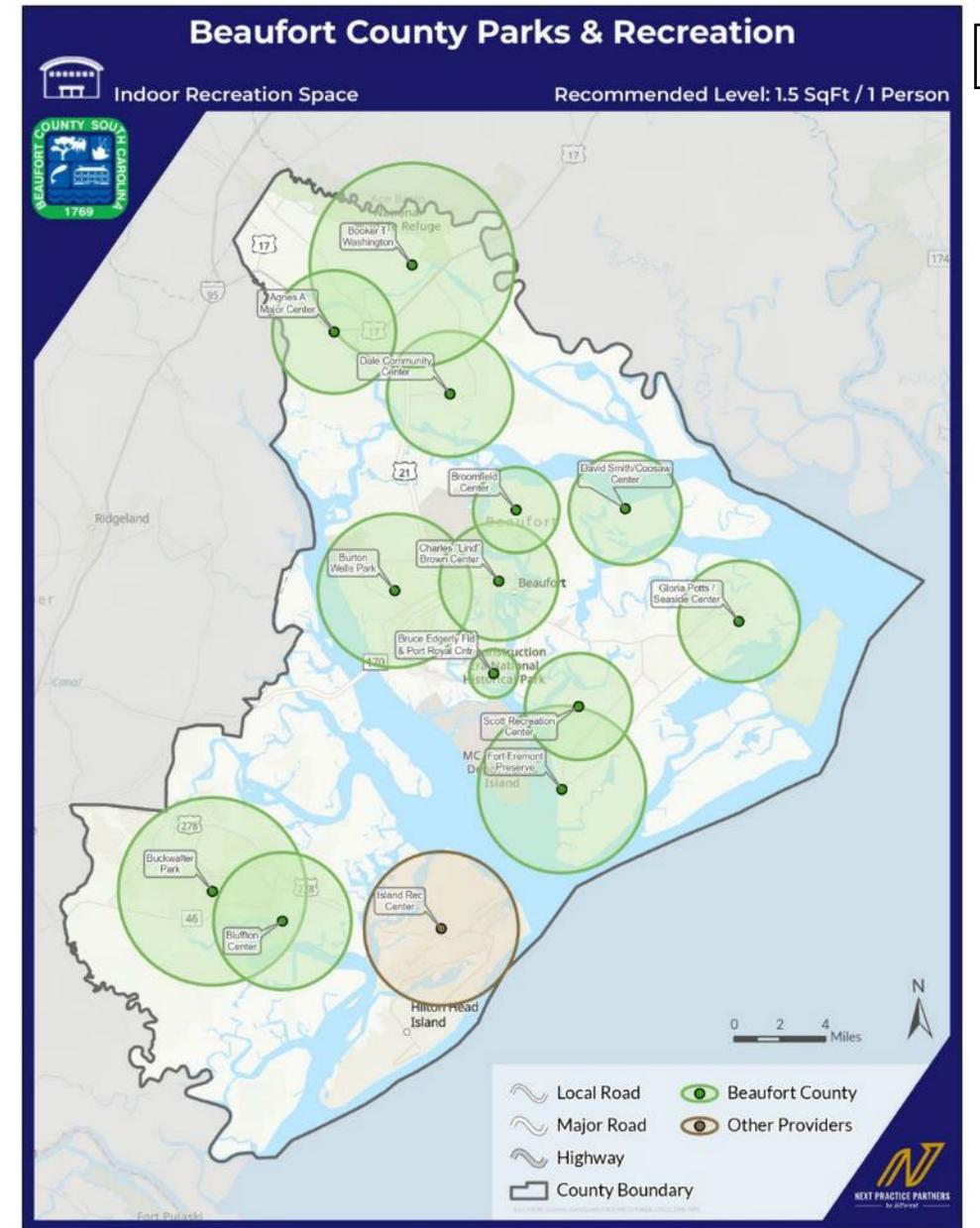
Possible Improvements:

- Replace damaged scorers roof at baseball field
- Replace playground
- Complete basketball resurfacing

Facility	Number/Size	Condition		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Block Building	1		✓	
Large Open Rooms	2		✓	
Small Kitchen	1		✓	
Office	1		✓	
Baseball Fields w/ lights	2		✓	
Soccer Field- open play	1			✓
Tennis Court	1			✓
Outdoor Basketball Court	1			✓
Outdoor Volleyball Court	1		✓	
Playground	1			✓
Concession Stand	1			✓
Women's Restroom			✓	
Men's Restroom			✓	

What We Observed:

- Beaufort County is geographically large & has varying population densities offering challenges to serve
- Many facilities are old, damaged by storms, are in disrepair & need to be renovated or replaced. Some facilities are overused & in need of upgrades
- Rural areas are underserved due to geographic constraints
- In total, 42 properties were observed & rated for level of use: Light, Medium or Heavy
- These properties were also observed & assessed as being in Good, Fair or Poor condition



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Park Models for Beaufort County:

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- **Neighborhood Park:** ¼ to 10 Ac
 - ✓ Examples: Shell Point Park, Scott Community Center, Broomfield Park/Center
- **Community Park:** 10 to 50 Ac
 - ✓ Examples: Coursen Tate Park, Bluffton Center, Wesley Felix/St. Helena Park
- **Regional Park:** 50 to 100+ Ac
 - ✓ Examples: Burton Wells Park, Buckwalter Park, Oscar Frazier Park



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■ Special Purpose Site:

- ✓ Sites that do not fall into one of the previous categories
- ✓ Primarily provides a single purpose or specialized facility such as Senior Centers, pools or aquatic facilities, tennis complexes, etc.
- ✓ Examples: Bluffton Pool, Beaufort Tennis, Wright Family Park/Dock, Southside Tennis



■ Natural/Cultural Resource Park:

- ✓ Site & resource driven
- ✓ Examples: Whitehall Park, Crystal Lake Park, Fort Freemont Preserve



Level of Service

Beaufort County Level of Service Standards

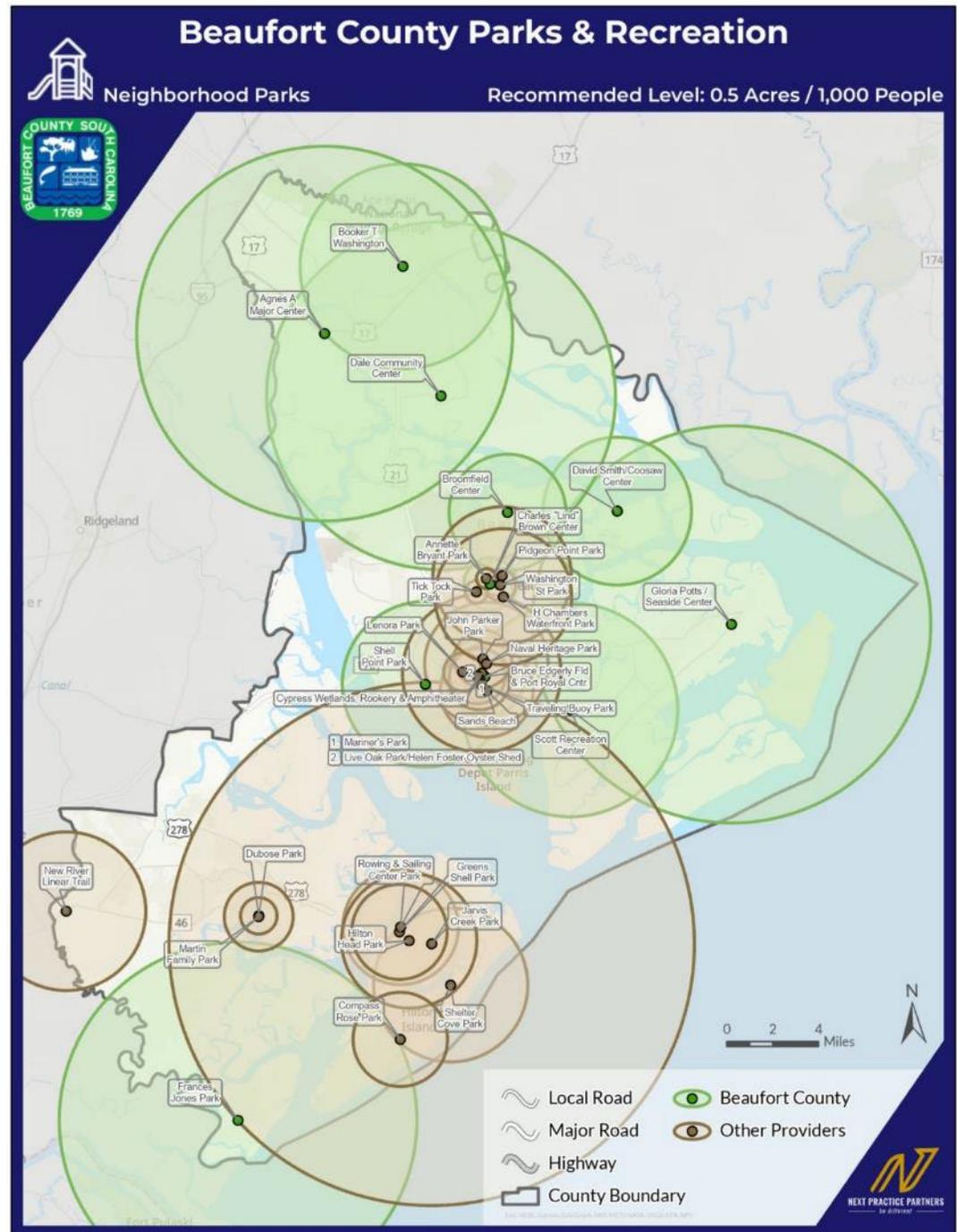
Park Type	2022 Inventory									2022 Standards		2027 Standards		2032 Standards	
	Beaufort County	Other Providers	Total Inventory	Current Service Level based upon population			Recommended Service Levels;			Meet Standard/ Need Exists	Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed	Meet Standard/ Need Exists	Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed	Meet Standard/ Need Exists	Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed
Neighborhood Parks	44.03	121.21	165.24	0.86	acres per	1,000	0.50	acres per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)
Community Parks	84.36	267.10	351.46	1.83	acres per	1,000	2.00	acres per	1,000	Need Exists	33 Acre(s)	Need Exists	11 Acre(s)	Need Exists	74 Acre(s)
Regional Parks	474.32	-	474.32	2.47	acres per	1,000	2.00	acres per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)
Natural Resource Park	357.24	88.76	446.00	2.32	acres per	1,000	3.00	acres per	1,000	Need Exists	131 Acre(s)	Need Exists	153 Acre(s)	Need Exists	193 Acre(s)
Total Developed Park Acres	959.95	477.07	1,437.02	7.47	acres per	1,000									
Undeveloped Natural Resource Park	9,168.30	-	9,168.30	47.67	acres per	1,000	N/A	acres per	1,000		Acre(s)		Acre(s)		Acre(s)
Special Purpose Site	11.75	78.22	89.97	0.47	acres per	1,000	N/A	acres per	1,000		Acre(s)		Acre(s)		Acre(s)
Total Park Acres	10,128.25	477.07	10,605.32								Acre(s)		Acre(s)		Acre(s)
TRAILS:															
Trails (paved)	6.70	10.40	17.10	0.09	mile per	1,000	0.20	mile per	1,000	Need Exists	21 Mile(s)	Need Exists	17 Mile(s)	Need Exists	25 Mile(s)
Trails (unpaved)	19.30	14.60	33.90	0.18	mile per	1,000	0.20	mile per	1,000	Need Exists	5 Mile(s)	Need Exists	6 Mile(s)	Need Exists	9 Mile(s)
OUTDOOR AMENITIES:															
Basketball Courts	8.00	9.00	17.00	1.00	court per	11,314	1.00	court per	11,000	Need Exists	0.5 Court(s)	Need Exists	1 Court(s)	Need Exists	2 Court(s)
Tennis Courts	12.00	22.00	34.00	1.00	court per	5,657	1.00	court per	7,000	Meets Standard	- Court(s)	Meets Standard	- Court(s)	Meets Standard	- Court(s)
Pickleball Courts	4.00	10.00	14.00	1.00	court per	13,738	1.00	court per	9,000	Need Exists	7 Court(s)	Need Exists	8 Court(s)	Need Exists	10 Court(s)
Diamond Fields	23.00	7.00	30.00	1.00	field per	6,411	1.00	field per	7,500	Meets Standard	- Field(s)	Meets Standard	- Field(s)	Meets Standard	- Field(s)
Multi-purpose Rectangular Fields	17.00	7.00	24.00	1.00	field per	8,014	1.00	field per	8,000	Need Exists	0.04 Field(s)	Need Exists	1 Field(s)	Need Exists	3 Field(s)
Playgrounds	19.00	21.00	40.00	1.00	site per	4,808	1.00	site per	4,500	Need Exists	3 Site(s)	Need Exists	4 Site(s)	Need Exists	7 Site(s)
Picnic Shelters / Pavilions	10.00	31.00	41.00	1.00	site per	4,691	1.00	site per	4,000	Need Exists	7 Site(s)	Need Exists	9 Site(s)	Need Exists	12 Site(s)
Outdoor Swimming Pools	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	site per	96,169	1.00	site per	50,000	Need Exists	2 Site(s)	Need Exists	2 Site(s)	Need Exists	2 Site(s)
Skate Parks	1.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	site per	64,112	1.00	site per	75,000	Meets Standard	- Site(s)	Meets Standard	- Site(s)	Meets Standard	- Site(s)
Splash Pads	1.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	site per	64,112	1.00	site per	40,000	Need Exists	2 Site(s)	Need Exists	2 Site(s)	Need Exists	2 Site(s)
Dog Parks	3.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	site per	38,467	1.00	site per	27,500	Need Exists	2 Site(s)	Need Exists	2 Site(s)	Need Exists	3 Site(s)
INDOOR AMENITIES:															
Indoor Aquatic Space	34,800	-	34,800	0.18	SF per person		0.50	SF per person		Need Exists	61,369 Square Feet	Need Exists	64,995 Square Feet	Need Exists	71,685 Square Feet
Indoor Recreation Space	148,892	34,000	182,892	0.95	SF per person		1.50	SF per person		Need Exists	105,614 Square Feet	Need Exists	116,492 Square Feet	Need Exists	136,563 Square Feet

