



Charleston County Urban Greenbelt Program 2008 Annual Report

249 Acres of Urban Greenspace Protected in 2008 *Bringing total urban acres to 437*

During the second year of the program, two municipalities and three non-profit organizations received funding from Charleston County's Urban Greenbelt Program. Charleston County Council approved 15 urban greenbelt projects, which resulted in the following:

- ◆ 249 acres provided for urban parks and greenspace
- ◆ \$5.7 million in urban funds awarded
- ◆ \$22,637 cost per acre
- ◆ \$5.5 million in match
- ◆ 179 acres toward the urban greenbelt land goal of 2,000 acres
- ◆ 258 acres toward the wetlands goal of 5,610 acres

Unincorporated Projects



Phillips Community, Mount Pleasant area



Four Mile Community, Mount Pleasant area



Calvary AME Church, North Charleston area

Municipal Projects

City of Charleston



Village Shaftsbury Project
(West Ashley)



Cummings Point Project
(Morris Island)

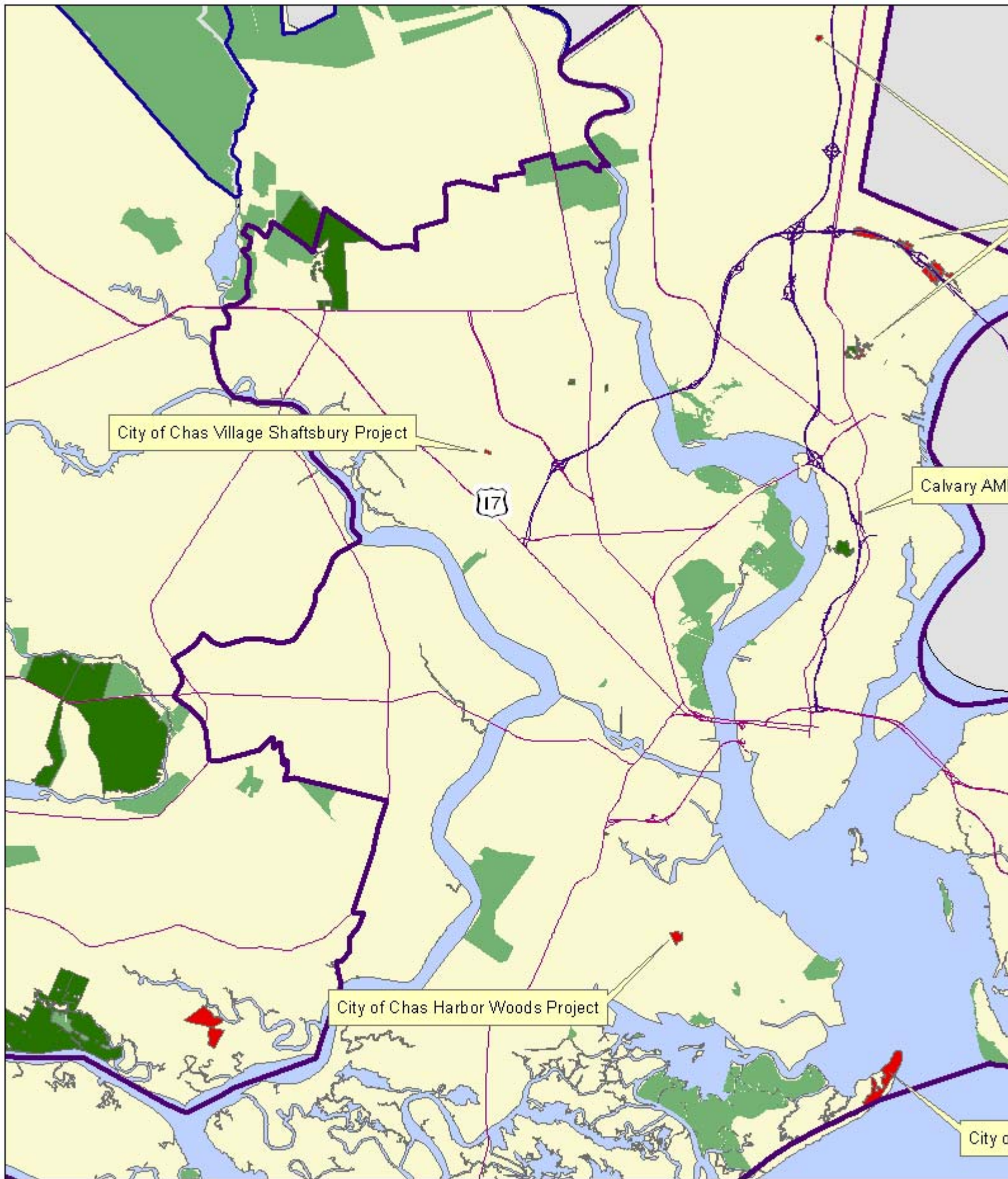
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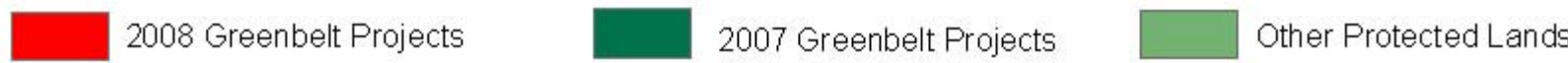
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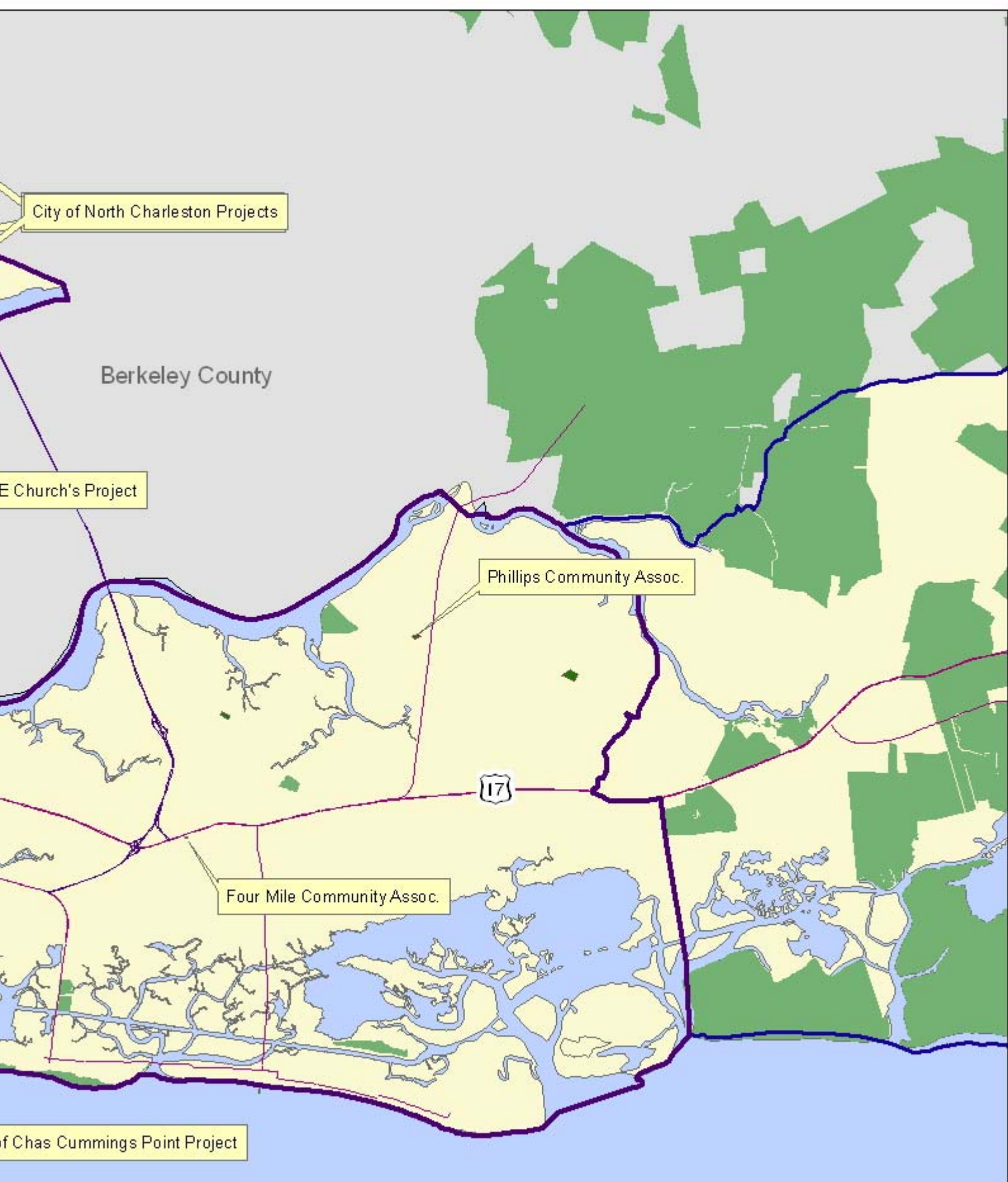


