






Edgefield County

VISION 2023 // *Looking to the Horizon*

Presentation Acronyms & Symbols

- EC = Edgefield County
- Comp Plan = Comprehensive Plan
- ECH = Edgefield County Hospital
- ECWSA = Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority
- CTC = County Transportation Committee
- Completed = 
- Work In Progress = 
- Thinking about = 

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Goal 1 Support Business and Industrial Retention and Growth: Short Term

- ✓ Establish meetings with industries to determine ways EC can support
 - Chairman Campbell & Will Williams meet with area industries during the year
 - Partnered with Piedmont Tec with a Summit for HR Administrators
- ✓ Survey existing businesses to determine ways that EC can assist them
 - Mailed surveys to 272 businesses, assessment of survey ongoing

Goal 1 Support Business and Industrial Retention and Growth: Short Term



Implementation of recommendations received from the Palmetto Assessment Competitiveness Evaluation

- Establish workforce taskforce
- Funding source for economic development
- Survey of businesses

✓ Development of a “brand” for EC, including logo

- Brand completed with citizen input
- Current phase of implementation completed

Goal 1 Support Business and Industrial Retention and Growth: Long Term



Revise development standards and regulations based on information gathered by industrial visits review



Become more “business friendly” using feedback from the business survey

- Reviewing business surveys



Development and enhancement of Heritage Tourism and Agro-tourism



Find ways to include Towns in Economic Development

- Incentive Zones
- Amended “Bailey Bill” to include commercial properties.

Goal 2 Increase Number of Jobs through New and Existing Businesses and Industries: Short Term

- ✓ Determine if purchasing additional property in the Industrial Park will benefit EC
 - Currently additional property acquisition is not beneficial
- ✓ Ensure all due diligence is up to date on the Industrial Park
 - Completed
- ✓ Increase funding for EC industrial development
 - Multi County Industrial Park funds designated for Economic Development

Goal 2 Increase Number of Jobs through New and Existing Businesses and Industries: Short Term


 Reduce permitting time and communicate with applicants


- Partnered with other entities to develop a Rapid Response for permitting

 Enhance the appearance of the Industrial Park

- New signage and upgrade of appearance when HWY 25 widening completed
- Repainted existing signage

Goal 2 Increase Number of Jobs through New and Existing Businesses and Industries: Short Term

 Develop plan to recruit business and industry associated with cyber industry

 Meet with Cyber Security representatives to determine means of involvement

- Member of CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon

Goal 2 Increase Number of Jobs through New and Existing Businesses and Industries: Long Term



Develop plans for necessary infrastructure at various industrial sites

- Plan developed by SCE&G for additional electrical capacity



Review Comp Plan to consider locations for industrial and business development.

- Comp Plan is currently being updated

Goal 2 Increase Number of Jobs through New and Existing Businesses and Industries: Long Term

- ✓ Create development policies for infrastructure improvements and incentive for expansion.
 - Partner with ECWSA for sewer expansion
- ⌚ Implement plan to recruit business and industry associated with cyber industry

Goal 3 Encourage Quality Residential Growth: Short Term



Revise Comp Plan and Zoning as necessary to encourage private investment and reduce barriers

- Comp Plan being updated and Zoning Regulations will be reviewed upon its adoption.

✓ Market Edgefield County for residential development

- Advertisement for Edgefield County in Southern Edge magazine with article on the Town of Edgefield distributed in 120 Fort Gordon newcomer packets
- Southern Edge also available to public at SC Welcome Centers



Goal 3 Encourage Quality Residential Growth: Short Term

- ✓ Work with local municipalities within EC to ensure quality development
 - Amended Bailey Bill to allow for incentives on commercial buildings
 - Acquired support of Town Mayors in the location of Incentive Zones
- ✓ Develop a policy with ECWSA for infrastructure improvements for residential growth
 - Have developed several MOU's with ECWSA and anticipate additional in the future
 - Continue to work collaboratively with ECWSA to meet developer's needs

Goal 3 Encourage Quality Residential Growth: Short Term

- ✓ Provide protection to residential districts from commercial activities
 - 1,911 parcels previously un-zoned have been or in the process of being zoned Rural Residential (RR)

Goal 3 Encourage Quality Residential Growth: Long Term

-  Develop inventory of potential residential areas
-  Consideration of additional zoning districts that will promote quality growth

ENHANCE LAW
ENFORCEMENT, EMS, FIRE,
AND MEDICAL SERVICES
(PUBLIC SAFETY)

Goal 1 Improve Services and Facilities: Short Term

Work in Progress

Determine ways to reduce response times for all public safety




- Multi-County mutual aid agreements

Work in Progress

Replacement of ambulances exceeding 200,000 miles

- 4 of 5 exceed 200,000 miles
- 1 exceeds 300,000
- New ambulance ordered

Goal 1 Improve Services and Facilities: Short Term

-  Investigate ways to improve radio communication for EMS and Fire
-  Provide grant writing assistance to help prepare grants
 - Implemented
-  Study ways to retain public safety employees
 - Have evaluated Deputy pay with comparable counties