2022 Estimated Population	192,337
2027 Estimated Population	199,589
2032 Estimated Population	212,970



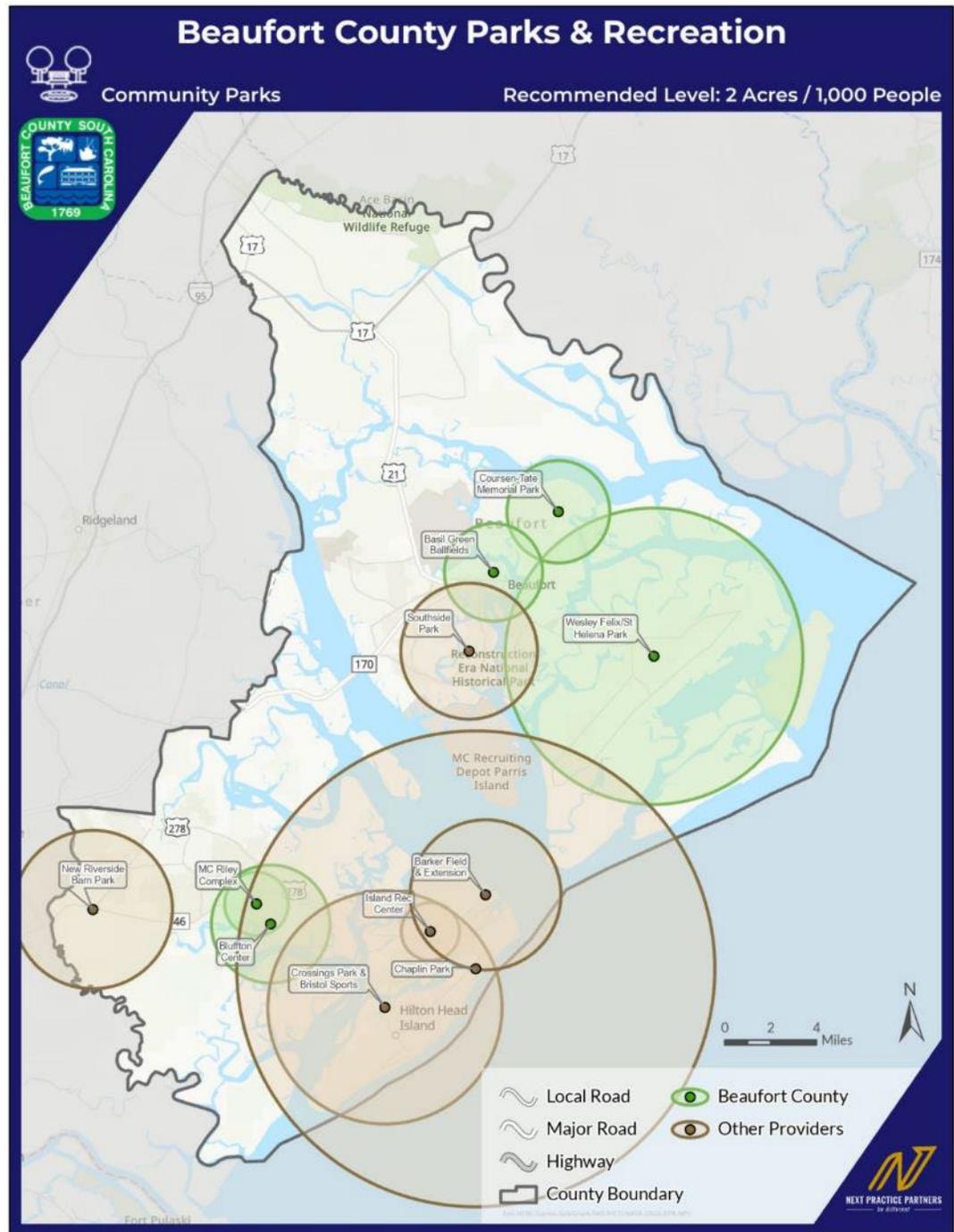
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Neighborhood Parks



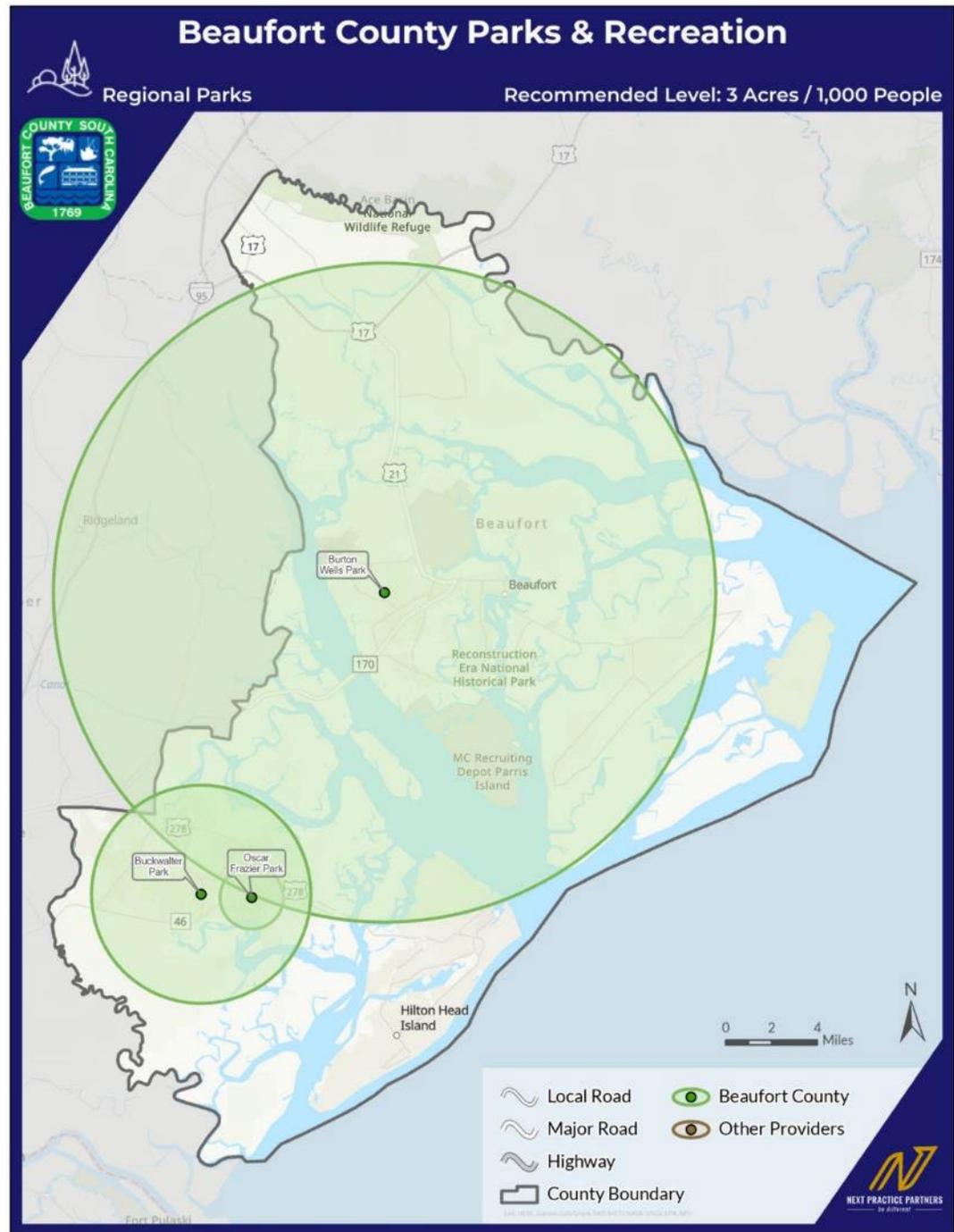
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Community Parks



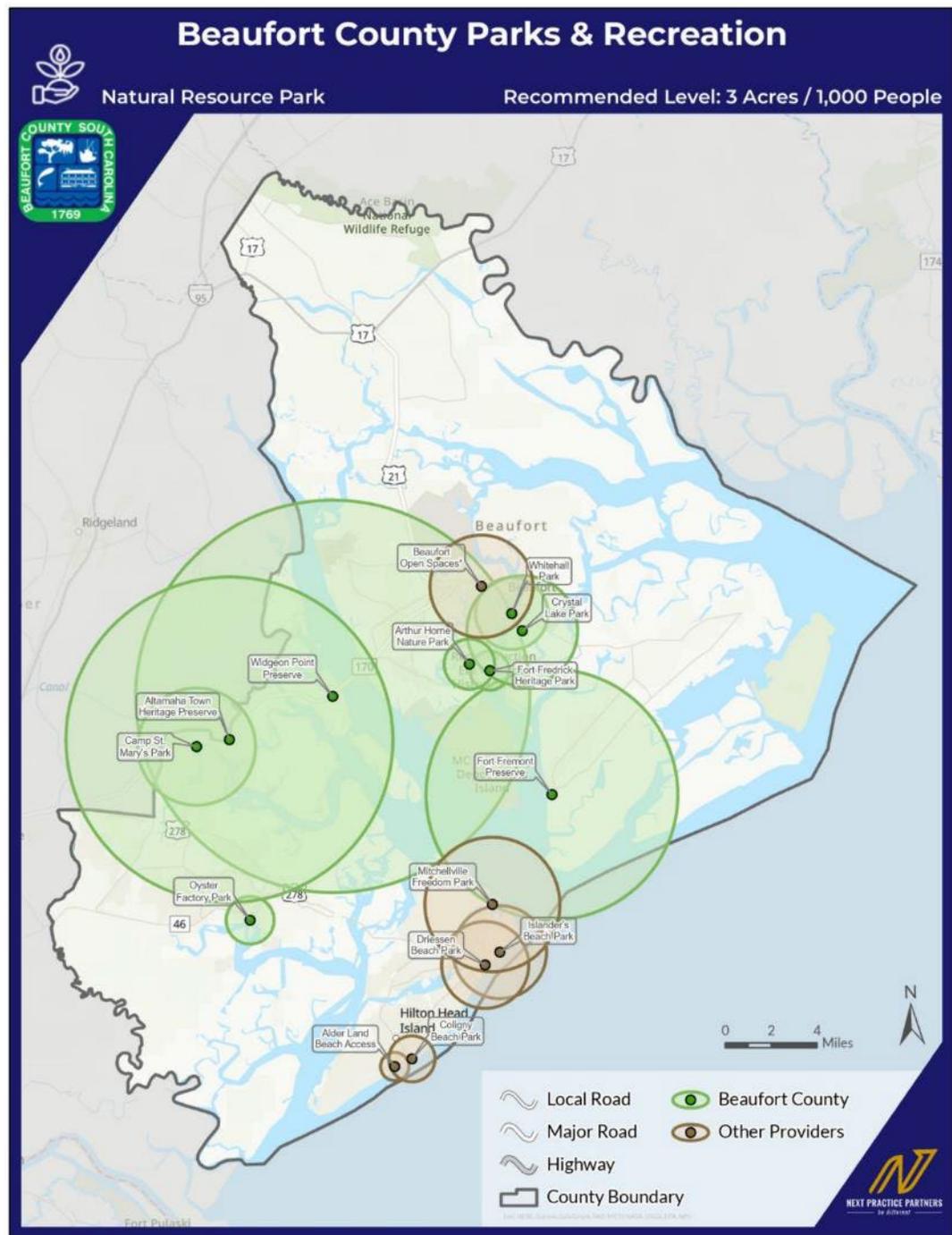
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Regional Parks



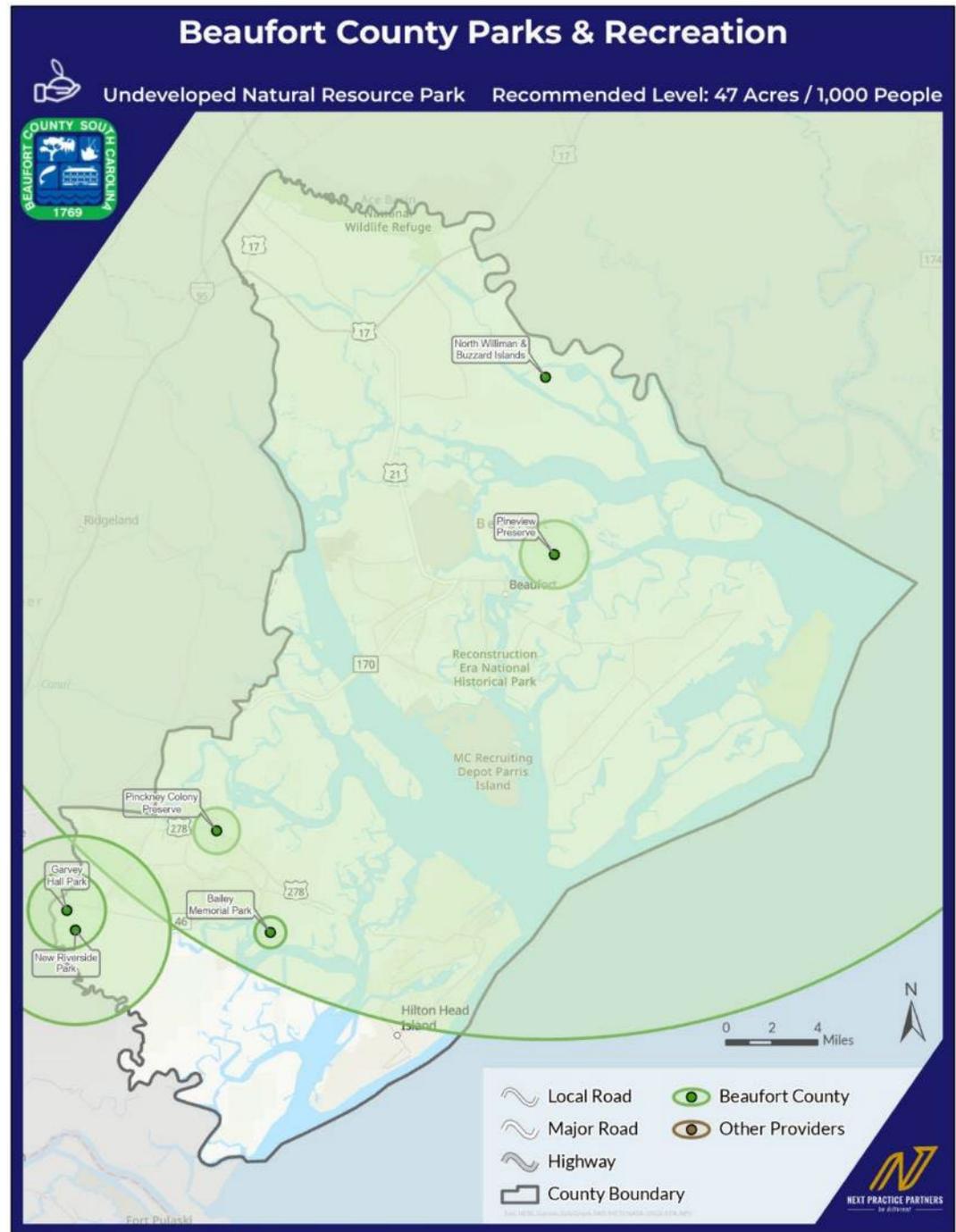
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Natural Resource Park



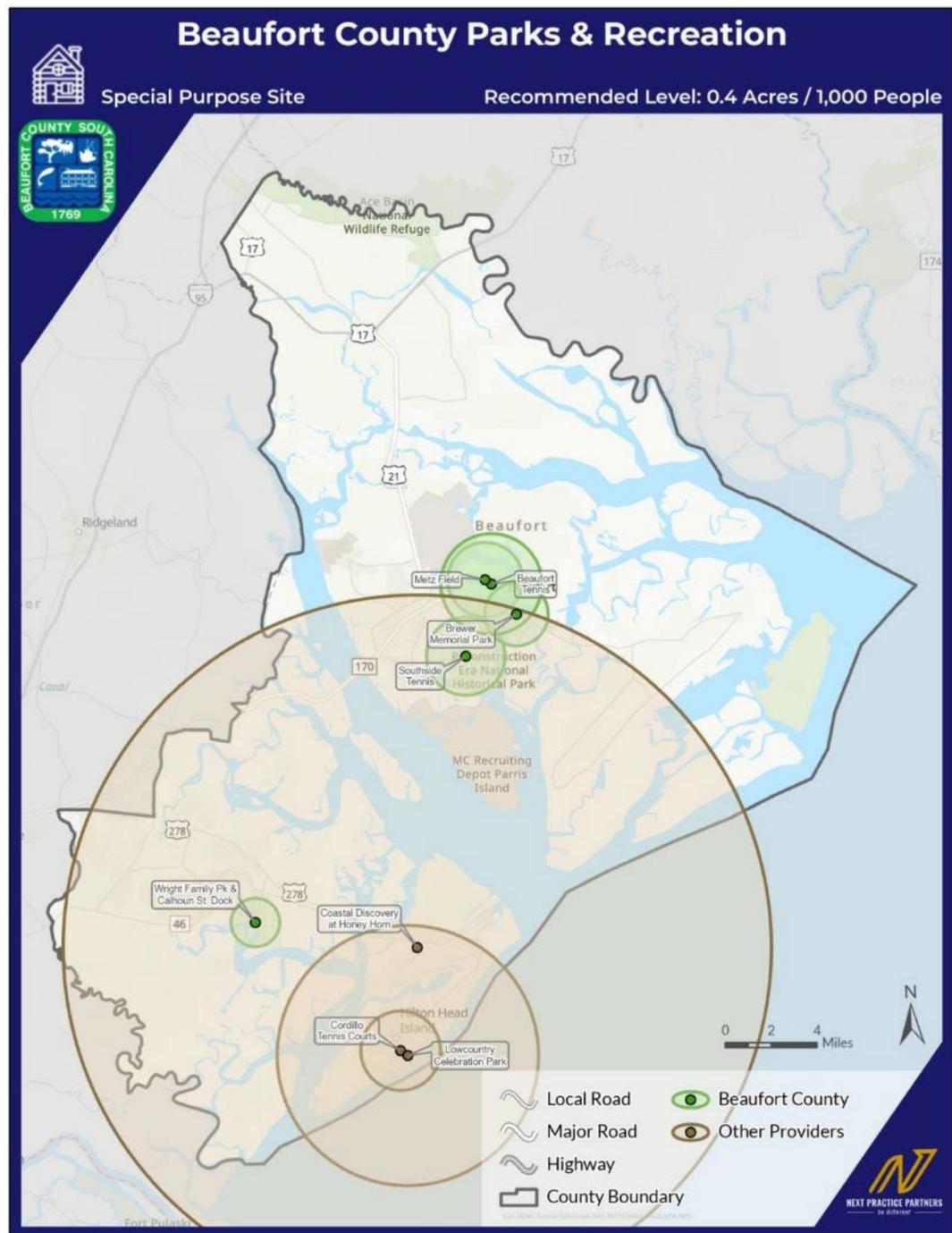
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Undeveloped Natural Resource Park



