

CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT

Inventory of Existing Conditions

Historic Properties

Historic properties or resources are very important to any area. They serve several functions within a community. One is to provide a visual historic record to the community. Second, they provide an educational resource for the residents. Third, these properties set the architectural characteristics of the community.

Table IV-1 provides a summary of the places of historical interest in the County. More detailed information is available from the Clarendon County Archives and History Center, 211 North Brooks Street, Manning, S. C., South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and the National Register of Historic Properties.

In addition, the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology currently lists 1,020 archaeological sites in Clarendon County. This list is only those that have been found to date and the Institute feels that there are additional sites yet to be found and listed. Archaeological sites and their locations is sensitive information. Because of this these sites are not included in this document. For additional information you may contact the Institute at 1321 Pendleton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29208-0071, or at 803 777-8170.

Recreation and Cultural Facilities

Recreation facilities are available or are being made available in Clarendon County through the use of a mix of public, private and institutional facilities. There are several public outdoor recreation areas in Clarendon County. Although recreation covers a wide range of activities there are two basic characteristics of open space use: passive and active. Passive space is usually found as wildlife preserves, natural gardens, state and national forests, and other natural areas in which little or no development has occurred. Active open space areas are characterized by development specifically designed to serve one or more recreational functions such as ball fields, playgrounds, boat ramps, tennis courts, etc.

The County maintains a recreation department staff of four, one director, one secretary, and three maintenance personnel. Four vehicles are available for daily operations.

In addition to the facilities listed in Table IV-2, the four municipalities provide some recreation facilities. The schools also provide recreation facilities appropriate to the type of school.

Currently, Clarendon County is in the planning and development stages for two new facilities. The first takes advantage of the old high school gym and auditorium (Weldon Auditorium, application for National Register Properties has been submitted). Through an agreement with the Clarendon County School District II, the County will renovate these facilities for public use. Plans for this are in process at this time.

Secondly, Clarendon County plans to develop a 1,500 seat amphitheater near the County Courthouse and the Magistrates offices on the former property for Prothro Chevrolet. Plans for this project are also in development.

**TABLE IV-1
Places of Historical Interest**

Category	Name
Battle Sites	Half Way Swamp Fort Watson Nelson's Ferry Richbourg's Mill Tearcoat Wyboo Swamp
Churches	Andrews Chapel Calvary Baptist Church Manning Presbyterian Church Oak Grove Church St Mary Catholic Church St Marks Parish Church St Matthias Episcopal Church Summerton Presbyterian Church Taw Caw Baptist Church Midway Presbyterian Church Liberty Hill AME Church
Plantations	Cantey Plantation Robert Eli Plantation Home Fullwood Plantation
Homes	Cantey Place William Coffey Sr Home Harvey Belser Home Breedin Home Burgess Home Edgewood Grayson Home James Home Norman McFaddin Home Stukes Home Wolfe Home
National Register Properties	Aldermans 20 Stores in One Davis House Old Manning Library Santee Indian Mound and Fort Watson Senn's Grist Mill, Blacksmith Shop, and Orange Crush Bottling Plant Summerton High School
Cemeteries	Richardson Cemetery

Source: Clarendon County Conservation Auxillary, December 1998, Clarendon County Planning Commission, 2007,