Goal 1 Improve Services and Facilities: Long Term

Work in Progress

Develop plans for construction for law enforcement center containing sheriff's Office, Detention Center, and Magistrate's Office



- Reviewing funding and repayment alternatives

Work in Progress

Based on need, response time, etc. determine location for new EMS station

- Have mapped call locations

Goal 1 Improve Services and Facilities: Long Term

-  Develop funding sources for capital improvements
-  Based on study, implement changes to retain public safety employees

Goal 2 Maintain a Viable Hospital along with local Medical Services: Short Term

- ✓ Work with ECH Board to recruit and retain new medical providers with exposure to community and lifestyle of area
 - Branding of Edgefield County's lifestyle
- ✓ Continued financial assistance to ECH
 - Continued funding is within the County Budget


Goal 2 Maintain a Viable Hospital along with local Medical Services: Short Term

- ✓ County Council participation with joint meetings with ECH Board and Operating Board at least annually
 - Has taken place and anticipated to continue
- ✓ Provide input to ECH Board concerning community perception
 - Ongoing
- ✓ Expand partnership with Self Regional Healthcare if beneficial to EC
 - Resolution supporting leasing facility to Self Regional Healthcare

STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE RECREATION PROGRAM

Goal 1 Upgrade and Expand Recreation Programs and Services: Short Term

- ✓ Strengthen youth sports partnership with municipalities
 - Continue to utilize municipal facilities and Recreation budget includes reimbursement to Towns for expenses.

-  Promote public awareness of recreation activities offered by the National forest Service
 - Being reviewed as part of the Comprehensive Plan

Goal 1 Upgrade and Expand Recreation Programs and Services: Short Term

- ✓ Determine ways to better communicate to the community concerning recreational programs and registration
 - Have implemented online registration that establishes database allowing the Recreation Department to text or email parents
- ✓ Provide training to all coaches concerning the Code of Conduct and expectations
 - Implemented and being enforced

Goal 1 Upgrade and Expand Recreation Programs and Services: Short Term



Determine site for development of recreational facilities in the Merriwether area

- Being reviewed during the Comp Plan



Increase funding for recreation

- Will review during budget preparations



Investigate creation of a 501c3 to enhance recreational activities



Support of the ARTS, Senior Citizen Programs, and enhancement of Quality of Life projects using indirect support.

- Began providing facilities for pickleball

Goal 1 Upgrade and Expand Recreation Programs and Services: Long Term



Develop plans for a recreational park in the Merriwether area

- Facility Planning will be included with the Comp Plan



Consider expanding staff for the Recreation Department



Review possibilities for construction of a recreational activities building

UPGRADE AND EXPAND COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE


Goal 1 Partner with public and private sector to improve and expand existing infrastructure: Short Term

- ✓ Continue developing MOUs with the ECWSA and developers to extend water and/or sewer
 - Ongoing
- ✓ Continue partnership with ECWSA to place additional fire hydrants in County
 - Installed 6 additional hydrants

Goal 1 Partner with public and private sector to improve and expand existing infrastructure: Short Term



 Identify areas where expansion of water and sewer is feasible

- Work with ECWSA to identify expansion possibilities to meet developer's needs

 Support additional water, sewer, broadband, cell service, and other infrastructure.

- Contracted for Broadband Study of the country by the University of SC Office of Economic Engagement along with the Economic Development Partnership and the EC School District
- Partner with Private Sector with Implementation

Goal 1 Partner with public and private sector to improve and expand existing infrastructure: Long Term

-  Develop plans to develop infrastructure in areas identified as being feasible
-  Increase residential density to support additional broadband and cell phone service


Goal 2 Improve County road system: Short Term

- ✓ Continued partnership with CTC with maintenance of County owned road
 - Ongoing
- ✓ Support CTC's Roadway Improvements Prioritization Program of 2016
 - Ongoing

Goal 2 Improve County road system: Short Term

✓ Work with the SC Department of Transportation, the Upper Savannah Council of Governments, the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS), to improve the state owned roads



- Ongoing

 Study ways to recruit and retain employees for Road Maintenance Department

Goal 2 Improve County road system: Short Term

- ✓ Increased funding for Road Maintenance Department
 - Road Maintenance fee increased
- ✓ Pursue installation of a traffic signal at HWY 25 and Bettis Academy
 - Resolution passed by Council requesting light sent to Legislative Delegation and SCDOT

Goal 2 Improve County road system: Long Term

-  Work with SCDOT to widen Bettis Academy road to 4-lanes from HWY 25 to I-20.
-  Increase staffing of Road Maintenance Department.



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