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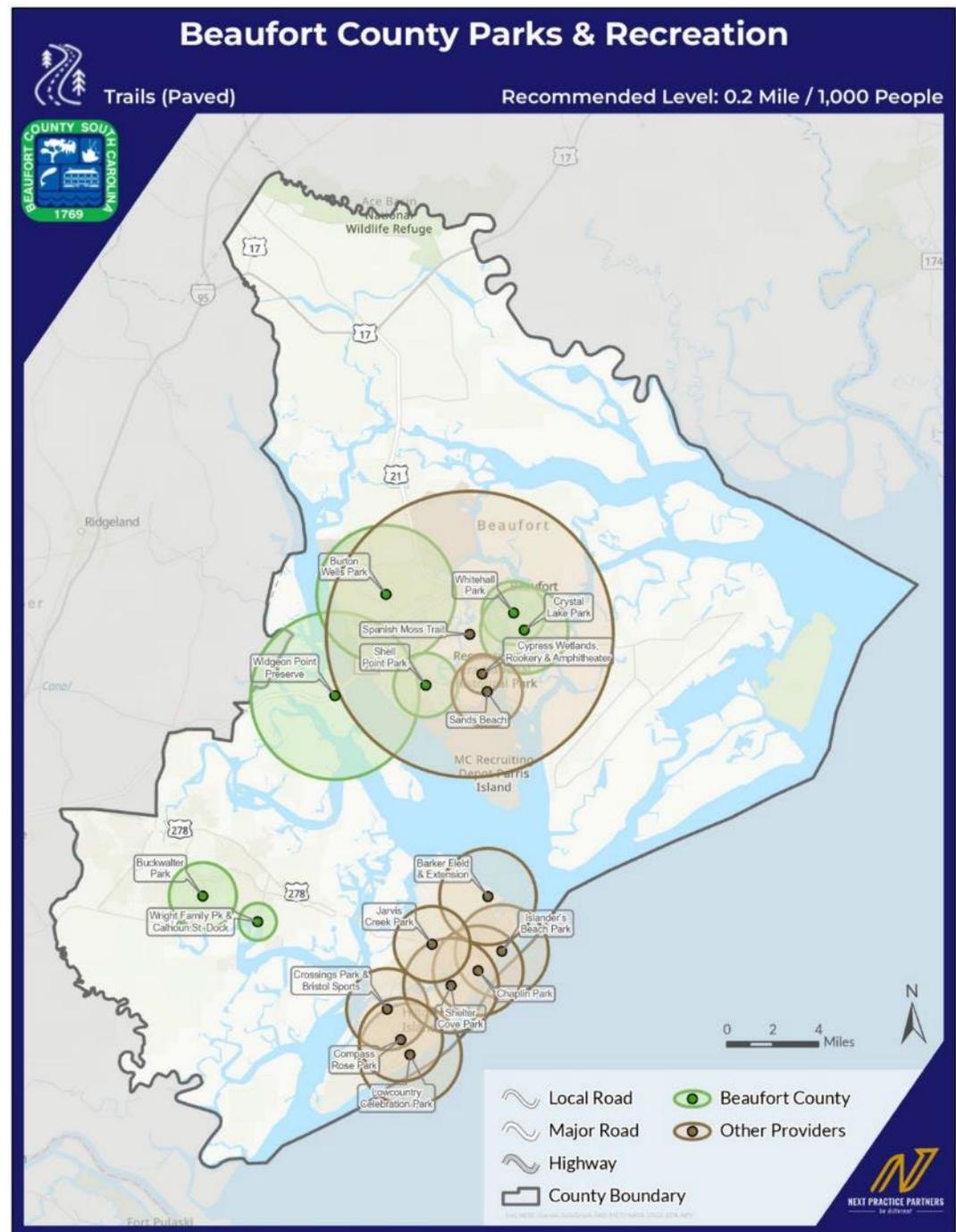
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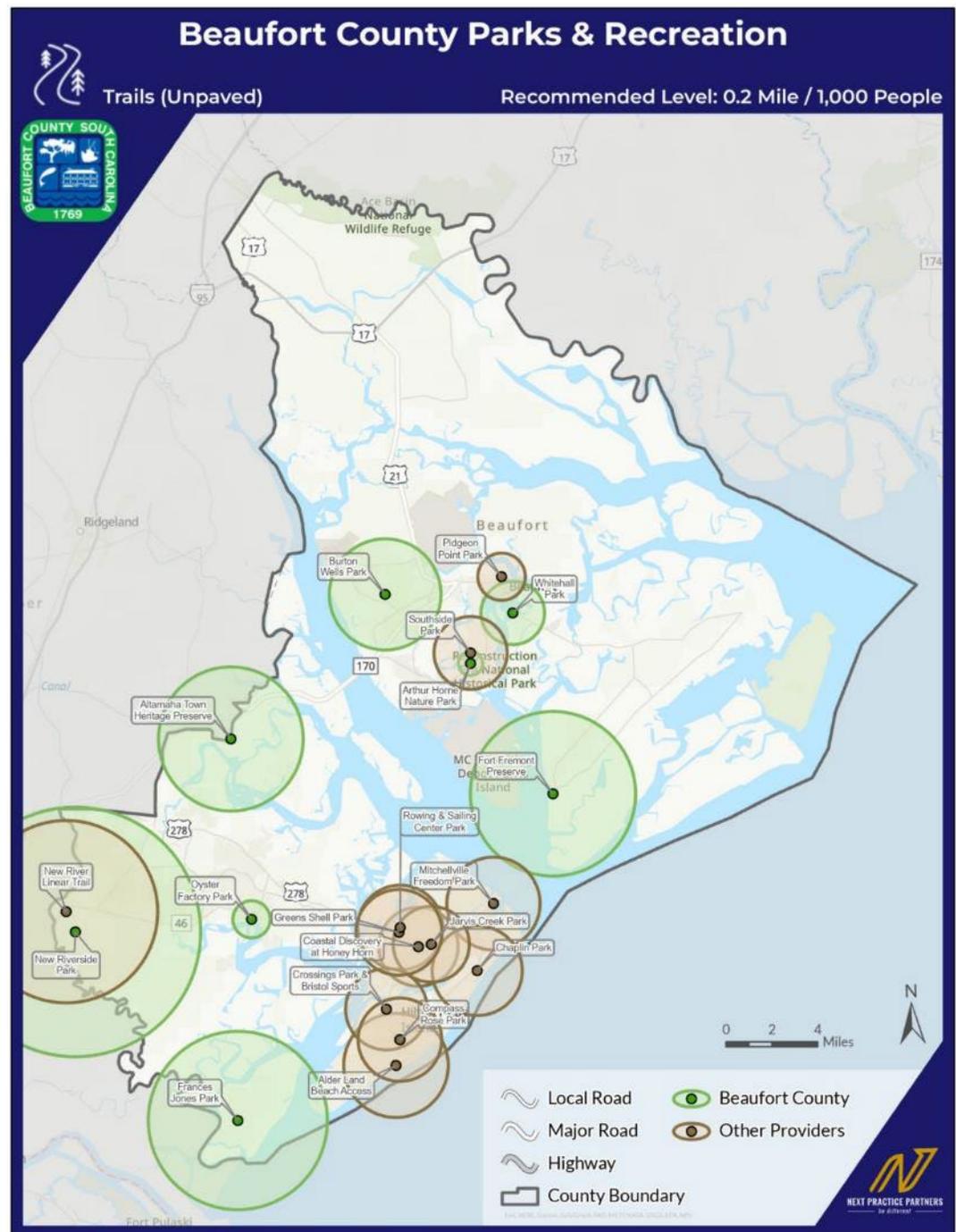
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Trails (Paved)



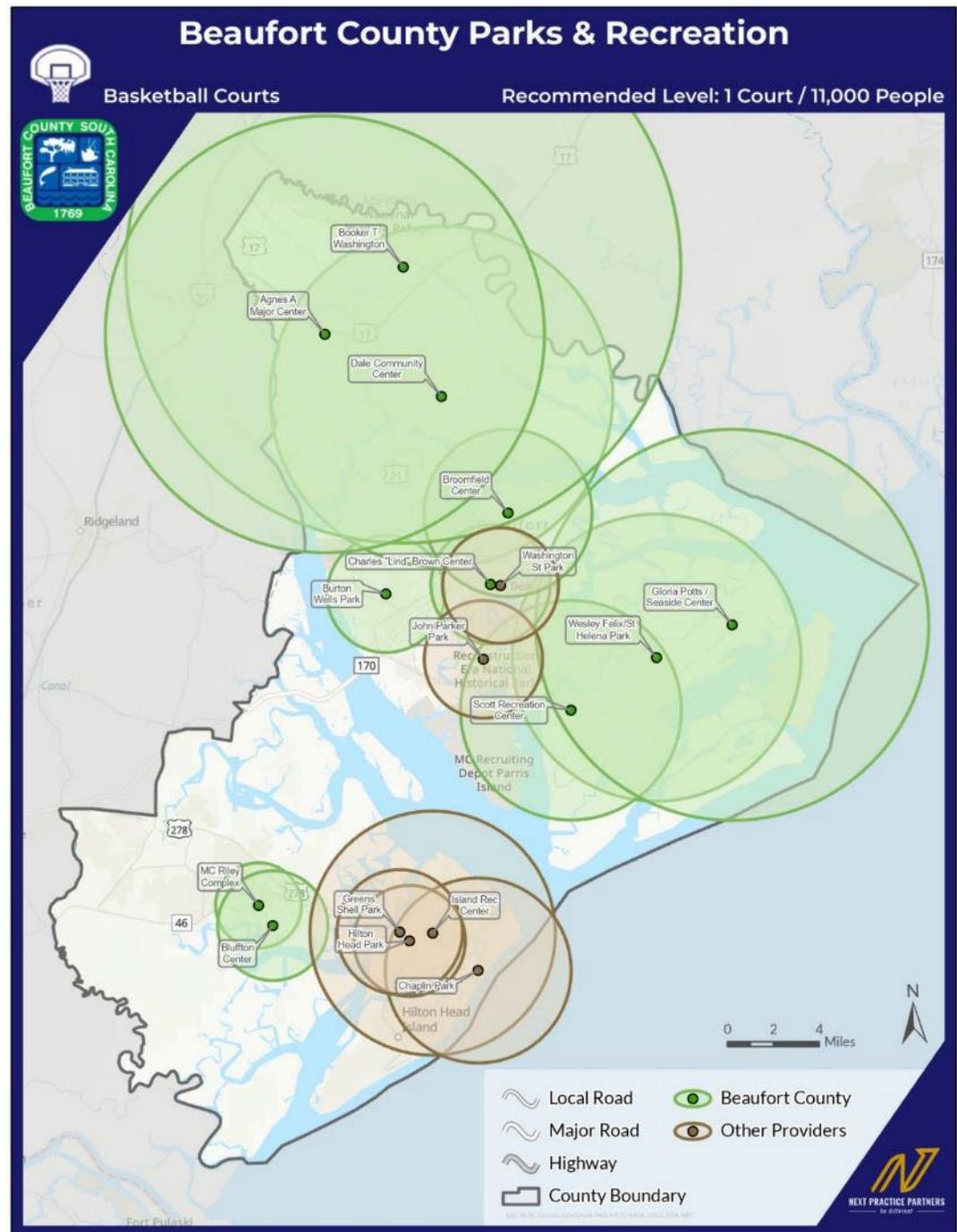
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Trails (Unpaved)



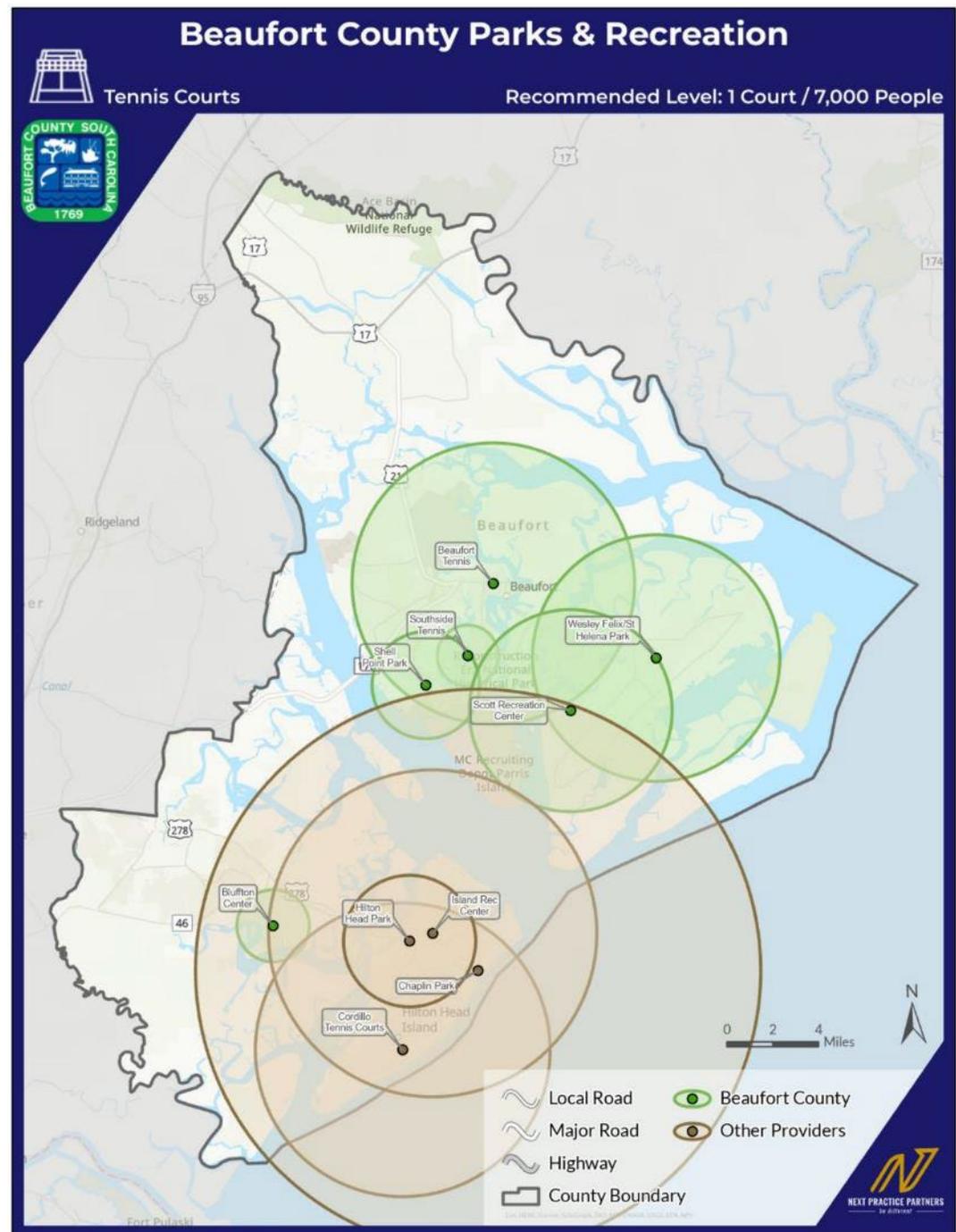
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Basketball Courts



