



# Charleston County Urban Greenbelt Program 2009 Annual Report

## 33 Acres of Urban Greenspace Protected in 2009

*Bringing total urban acres to 470*

- ◆ 5 City of North Charleston Projects totaling 28 acres
- ◆ 1 Town of James Island Project totaling 2.7 acres
- ◆ 1 Urban Unincorporated Project totaling 2 acres
- ◆ \$825,594 in urban funds awarded
- ◆ \$22,439 average cost per acre
- ◆ \$178,000 in match

## Greenbelt Goals

The 2009 urban projects assisted in meeting the Greenbelt Plan's goals to protect Greenway Corridors, Urban Lands, and Lowcountry Wetlands.

### Corridors/Nature Trails



Town of James Island's Project provided 2.7 acres for a park and trail on Lighthouse Boulevard.



Community Action Group for Encouragement's project provided 2 acres for a park and trail near Jennie Moore Elementary School.

### Urban Parks



City of N. Charleston's North Carolina Avenue project provided 1/4 acre for a park in the Chicora Cherokee Neighborhood.



City of N. Charleston's Lambert Avenue Project provided 1/3 acre for a neighborhood park at the corner of Lambert and Justice Streets.

### Wetland Protection

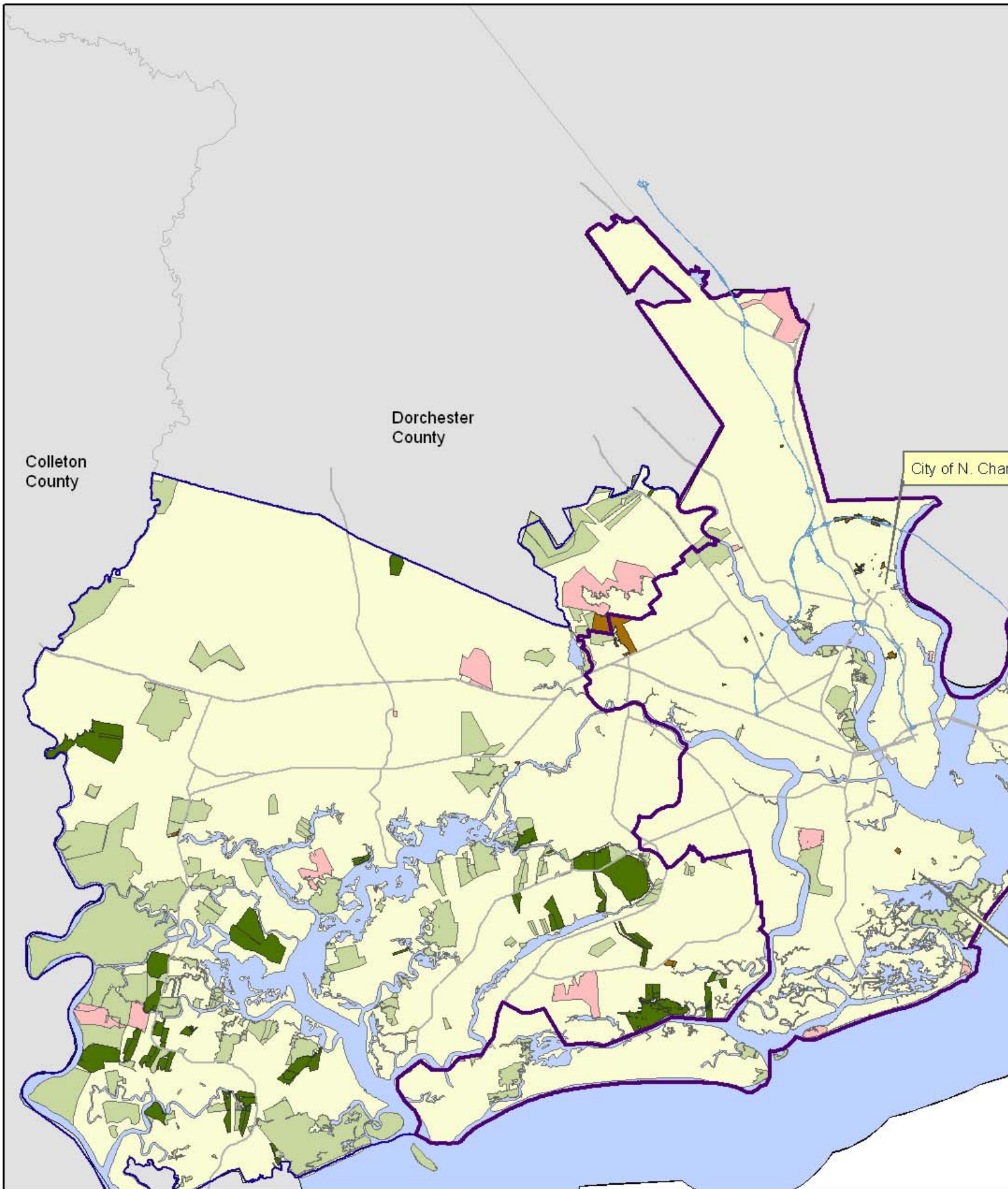


City of N. Charleston's two O'Hear Avenue projects protected 10.5 acres of wetlands along Noisette Creek.