South Carolina Department of Archives and History, April, 2007

**TABLE IV-2
Recreation Facilities**

Name	Location	Facilities Provided
J. C. Britton Park	Raccoon Rd, Manning	4 lighted ballfields; 1 - 4 hoop basketball court 2 unlighted tennis courts 1 office facility 1 maintenance/storage facility 1 canteen 2 restrooms 1 .5 mile walking trail
Wassau Park	2 nd Street Summerton	1 lighted ballfield 1 restroom/canteen 2 basketball courts
Walker Gamble Field	Walker Gamble Elementary School New Zion	1 lighted football field 1 unlighted ballfield 1 unlighted tennis court 1 restroom/canteen facility 1 picnic shelter/tables 1 playground
Wyboo Plantation Golf Course & Players Course	Wyboo Plantation, south of Manning	18 hole golf course plus 18 hole course
Foxboro Golf Course		18 hole golf course
Eagles Cove Golf Course	East of County Airport	18 hole golf course (membership only)
Shannon Green Golf Club	East of Manning on Bloomville road	18 hole golf course
Woods Bay State Park	Turbeville	1,541 acres, most of which are open savannah near the pointed end of the egg- shaped bay, and dense cypress swamp elsewhere. The facilities include nature study, canoeing, picnicking and fishing.
Palmetto Trail	Northshore of Lake Marion	The Lake Marion Passage of the Palmetto Trail was officially designated August, 2000, in Clarendon County. This brings the total mileage for the Trail across SC to more that 190 miles. A bridge at Jack's Creek was completed in 2002.
Taw Caw Park	Along Lake Marion in Taw	This park has 2 picnic shelters with

	Caw	facilities, fishing a boat landing, 4 piers, .and a playground.
Arbuckle's Landing	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing
Carolina King Retreat & Marina	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing and marina.
Cooper's Landing & Guide service	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing and fishing guide.
Elliott's Landing	Along Lake Marion	Boat Landing
Goat Island Resort	Along Lake Marion	Boat Landing
Jack's Creek Landing	Along Lake Marion	Boat Landing
J&J Marina	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing, boat sales & service, and marina
John C. Land, III Boating Facility	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing
Lake Vue Landing	Along lake Marion	Boat landing
Lighthouse Pointe Family Campground	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing, and campground
Pack's Landing	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing
Polly's Landing	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing
Randolph's Landing	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing
Santee Lakes Campground	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing
C\Scarborough Marina	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing
Sparkleberry Landing	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing
Taw Caw Campground & Marina	Along Lake Marion	Boat landing, camping & marina
Santee National Wildlife Refuge	Along North Shore of Lake Marion: 2125 Fort Watson Rd., Summerton, SC 29148 803 478-2217 www.fws.gov/santee/	15,095 acres Vistors Center Information Kiosk Walking/hiking trailsauto tour route hunting and fishing canoe / kayak trail wildlife observation tower nature photography boat launch environmental education opportunities wildlife viewing/birding biological research opportunities
Davis Station Ball Field	.1 miles southeast of Davis Station on S-14-25	1 Baseball Field

Source: Clarendon County Parks and Recreation, August, 2007.

A Statement of Needs

The County is fortunate to have a huge tourist recreation resource at Lake Marion. There are also a number of private recreation facilities available. As the population increases, there will be an increased demand for public recreation facilities and programs. There are opportunities for increased use of existing school facilities after normal school hours.

Goals, Objectives and Policies (Implementation Actions)

Goal A – Increase the amount of cultural resources opportunities in Clarendon County.

Objective A - The County will investigate and nominate potential historic districts and/or places in Clarendon County to the National Register of Historic Places by the year 2001.

Policy A-1 The PPSC staff will assist the Clarendon County Historical Society in the preparation of one or more historic structure nominations.

Policy A-2 Locally recognized historical and archeological sites, structures and monuments will be specifically identified and preservation programs developed, including but not limited to, land development regulations.

Objective B – The County will develop a program to increase the amount of recreation opportunities available to its residents.

Policy B-1 The County will coordinate with the Clarendon School Districts for use of their facilities after hours, and for the development of those facilities.

Policy B-2 The County will identify potential sites for future public recreation opportunities.

Objective C – The County will initiate a proactive program to acquire public recreation, open space, and green space.

Policy C-1 The County will encourage the use of conservation easements and similar techniques to increase the amount of open space and recreation area in the County.

Policy C-2 The County will amend the Unified Development Code to include provisions for on-site recreation in subdivisions.

Policy C-3 The County will complete an investigation of the feasibility of using impact fees for recreation facilities.

Objective D – The County will develop a program to foster historic preservation of significant structures and sites.

Policy D-1 The County will adopt a Historic Preservation Ordinance to establish the policy for historic preservation in the County.

Policy D-1 The County will encourage the use of the National Register of Historic Properties in an effort to preserve significant structures and sites..