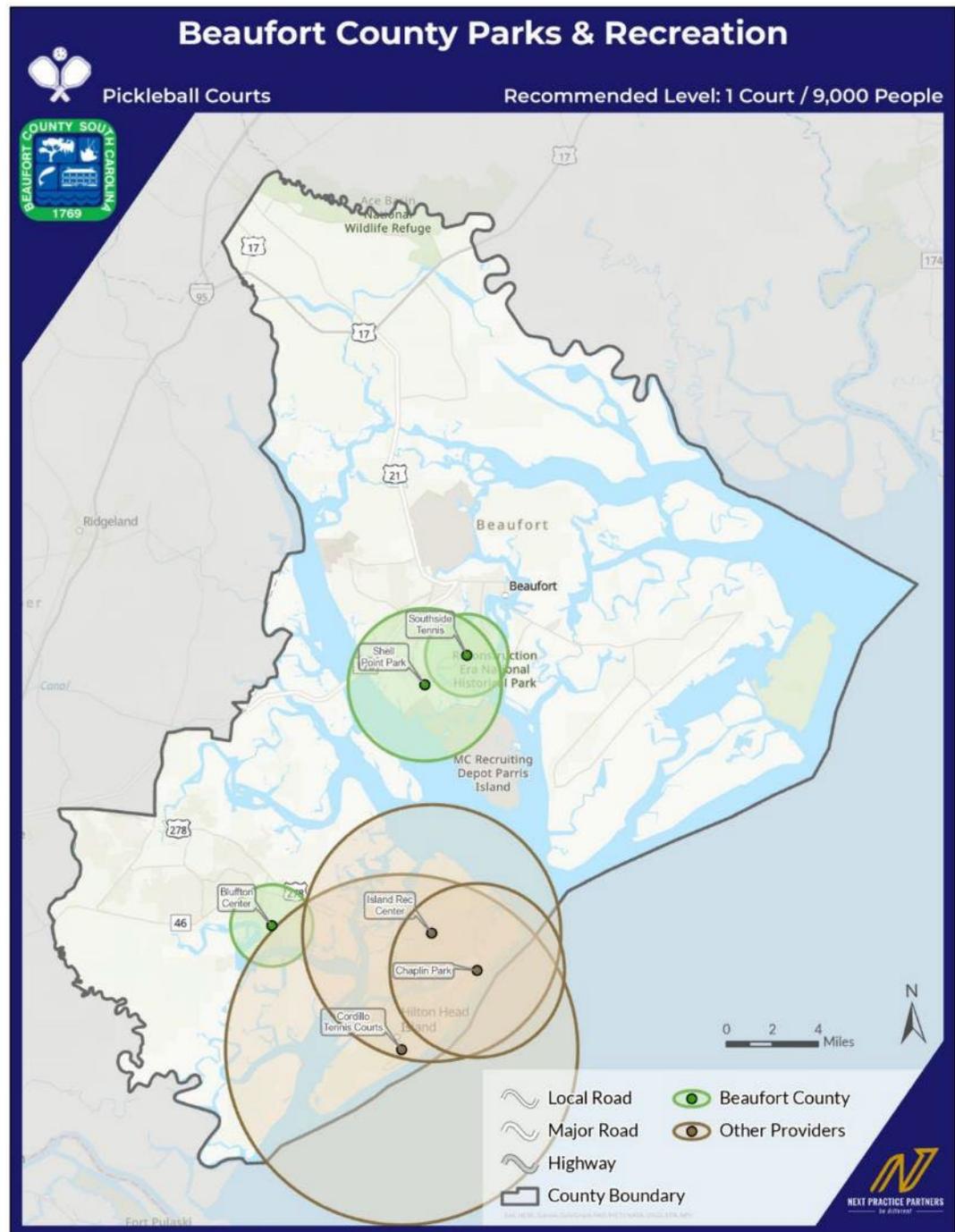
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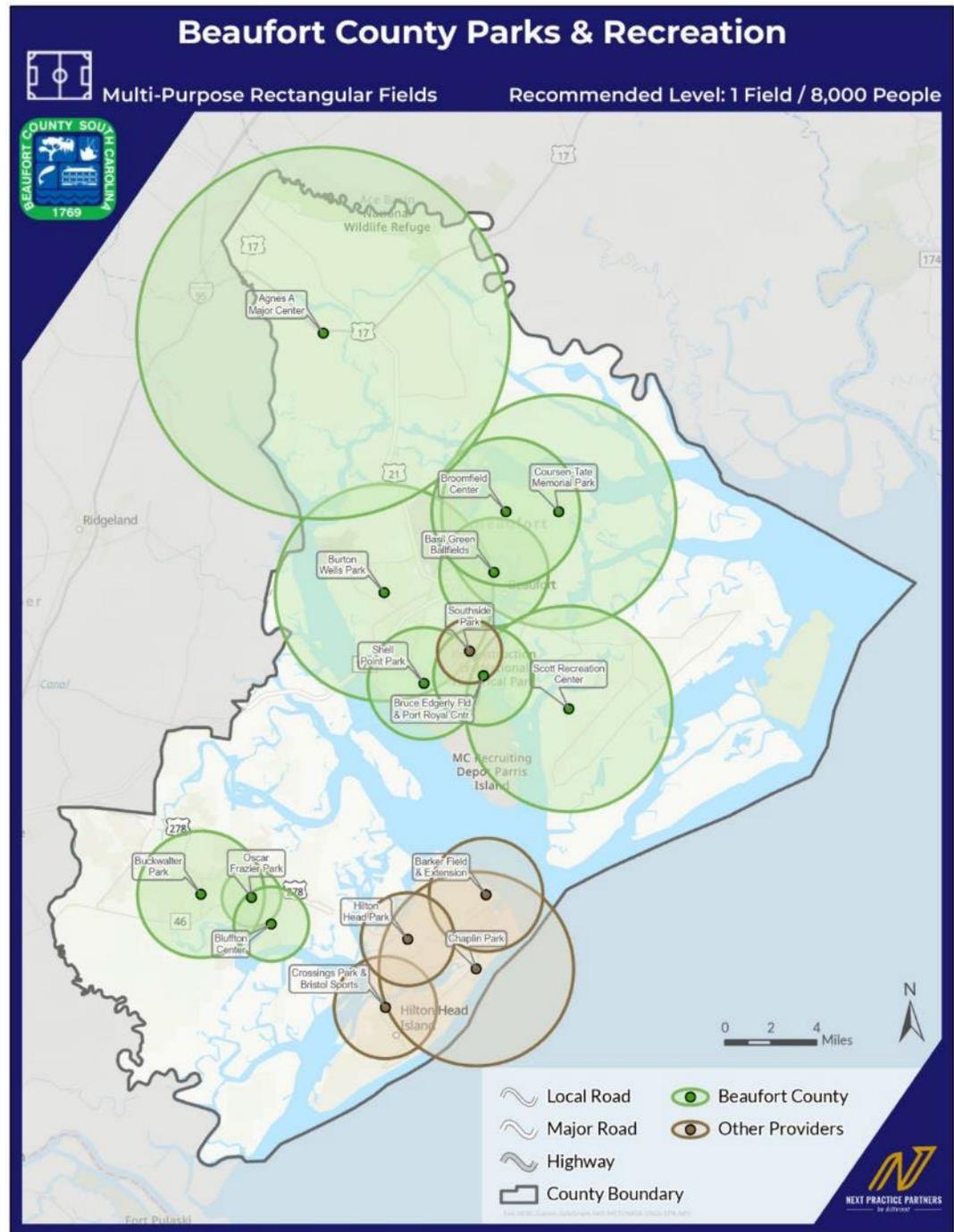
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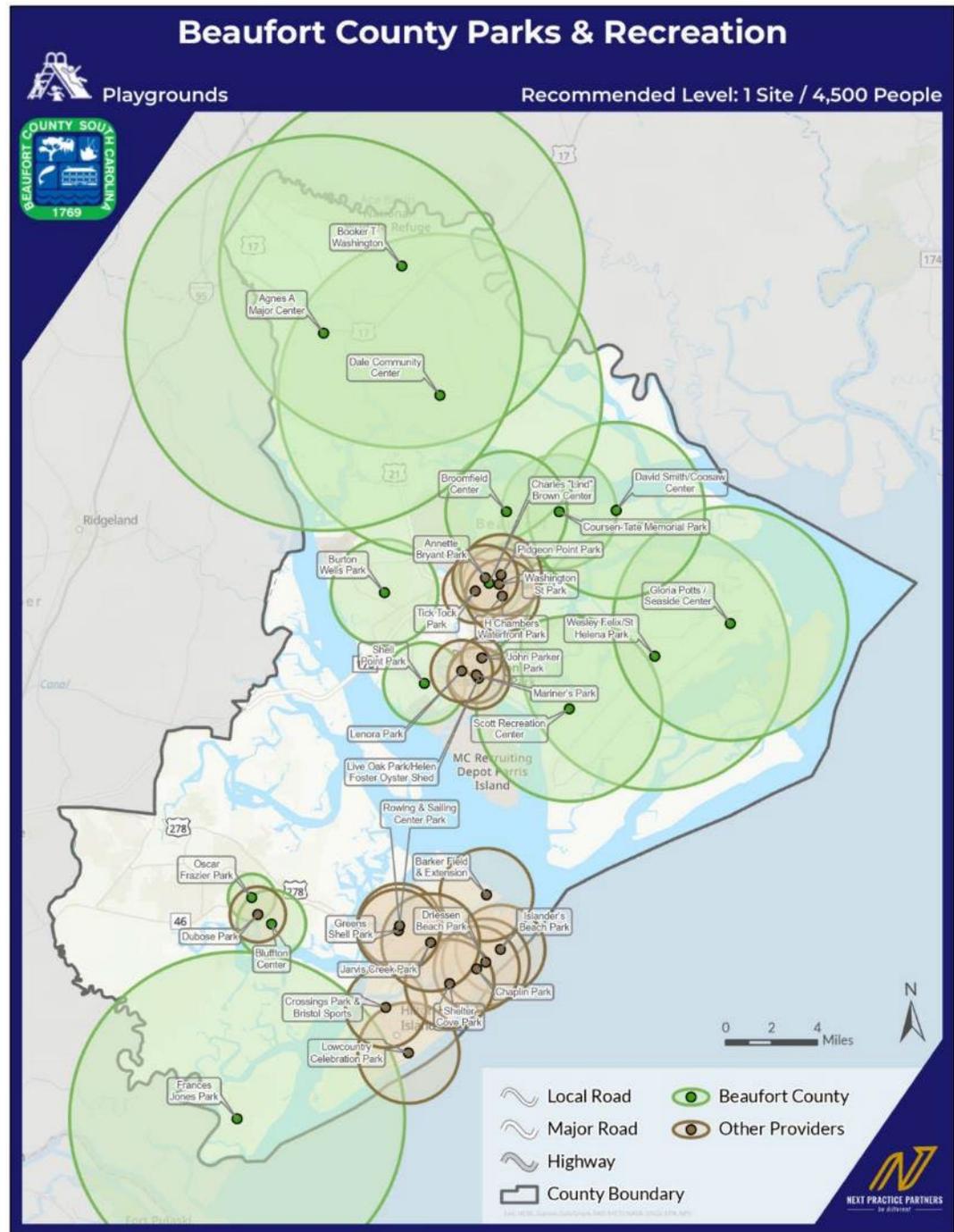
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Multi-Purpose Rectangular Fields



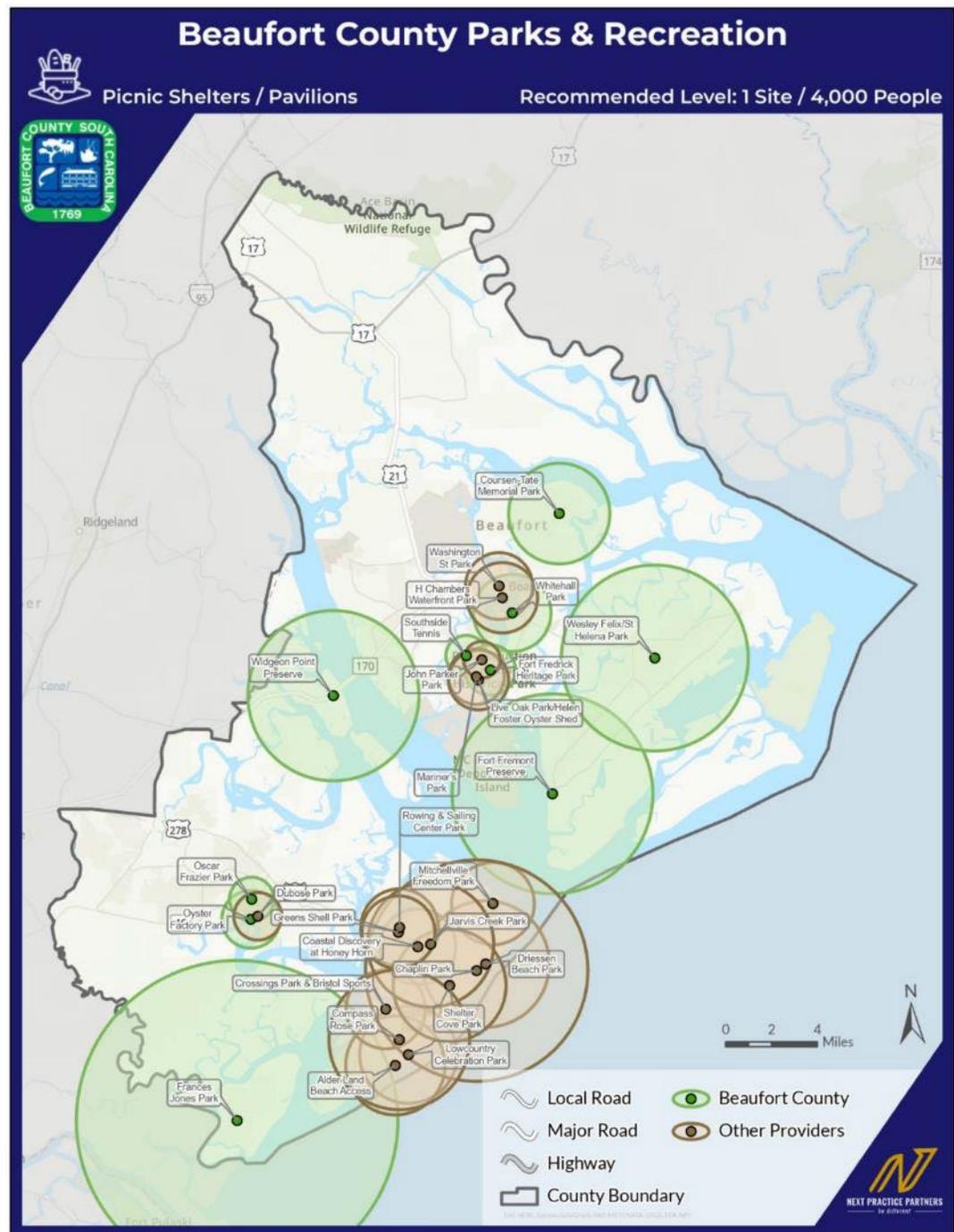
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Playgrounds