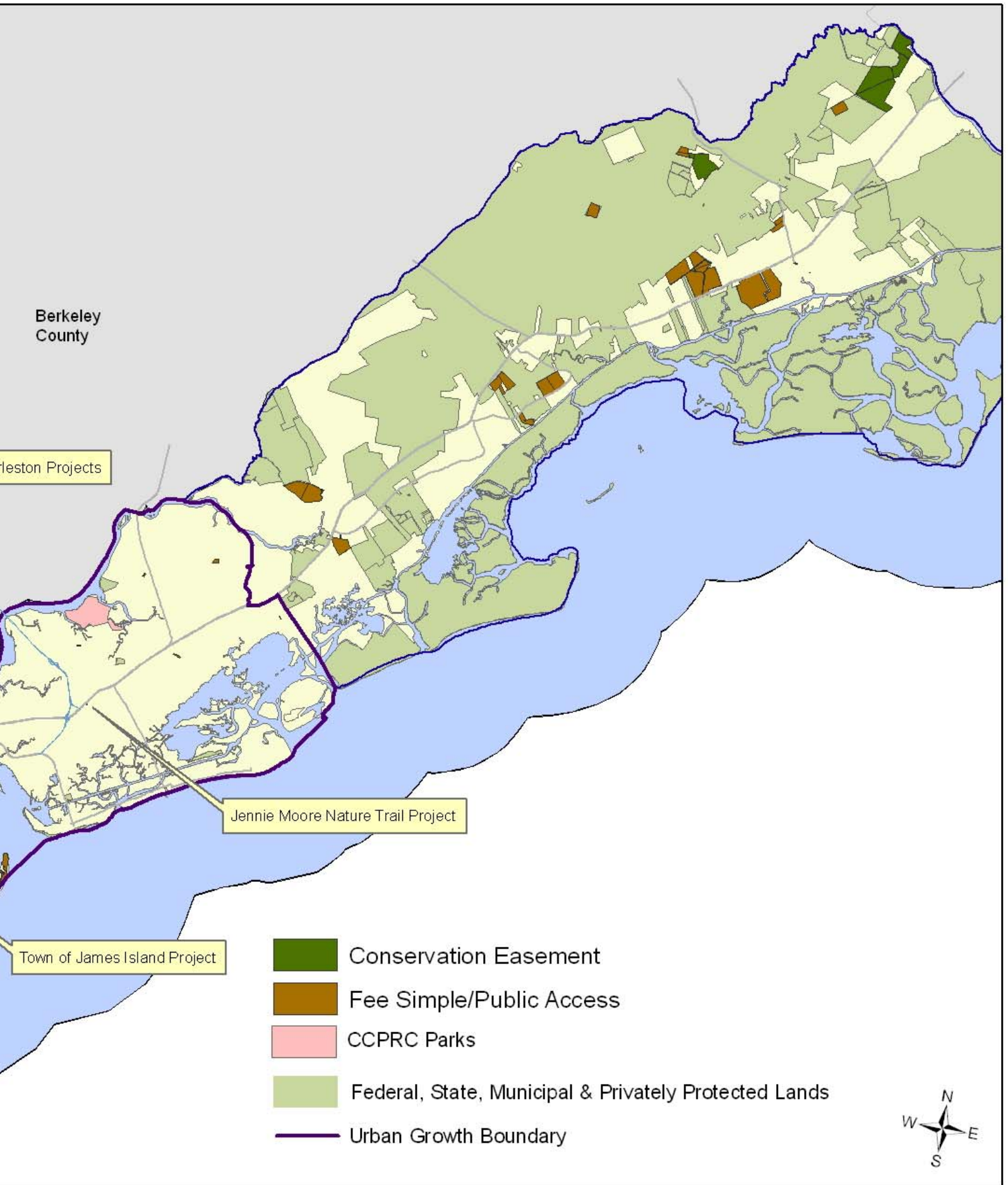
City of N. Charleston's East Dolphin Street project protected 14.4 acres of wetlands along Filbin Creek.





## Charleston County Greenbelt Programs: 2007 - 2009 Approved Gre

\*Two Pines & Wingswood (Center for Birds of Prey) are easement projects with public access and are displayed as public access pro



## Chesapeake Bay Urban Growth Boundary Projects (2009 Urban Projects Labeled)

Projects.

## 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	3	\$238,000	\$1,660,151
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	153	\$3,305,117	\$4,585,544
Seabrook Island	\$129,365	0	-	\$129,365
Sullivan's Island	\$197,774	0	-	\$197,774
Unincorporated	\$2,663,269	135	\$2,663,269	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,500,000</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>\$15,844,784</b>	<b>\$12,655,216</b>

In accordance with the Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan, urban funds are allocated to the municipalities and unincorporated areas based on population.

This chart shows each municipality's original allocation, acreage protected to date, funding awarded, and funds remaining.

In 2009, unincorporated funds were awarded to:

- ◆ Community Action Group for Encouragement (\$236,500)

### 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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