Orvin Street Project Midland Park



Charleston County Urban Greenbelt Program - 2007 and 2008 Urban Greenbelt Projects





(Federal, State, Private)

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Allocation of Urban Greenbelt Funds

Municipality	Based on 30% Allocation of \$95 million	Acres	Funding Awarded	Funds Remaining
Charleston	\$9,886,405	170	\$9,368,398	\$518,007
Folly Beach	\$218,990	0	-	\$218,990
Isle of Palms	\$474,305	0	-	\$474,305
James Island	\$1,898,151	0	-	\$1,898,151
Kiawah Island	\$120,361	0	-	\$120,361
Lincolnton	\$93,557	0	-	\$93,557
Mt. Pleasant	\$4,927,161	9	\$270,000	\$4,657,161
N. Charleston	\$7,890,661	125	2,958,593	\$4,932,068
Seabrook Island	\$129,365	0	-	\$129,365
Sullivan's Island	\$197,774	0	-	\$197,774
Unincorporated	\$2,663,269	133	\$2,426,090	\$237,179
Total	\$28,500,000	437	\$15,023,081	\$13,476,919

In accordance with the Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan, urban funds are allocated to the municipalities and unincorporated areas according to the population of each.

This chart shows each municipality's allocation, acreage of approved projects, awarded funding, and the funds remaining.

The unincorporated funds were awarded to:

- ◆ Four Mile Community (\$269,950)
- ◆ Calvary AME Church (\$565,000)
- ◆ Phillips Community (\$210,000)

About the Urban Greenbelt Program

The Charleston County Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan established an Urban Grants Program to distribute the Greenbelt portion of the Transportation Sales Tax proceeds in the form of financial grants to urban areas of the County. The purpose of the grants is to distribute funding in an equitable manner for the conservation of greenspace.

Urban greenbelt lands contain the greatest population density and intensity of development, as well as the greatest concentration of jobs and economic activity. Conservation of greenspace for various uses is crucial in offsetting the negative impacts of increased density. Typical uses for urban greenbelt lands include urban parks, cultural/historic sites, reclaimed greenspace, greenway corridors and water access.

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