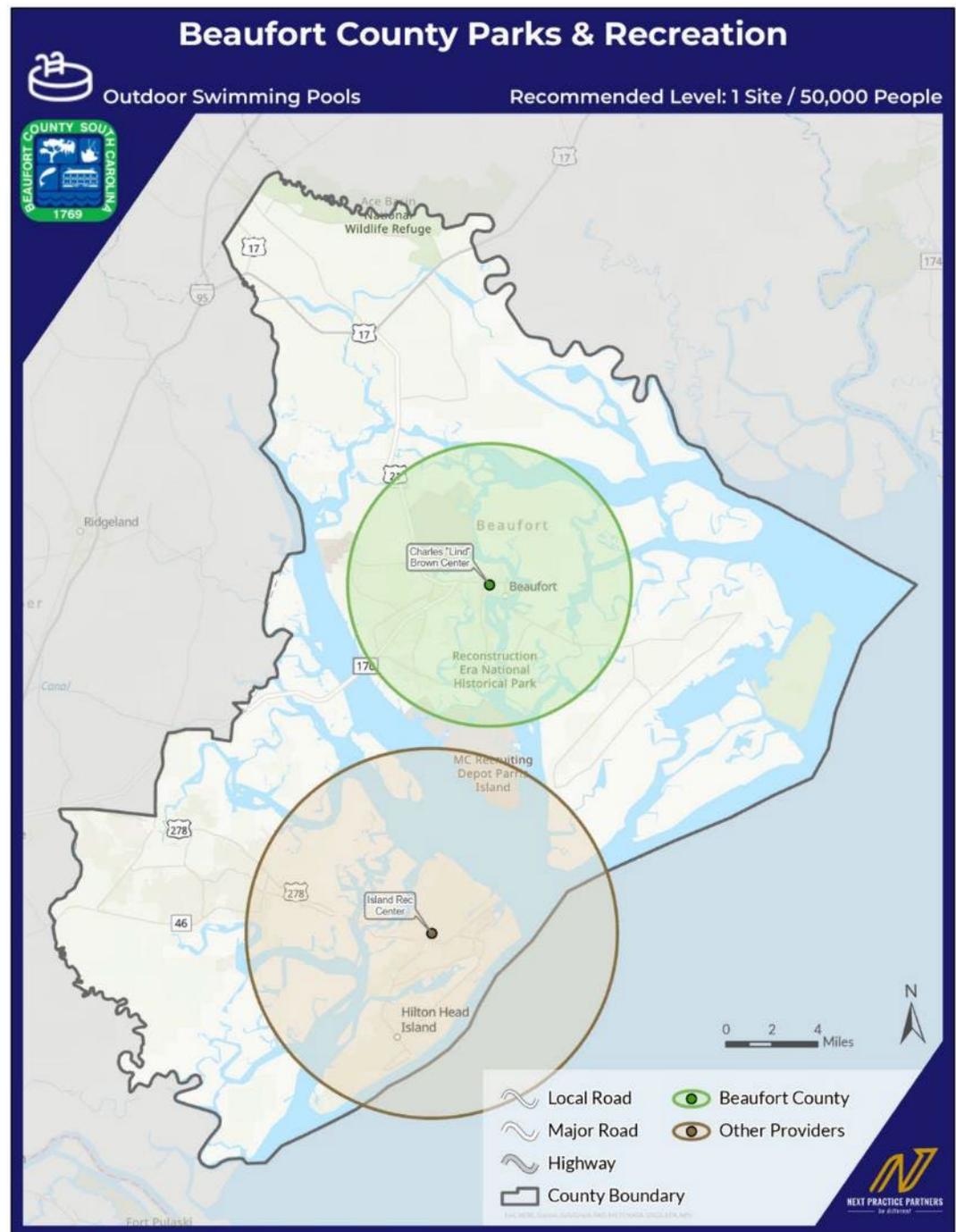
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Picnic Shelters/ Pavilions



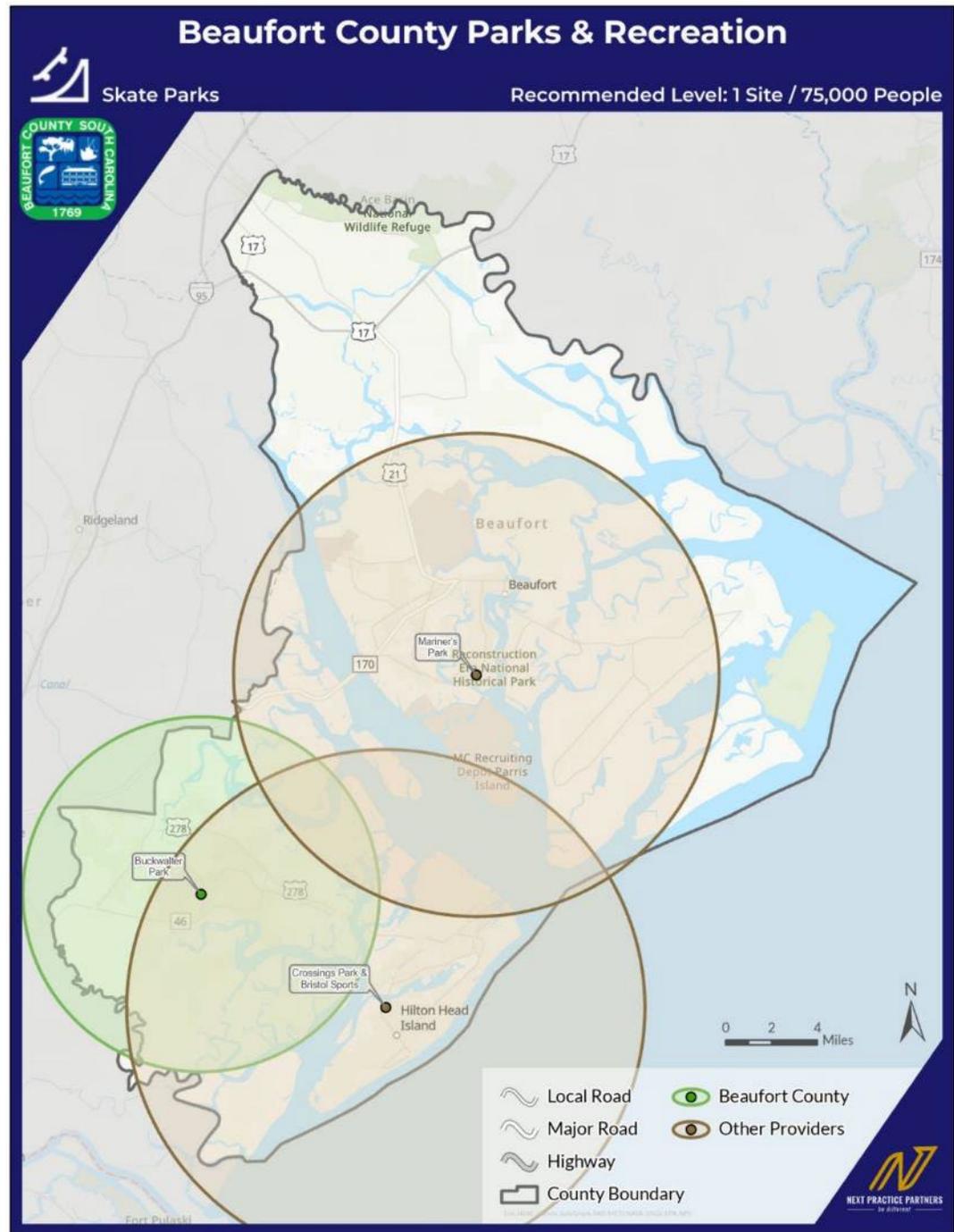
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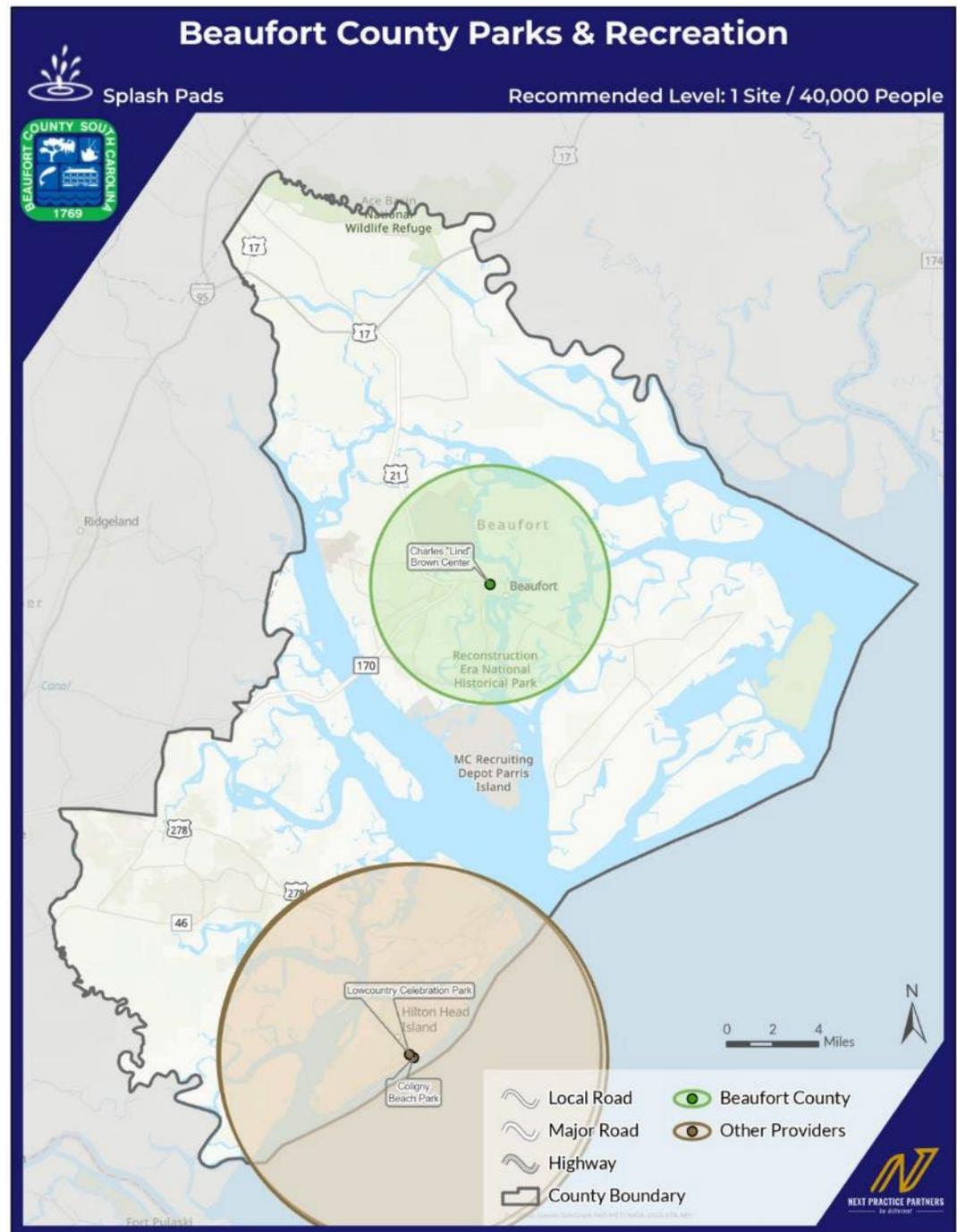
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Skate Parks



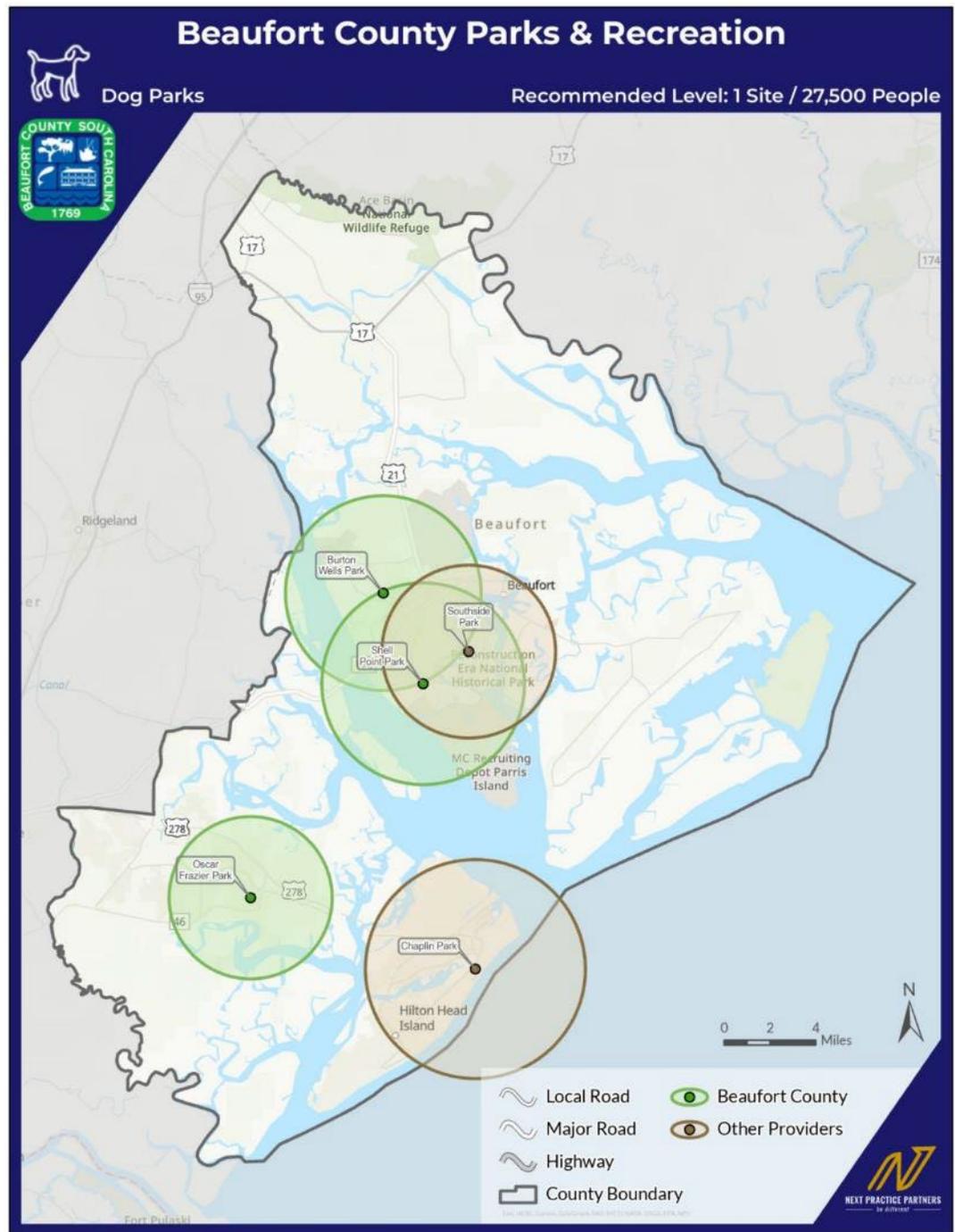
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Splash Pads



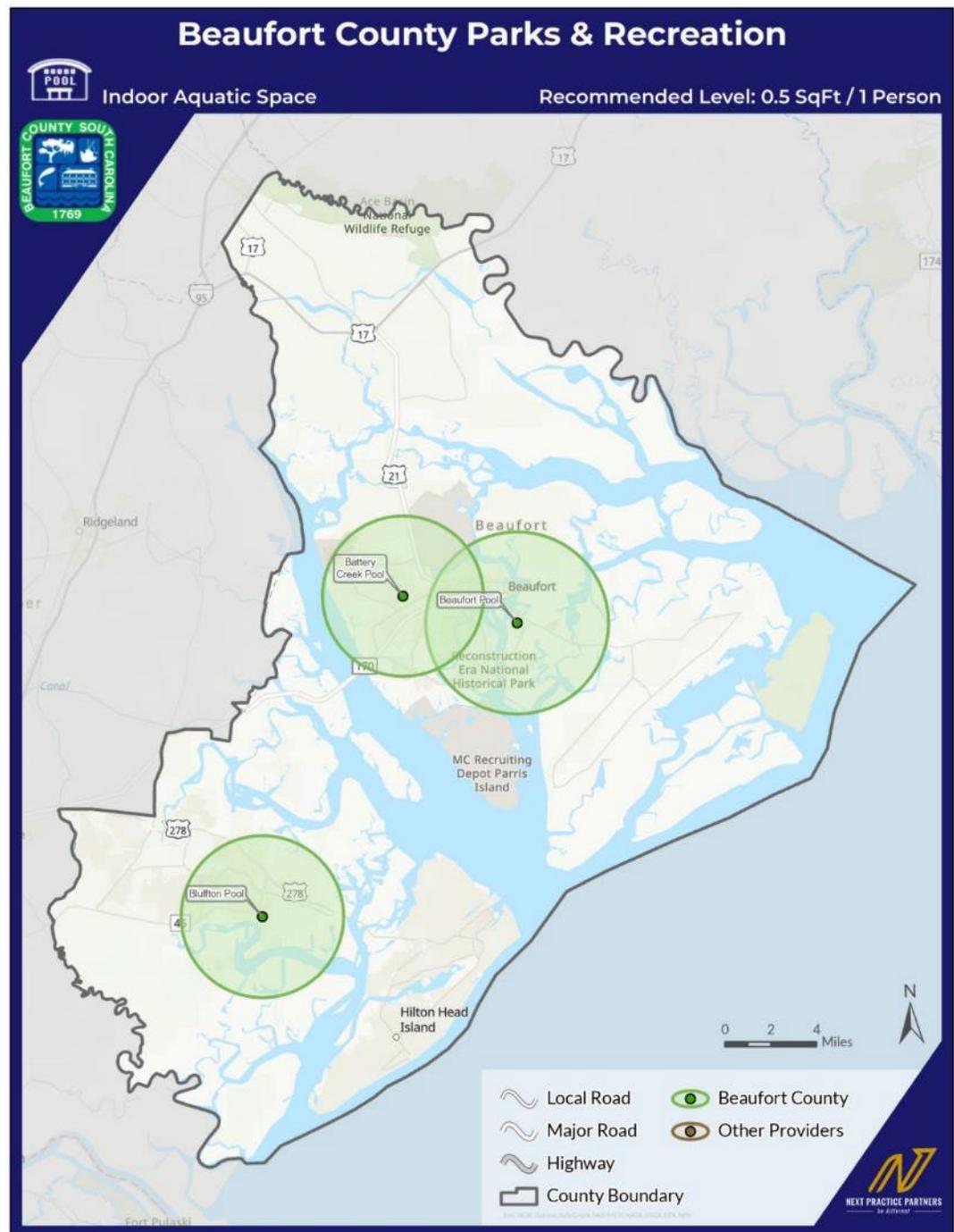
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Dog Parks



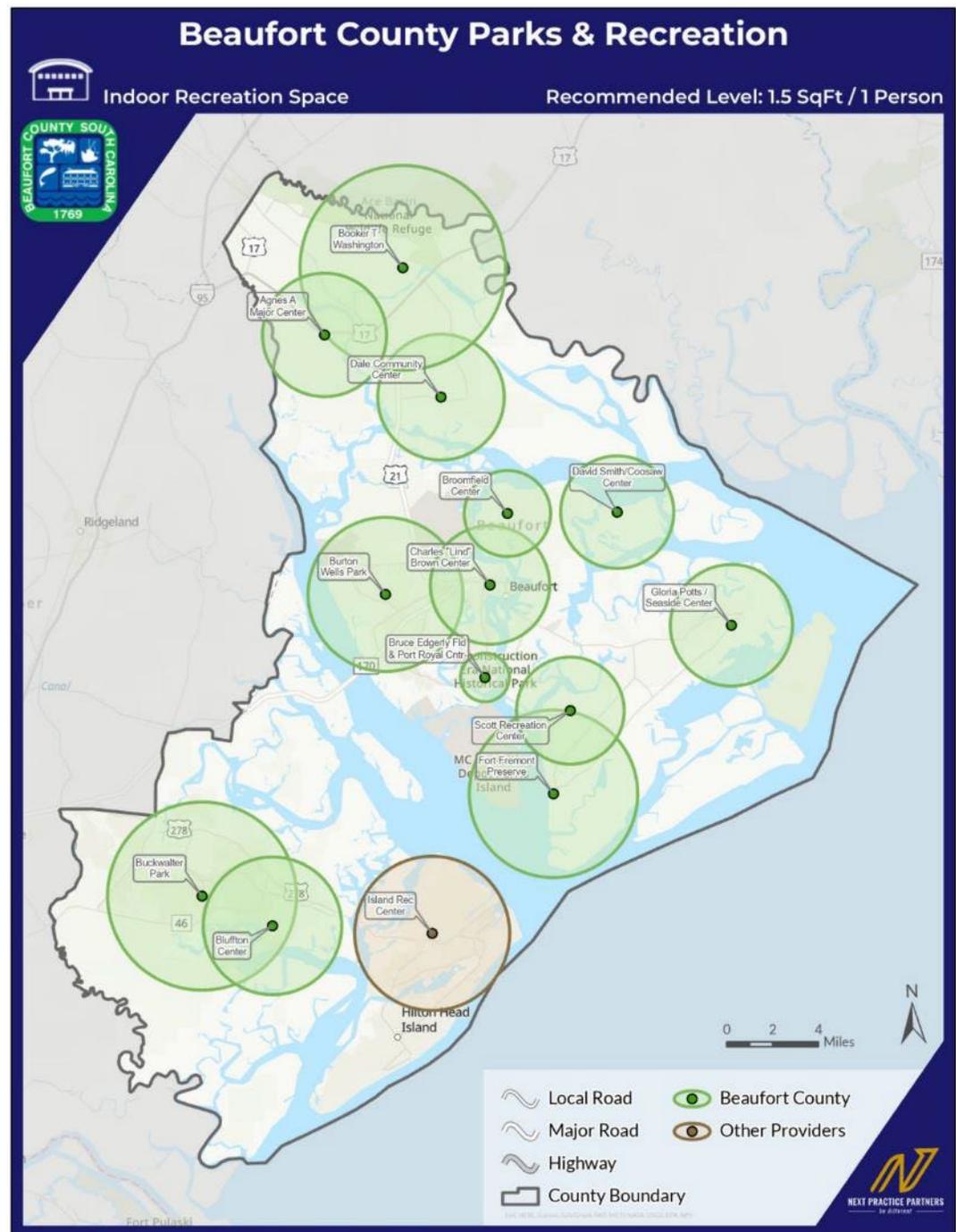
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Indoor Aquatic Space

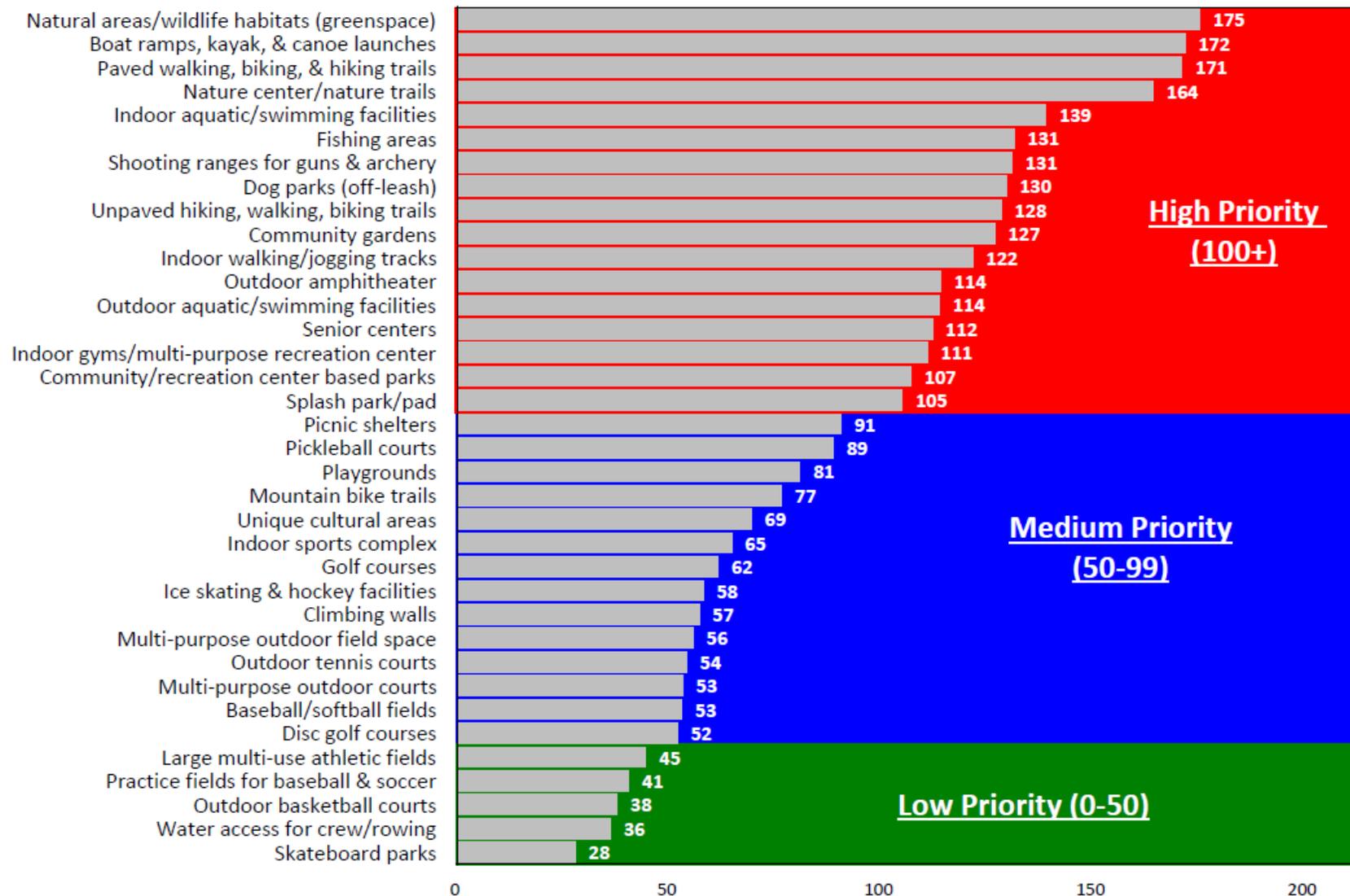


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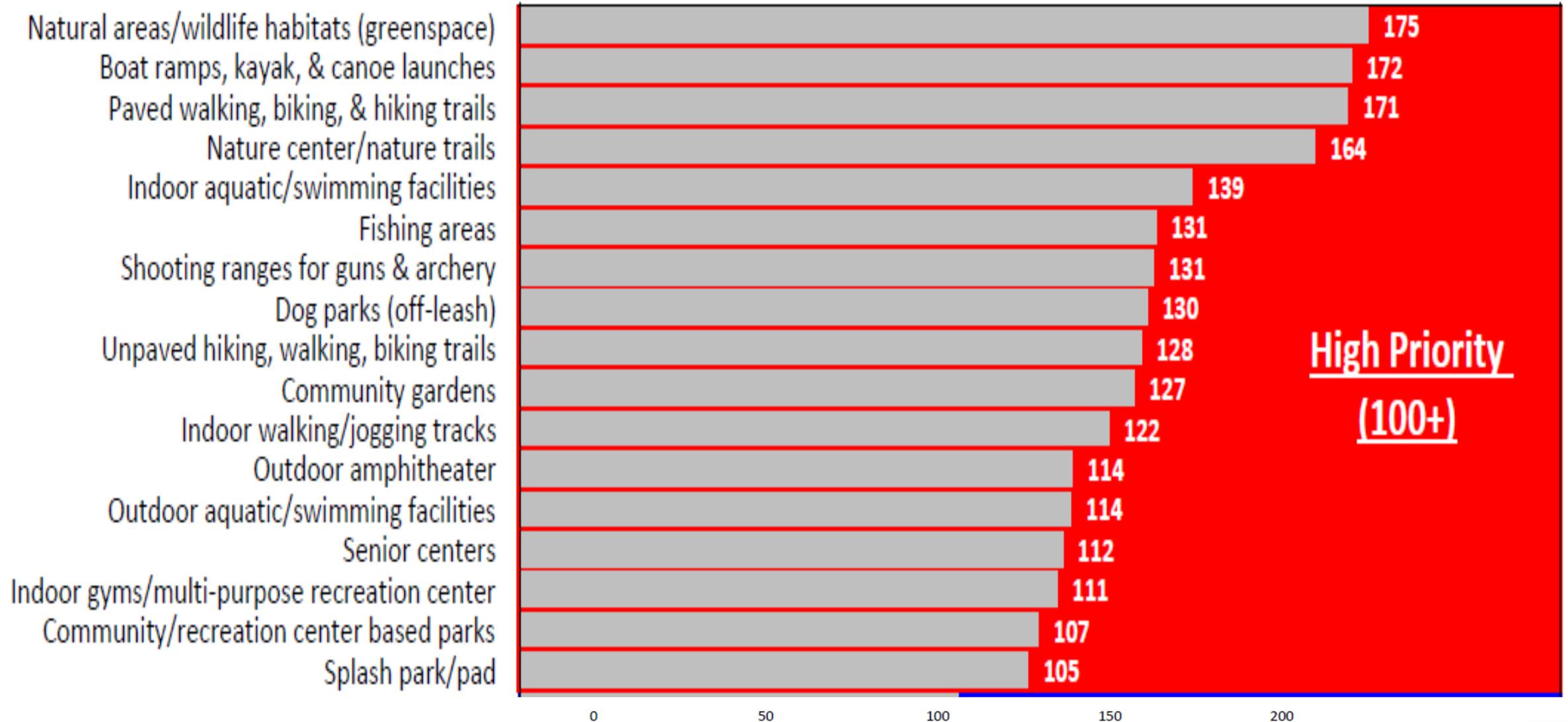
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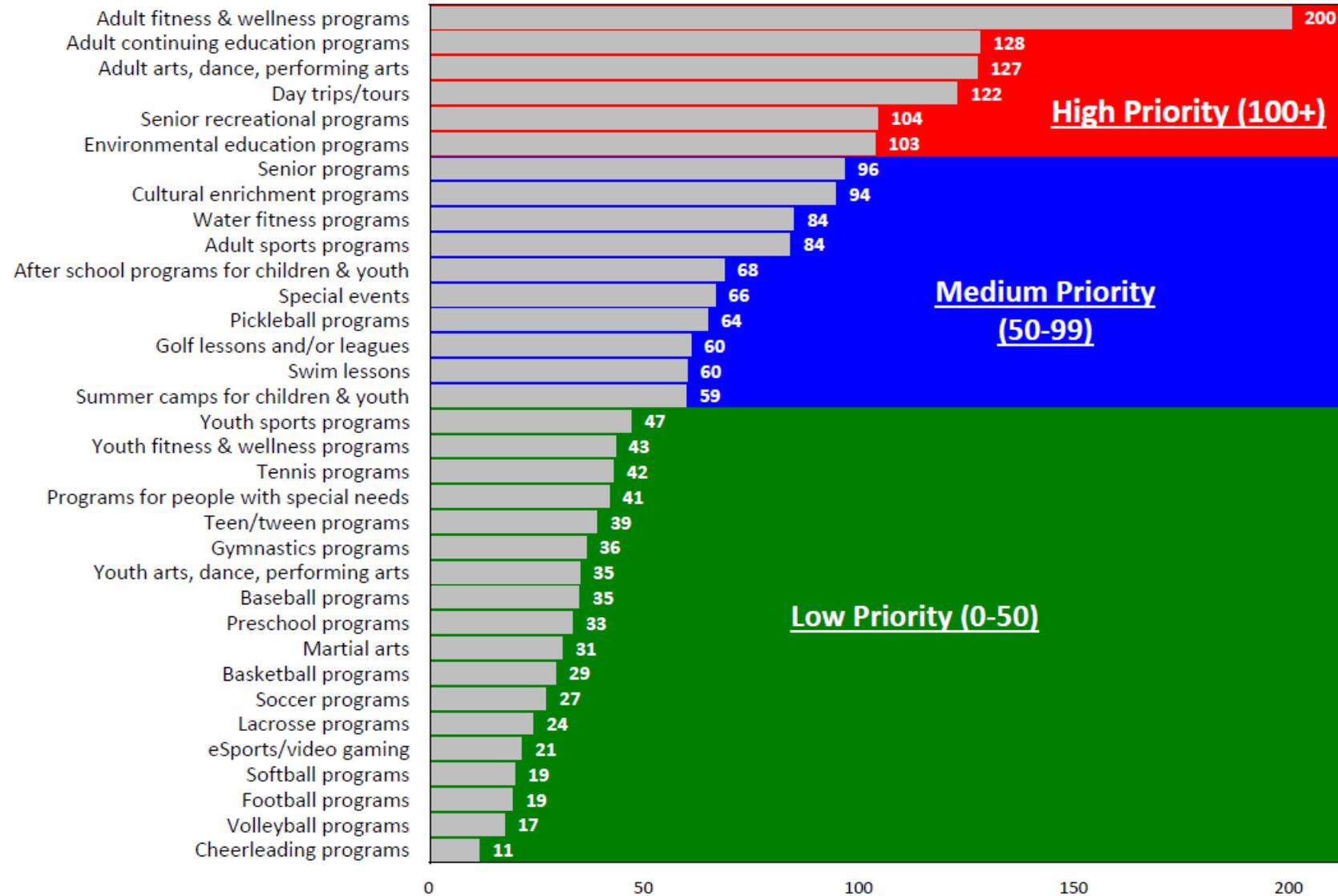
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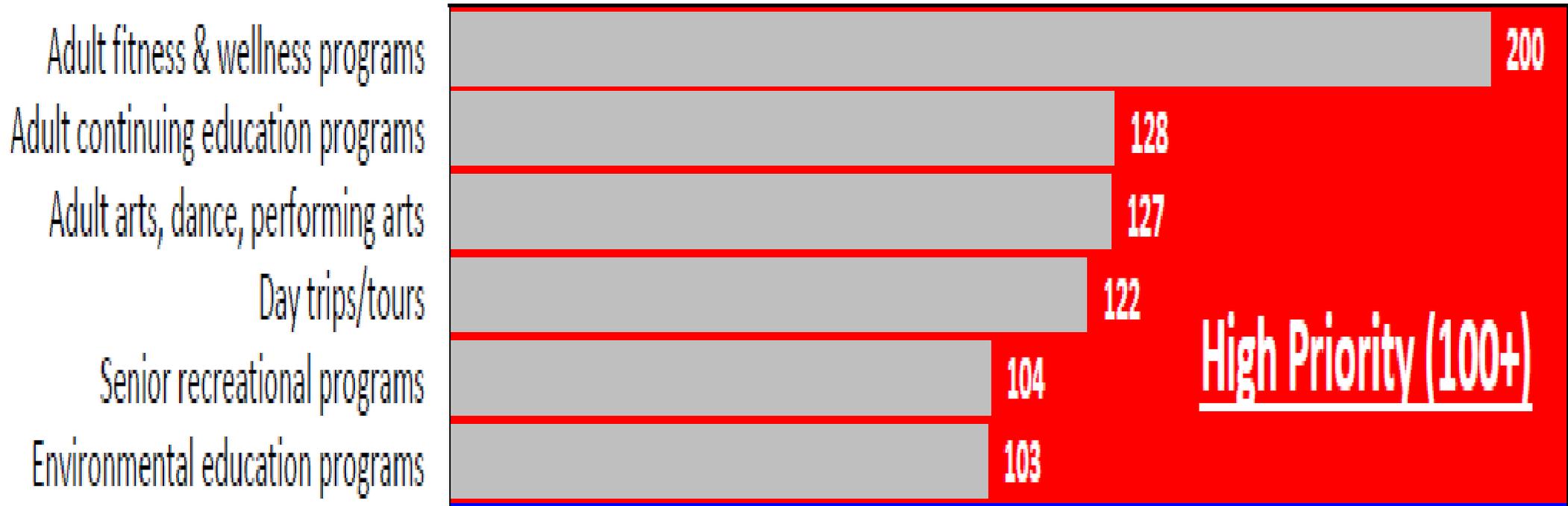
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Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating



Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating



Sports Tourism Strategy

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Organizations

- Beaufort County Sports Council
- Greater Beaufort Port Royal Convention and Visitors Bureau
- South Carolina Sports Alliance
- Sports ETA

Additions

- Buckwalter Athletic Complex -> Four (4) new artificial turf fields
- Burton Wells Park - > upgrade three (3) existing baseball fields

Economic Impact

- Team Sports > Individual Sports
- Archery (economic impact) Beach Volleyball (spectator attendance)
- Pickleball for future prospects

Sports Tourism Strategy - Recommendations

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Team Sports

- Rectangular Sports
 - ✓ Soccer
 - ✓ Rugby
 - ✓ Lacrosse
- Diamond Sports
 - ✓ Baseball
 - ✓ Softball

Specialty / Individual Sports

- Archery
- Shooting
- Beach / Sand Volleyball
- Sport Climbing
- Skateboarding
- BMX and Road Cycling

CIP Renovation & Improvement Recommendations: Item 11.

Neighborhood Parks: \$10,615,000

- **Agnes Major Center** - County owned but leased to Boys & Girls Club with repairs by County
 - ✓ Center in poor condition
 - ✓ Improve from poor to fair

- **Booker T. Washington** - Owned by community Trust & leased by County. If agreement can be worked out, improvements should be pursued
 - ✓ Center in poor condition
 - ✓ Improve from poor to good



CIP Renovation & Improvement Recommendations: Item 11.

Neighborhood Parks (Continued)

- **Broomfield Center** - Improve or consider removal from inventory
 - ✓ Center in poor condition
 - ✓ Replace playground, improve ballfield with lights, backstop, replace dugouts. Pave parking

✓ Consolidation



CIP Renovation & Improvement Recommendations: Item 11.

Neighborhood Parks (Continued)

▪ Bruce Edgerly Field & Port Royal Center

- ✓ Center & facilities in fair condition
- ✓ Improve from poor to fair, renovations to kitchen & restrooms underway, playground added
- ✓ Ballfield: add lights, new dugouts, replace fencing & backstop
- ✓ Add paved parking



CIP Renovation & Improvement Recommendations: Item 11.

Neighborhood Parks (Continued)

- **Charles Lind Brown Center**
 - ✓ Center in poor condition
 - ✓ Renovations underway
 - ✓ As center continues to age, consider tear down & rebuild
 - ✓ Consider acquiring land and adding parking across Greene Street



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Neighborhood Parks (Continued)

- **Dale Center** - County doesn't own but maintains & has lease through 2050
 - ✓ Center in fair condition
 - ✓ Improve outdoor restrooms & install coded lock or tear down & replace
 - ✓ Add new picnic shelter, add paved parking, update backstop, fencing & dugouts in long term



CIP Renovation & Improvement Recommendations: Item 11.

Neighborhood Parks (Continued)

- **David Smith/Coosaw Center**
 - ✓ Leased facility - recommend not renewing lease in 2023 as this facility is underutilized
- **Francis Jones Park (Daufuskie)**



CIP Renovation & Improvement Recommendations: Item 11.

Neighborhood Parks (Continued)

- **Gloria Potts/Seaside Center –**
 - ✓ Center in fair condition
 - ✓ Renovations completed for kitchen, restrooms & playground
 - ✓ Improve parking

- **Shell Point Park -** Park is in fair condition
 - ✓ Playground & dog park recently completed
 - ✓ Add fence between park & residential development



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Neighborhood Parks (Continued)

- **Scott Recreation Center** - Lease agreement currently under negotiation
- Three options:
 - 1) Improve & operate Center with playground, basketball, tennis & one ballfield. Relinquish one ballfield and one rectangular field to be replaced at St. Helena/Wesley-Felix.
 - 2) Improve & operate Center with playground, basketball & tennis. Relinquished playing fields to be replaced at St. Helena/Wesley-Felix.
 - 3) Do not renew lease & move to St. Helena / Wesley Felix



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Community Parks: \$37,917,974

- **Basil Green Ballfields** - Fields in poor condition
 - ✓ Remove & replace (2) ballfields, (1) multipurpose field with lights and restroom/concession
 - ✓ Eliminate (1) ballfield to add off-street parking



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Community Parks (Continued)

- **Bluffton Center** - Park, gym building & rec building in fair condition
 - ✓ Playground being replaced
 - ✓ Replace rec building elevator, carpet, update restrooms & kitchen
 - ✓ Update gym building concessions
 - ✓ Add new splashpad & picnic shelter, pave parking, renovate (2) ballfields
 - ✓ Long-term: consider converting rectangular field to artificial turf



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Community Parks (Continued)

- **Coursen-Tate Memorial Park**
 - ✓ Park in good condition
 - ✓ Lights being added to (2) ballfields. Add press box & storage
 - ✓ Acquire additional property & add (2) dedicated rectangular fields with lights
 - ✓ Add new 30,000 SF rec building with gym, senior space and indoor walking. Add new dog park and outdoor pool. Expand with paved parking to support new facilities



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Community Parks (Continued)

- **MC Riley Park**
 - ✓ Park is in fair condition, heavily used
 - ✓ Remove & replace 3 ball fields with lights & new central press box/restroom building
 - ✓ Add new playground and picnic pavilion
 - ✓ Improve parking



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Community Parks (Continued)

- **Wesley Felix/St. Helena Park**
 - ✓ Park in fair condition
 - ✓ Pave entry road & parking
 - ✓ Playground has been updated
 - ✓ Acquire additional property & add 1 new dedicated rectangular field with lights
 - ✓ Add new 30,000 SF rec building with gym, senior space & indoor walking
 - ✓ Add new perimeter walking trail and outdoor pool, add parking to support new facilities

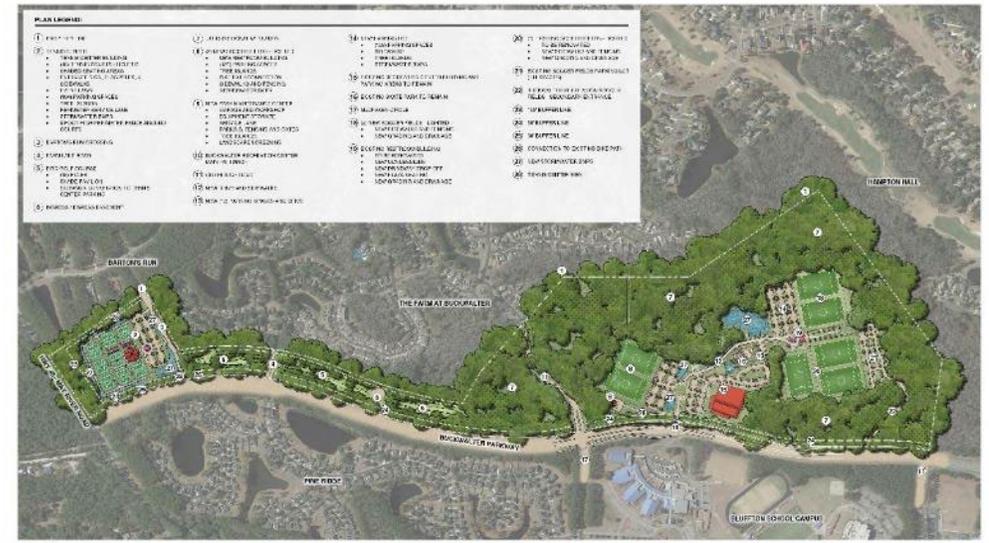


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Regional Parks: \$38,030,089

■ Buckwalter Park

- ✓ Complete (2) new artificial turf rectangular field w/ lights
- ✓ Grade & provide drainage prep for (2) future artificial turf fields w/ lights
- ✓ Renovate existing restrooms & add concessions
- ✓ Expand parking to support new facilities
- ✓ Add future maintenance facility
- ✓ Complete master plan to include tennis facility & disc golf



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Regional Parks (Continued)

- **Burton Wells Park**
 - ✓ 8 Pickleball Cts. underway
 - ✓ Improve drainage of front (2) rectangular fields. Convert to artificial turf in future
 - ✓ Renovate (2) oldest ballfields & add (1) new ballfield w/new press box & restroom building
 - ✓ Replace playground at ballfields
 - ✓ Upgrade irrigation & irrigation well
 - ✓ Improve dog park



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Regional Parks (Continued)

■ Burton Wells Park (Continued)

- ✓ Add (2) new gymnasiums with indoor walking and indoor batting cages
- ✓ Construct new RV park w/ tent camping, splashpad, 18-hole mini golf, maintenance facility, amphitheater
- ✓ Sports Tourism Opportunities: Competitive climbing wall/high ropes/zipline facility/indoor shooting/archery/disc golf/BMX biking/sand volleyball



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Regional Parks (Continued)

■ Oscar Frazier Park

- ✓ Add turf to dog park
- ✓ Add artificial turf to existing soccer field
- ✓ Add maintenance facility
- ✓ Renovate press box, concession, restroom, storage to three story

■ Beaufort Tennis

- ✓ Improvements just completed



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Special Purpose Sites: \$7,134,300

- **Battery Creek Pool, Beaufort Pool & Bluffton Pool**
 - ✓ Continue to renovate & operate until aquatic center feasibility study is completed
- **Metz Field**
 - ✓ Facility is rated in poor condition
 - ✓ Improve multipurpose field & add lights
 - ✓ Add small restroom, ballfield lights & paved parallel parking on street
 - ✓ Replace fencing



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Special Purpose Sites (Continued)

▪ Southside Tennis

- ✓ Planning underway to add 4 pickleball courts with lights, 1 basketball court & parking improvements
- ✓ Park will tie to adjacent trail network
- ✓ Improve outdoor restrooms & install coded lock or tear down & replace.
- ✓ Add new picnic shelter, add paved parking, update backstop, fencing & dugouts in long term



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Special Purpose Sites (Continued)

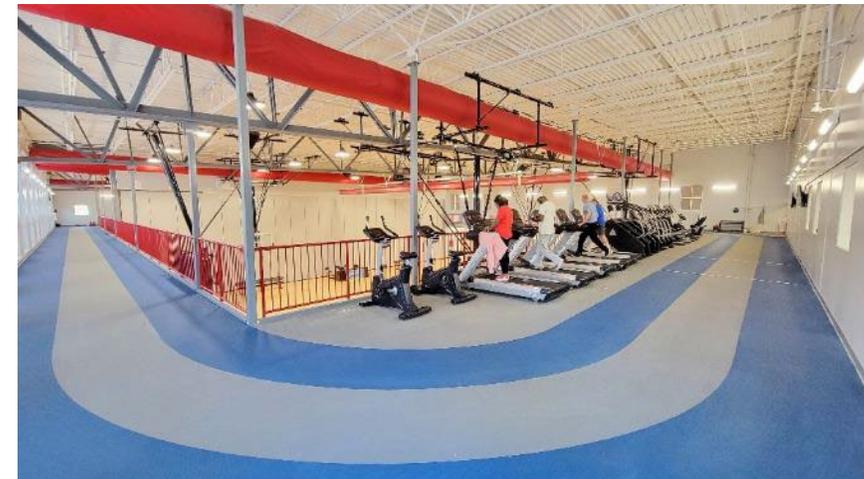
- **Wright Family Park & Calhoun St. Dock**
 - ✓ Improvements just completed
- **Camp St. Mary's**
 - ✓ Has been transferred to Passive Use Parks and budgeted at \$2,000,000



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Facilities with High PIR's

- **Indoor Aquatic/Swimming Facility**
 - ✓ Recommend a thorough feasibility study be completed
- **Shooting Ranges for Guns & Archery**
 - ✓ Consider locating at Burton Wells or another site
- **Indoor Walking/Jogging Tracks**
 - ✓ Added as new part of gyms proposed at Wesley Felix/St. Helena Park, Coursen-Tate Memorial Park & Burton Wells



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Facilities with High PIR's (Continued)

- **Outdoor Amphitheater**
 - ✓ Small facility at Burton Wells
- **Outdoor Aquatic/Swimming Facilities**
 - ✓ Added to Wesley Felix/St. Helena
- **Senior Centers**
 - ✓ Part of new gyms at Wesley Felix/St. Helena & Coursen-Tate Memorial
- **Indoor Gyms/Multi-Purpose Rec Centers**
 - ✓ Included as part of 30,000 SF rec buildings proposed at Wesley Felix/St. Helena Park & Coursen-Tate Memorial



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Facilities with High PIR's (Continued)

- **Community Rec Center based Parks**
 - ✓ Create 2 new Rec Centers through upgrades at Wesley Felix/St. Helena Park & Coursen-Tate Memorial Park consisting of +/- 35 acres at each park (total= 70 AC)

- **Splash Park/Pad**
 - ✓ Proposed as addition to Burton Wells & Bluffton Center



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Capital Improvement Costs & Budgets

- Budget numbers do not include property acquisition, engineering fees or permitting costs.
- Budget numbers should be confirmed through detailed design and should be adjusted for inflation.

Total CIP Recommendations: \$93,697,363 - \$94,397,363 over next ten years

Next Steps

- Modifications and finalize recommendations
- Produce Final Master Plan Report
- Present to County Council for Plan Adoption

What does Beaufort County
Parks and Recreation do
well?

QUESTIONS?



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BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:
ARPA – GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM – MUNICIPALITY FUNDING REQUESTS
MEETING NAME AND DATE:
Finance, Administration & Economic Development Committee – 6/19/2023
PRESENTER INFORMATION:
Hank Amundson – Special Assistant to the County Administrator 5 Minutes
ITEM BACKGROUND:
ARPA funds were accepted and budgeted by Beaufort County Council earlier in 2022. One program is named the "Good Neighbor Program". The program sets aside an allocation of \$500,000 per municipality within the Beaufort County for their use in furthering agreed upon initiatives throughout the County.
PROJECT / ITEM NARRATIVE:
<p>The Good Neighbor Program was an approved use of the ARPA funds as accepted by County Council in early 2022. The Good Neighbor Program was established in an effort by the County to support the municipalities' recovery efforts with supplemental ARPA funds.</p> <p>Requests with specific uses for these funds must be made by the Municipalities. County staff will be tasked with reviewing requests prior to submission and monitoring uses and expenditures after disbursement, as required by the Federal reporting requirements.</p> <p>The Town of Yemassee is requesting the second portion of their allocation in order to extend sewer service with the goal of eliminating septic systems and shallow /exposed sewer lines in sensitive areas. See attached request letter.</p>
FISCAL IMPACT:
ARPA funds have been allocated. This request totals \$234,000
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:
Staff recommends approval of these requests.
OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL MOTION:
<p>Motion to approve or deny staff recommendation to fund, disperse, and monitor expenditure of funds and efficacy of the initiative.</p> <p><i>Next Step – Move forward to County Council for a motion to approve or deny staff recommendation to disperse and monitor ARPA GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM funds.</i></p>

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We are submitting the attached information for the County's consideration of a sewer project in the Town of Yemassee that may be eligible for funding through Beaufort County's "Good Neighbor" program. Here is a brief overview of the project.

Project Need: There are five existing homes along River Rd and Guess Drive that are currently served by either septic tanks or shallow sewer services. This is a low-lying area with poor drainage. Vetrostone, a manufacturing facility on River Rd, is served by 2200 LF of shallow/exposed sewer line that crosses through a wetland area. The existing sewer infrastructure is poorly designed leaving it at higher risk for sanitary sewer overflows.

There are two lift stations along Guess Drive; one serves the Beaufort Housing Authority and the other serves Alpha Genesis. These pump stations are located 25 miles from LRWS's operations center. There is no existing means for remote monitoring of the pump stations.

Proposed Project: The project proposes installing an engineered low pressure sewer system including individual grinder pumps and common force main to serve 5 homes and 1 industrial customer on River Rd in Yemassee. Existing septic tanks and shallow sewer lines will be abandoned. Grinder pumps will be installed on private property by a contractor and will be owned and operated by customers. Force main will be installed by a contractor in public ROW and will be owned and operated by LRWS. Existing septic tanks and/or sewer infrastructure would be abandoned as part of the project. The project also proposes installing Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) including radio equipment to allow these critical lift stations to be monitored as part of LRWS's existing SCADA system.

Proposed Benefit: The project will eliminate septic tanks in the project area, and upgrade sewer connections that do not meet LRWS or DHEC standards. Existing septic tanks and sewer connections are a health and safety concern.

SCADA equipment will allow for remote monitoring of pump station operation to prevent sanitary sewer overflows. This project will decrease O&M associated with responding to sanitary sewer overflows caused by sub-standard connections and pump faults.

I've attached maps of the project area for illustration. After you have had a chance to review, please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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(Attachments: 3)

**River Road & Guess Drive Sewer Improvements
Town of Yemassee, SC, Beaufort County**

Sewer Facilities

A) River Rd

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1	2" PVC force main	LF	4100	\$ 10.00	\$ 41,000.00
2	residential grinder pump (installed)	EA	5	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 37,500.00
3	commercial grinder pump (installed)	EA	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
4	Cut and replace asphalt	LF	100	\$ 100.00	\$ 10,000.00
5	sewer service to ROW	EA	6	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
6	septic tank abandonment	EA	2	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Subtotal					\$ 116,500.00

A) River Rd

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1	SCADA RTU - Guess Drive Apartments LS	EA	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
2	SCADA RTU - Alpha Genesis LS	EA	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
3	Installation by Electrical Contractor	LS	1	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Subtotal					\$ 57,500.00

Sewer Facilities	\$ 174,000.00
Contingencies	\$ 20,000.00
Permitting, Design, CA/CO	\$ 30,000.00
Acquisition/Legal	\$ 10,000.00

Total **\$ 234,000.00**

Capital Improvement Plan Project Summary

River Rd & Guess Drive Sewer Improvements					
Project Type	Compliance, H&S	Project #		Projected Construction Start Date	
Department	Sewer Collection	Budget Fiscal Year		Projected Construction End Date	
Review Score					
Project Scope					
Install low pressure sewer system including individual grinder pumps and 2" force main to serve 5 homes and 1 industrial customer on River Rd in Yemassee, and upgrade lift stations with SCADA RTUs for remote monitoring. Existing septic tanks and shallow sewer lines will be abandoned. Grinder pumps will be installed on private property by a contractor and will be owned and operated by customers. Force main will be installed by a contractor in public ROW and will be owned and operated by LRWS.					
Project Justification					
Project will eliminate septic tanks in the project area, and upgrade sewer connections that do not meet LRWS or DHEC standards. Existing septic tanks and sewer connections are a health and safety concern. SCADA equipment will allow for remote monitoring of pump station operation to prevent sanitary sewer overflows.					
Operational Impact					
Project will decrease O&M costs associated with responding to sanitary sewer overflows caused by sub-standard connections and pump faults.					
Financial Impact					
Two homes currently on septic tanks will be connected to the system. Remote equipment will reduce labor associated with routine visits and costly overflows.					
Financial Details					
Project Phase	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Revision Date	Estimated Useful Life (Years)	
Design	\$ 30,000.00			Population Impacted 25	
Construction	\$ 174,000.00			Service Taps (New/Affected) 6	
Environmental					
Property Acquisition					
Legal	\$ 10,000.00			Source	Amount %
Interim Financing				Total Grant Funds	0%
Administration				Total Loan Funds	\$0 0%
				Total Local Funds	0%
Project Total	\$214,000	\$0		Total All Funds	\$0 0%
Funding Sources					
Federal \$	SCDHEC \$	State Of SC \$	Local \$		
USDA Loan	CWSRF Loan	RIA Basic Grant	Private Contributions		
USDA Grant	CWSRF Grant	RIA Economic Grant	LRWS Member Town		
EDA Grant	DWSRF Loan	CDBG Grant	Hampton County		
EPA Grant	DWSRF Grant	SC Commerce Grant	LRWS		
Homeland Security Grant	SC Energy Office L	SC Energy Office G	LRWS (Other Loans)		



LRWS



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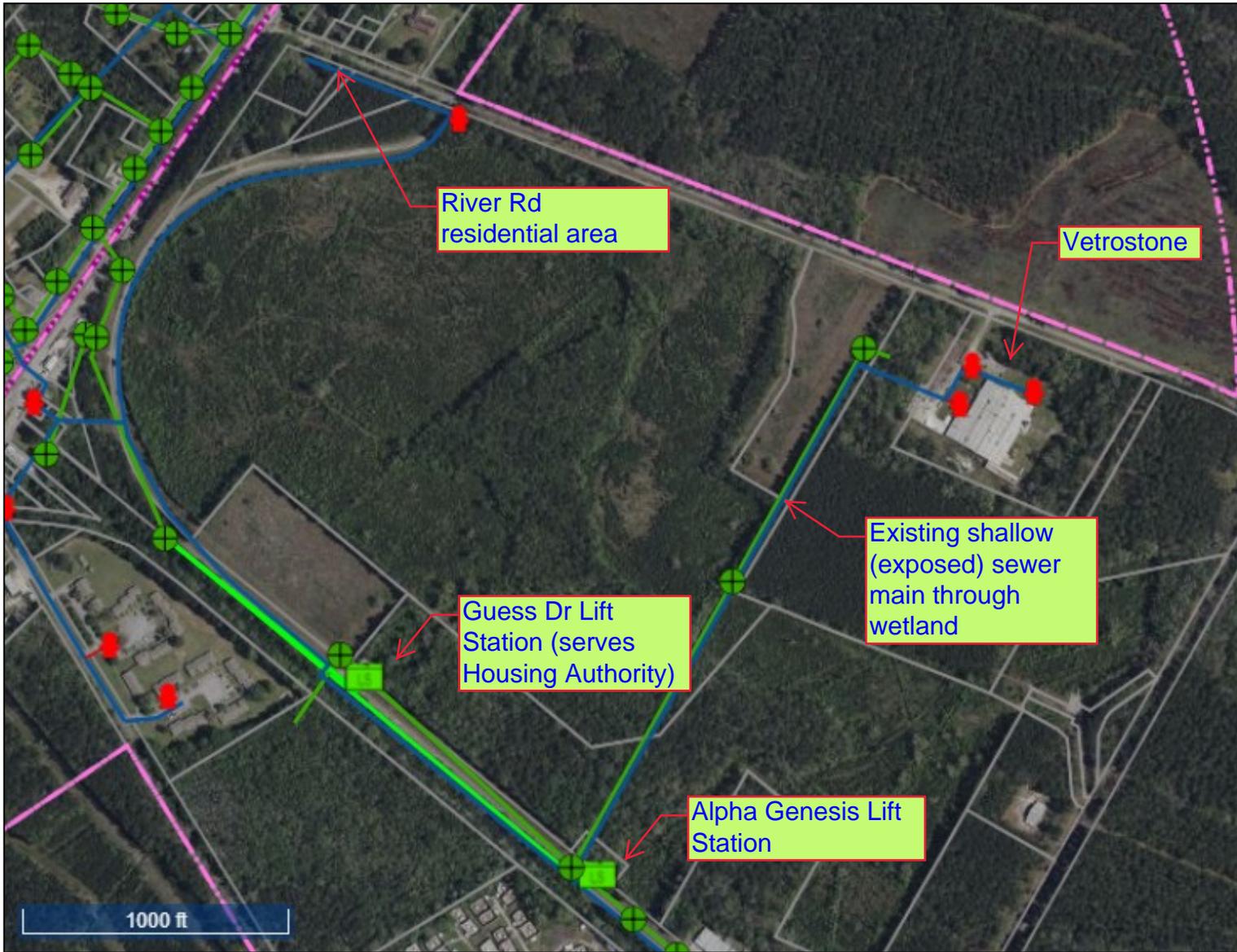
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Note:
Existing Conditions
River Rd

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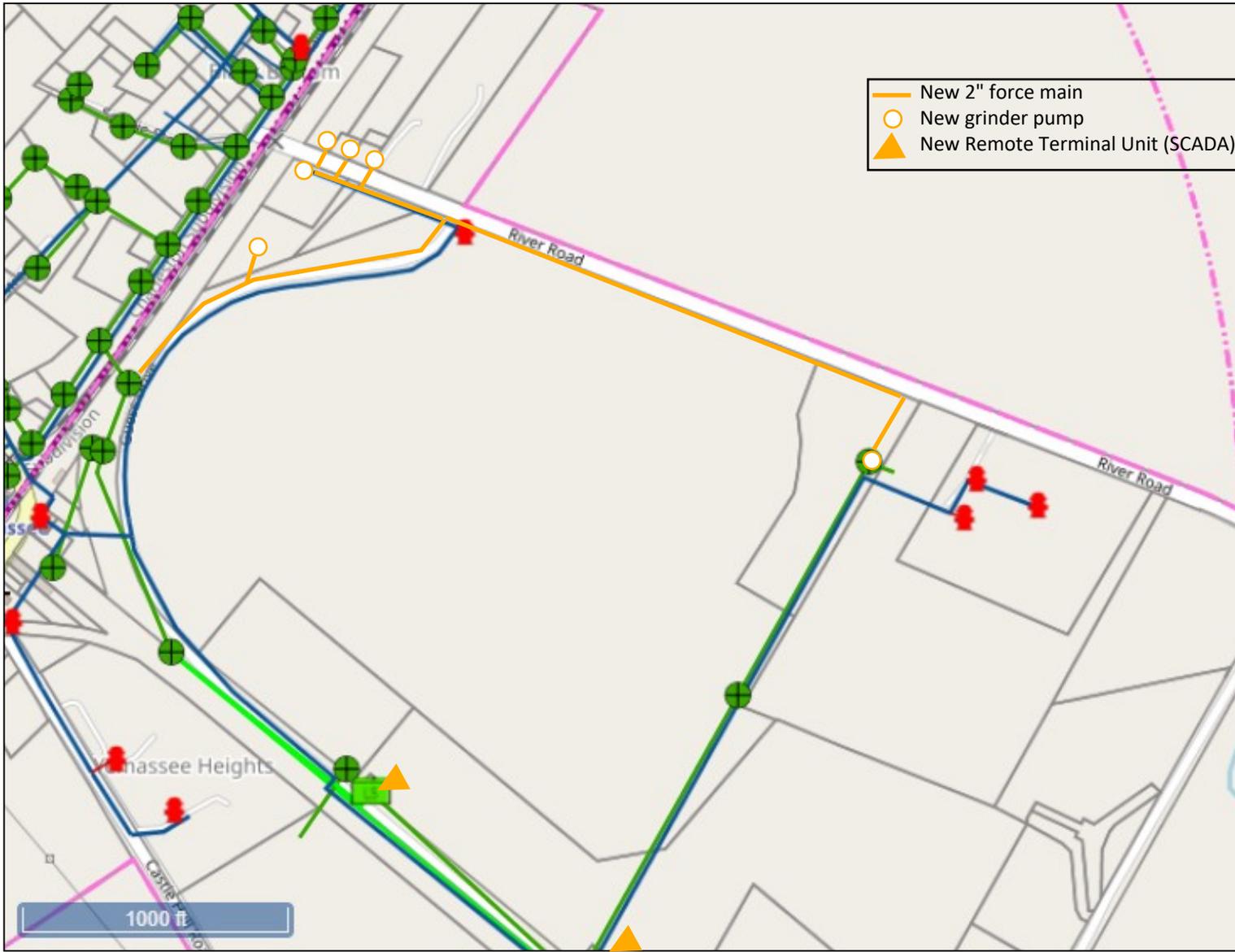
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Note:
River Rd Project Area & Existing Vetrostone Sewer

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LRWS



- New 2" force main
- New grinder pump
- ▲ New Remote Terminal Unit (SCADA)



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Agencies, Boards, & Commissions: Appointments and Reappointments

Item 13.

1. Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District Commission

- RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE GOVERNORS OFFICE OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROOSEVELT MCCOLLOUGH TO THE LADYS ISLAND/ST HELENA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE OF JUNE 2027

2. Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority

- RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF HENRY CRISS TO THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE OF JUNE 2026