

# City of Walterboro

2008 Project Update





## 2008 Annual Retreat

- Council reviewed and updated Vision Statement (20+ years)
- Discussed Goals for the City as reflected in the Vision Statement (5 to 10 years)
- Identified Projects which are within the scope of these goals (1 to 2 years)



# Vision Statement

**Through strong leadership and managing growth, the City of Walterboro continuously strives to be recognized as a very prideful community with a good quality of life for all socio-economic groups through building on its historical background, protecting and enhancing its natural resources and providing and supporting educational, recreational, arts, cultural, tourism, commercial and industrial opportunities.**



# Goals

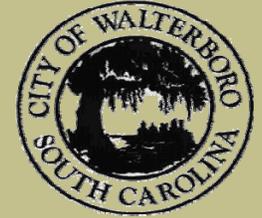
- All property is kept clean and well-maintained which is evidence of an increased pride in the community.
- Major entrances into the City have been landscaped and beautified to reflect the City's own natural beauty.
- South Jefferies Boulevard has become a beautiful, tree-lined entrance into the City, and businesses are thriving in the new atmosphere.
- Recreational opportunities include activities for all age groups.
- All neighborhoods are served by parks and playgrounds.
- Tourism is a major industry anchored by the Great Swamp Sanctuary, the Ace Basin, and improvements to Ireland Creek.
- There is a strong public school system supported by the entire community.
- The Great Swamp Sanctuary Discovery Center is operational and is viable educational and recreational resource that is consistently utilized by local citizens and tourist.
- The significant trees in our area have been recognized as a unique resource responsible for the beauty of the area and our enhanced quality of life.
- The Beltline has been completed to the Green Pond Highway and plans are underway to extend it to South Jefferies Boulevard.
- The Utilities Master Plan continues to address the growing water and sewer needs of the area.
- Walterboro residents and property owners are proud of the City's ISO Class Three fire rating.
- Through enhanced patrol and active crime prevention activities, Walterboro's Police Department is recognized as a leader in small city efficiency and citizen satisfaction. Our citizens are proud of the department.
- Commercial areas in the City offer shoppers a wide variety of goods and services. Occupancy rates remain high. The Central Business District has become a model for revitalization with ample off-street parking.



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

GOAL - All property is kept clean and well-maintained which is evidence of an increased pride in the community.

- Council identified the need for an improved Planning and Code Enforcement function
  - Added two new positions, Director and Part-time clerk which doubled staffing.
  - Implemented improved procedures for identifying and addressing violations
  - Realigned personnel to clarify responsibilities, promote communication, and improve follow-up on complaints
  - Still facing challenges because of backhaul and turnover



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

GOAL - Major entrances into the City have been landscaped and beautified to reflect the City's own natural beauty.

– Exit 53 and 57 Adopt-n-Interchange Grant/  
Landscape Improvements

- Maintaining current landscaping
- Completed the design for both interchanges
- Received permit from SCDOT
- Prepared bid documents
- New regulations from Federal Gov't have delayed final approval from SCDOT- Expect to start this project very soon.



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– I-95 Loop Project

- Still in the conceptual phase – design of this project to begin upon the completion of the interchanges



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

GOAL - Recreational opportunities include activities for all age groups.

GOAL - All neighborhoods are served by parks and playgrounds.

- Pinckney Park monument
  - Constructed monument on the corner of Hampton and Miller similar to Little Library to enhance the appearance of the park
- Resumption of maintenance of City parks
  - Currently working with Colleton County to reassume responsibility for all parks within the City beginning with the next fiscal year
  - Park Maintenance facility in budget
- Dog Park
  - Reevaluating site selection and investigating alternate locations



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

**GOAL - North Lemacks Street has been restored to its residential heritage.**

- Secure residential development for vacant City owned lots
  - City gave lots to Habitat for Humanity with the expectation of four new homes being built within four years



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

GOAL - Tourism is a major industry anchored by the Great Swamp Sanctuary, the Ace Basin, and improvements to Ireland Creek.

- Ireland creek
  - Purchased “long arm” tractor to allow vegetative maintenance of creek banks
- Great Swamp Sanctuary Invasive Species Rehabilitation
  - Applied for grants to clean-up areas heavily impacted by invasive plant species to prevent further damage to habitat



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

GOAL - The Great Swamp Sanctuary Discovery Center is operational and is viable educational and recreational resource that is consistently utilized by local citizens and tourist.

– Discovery Center

- Design documents are complete and all necessary permits acquired
- Once funding is secured construction can begin



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

**GOAL - There is a strong public school system supported by the entire community.**

- Coordinate and facilitate infrastructure improvements with County and School District
  - Working with County and School District to provide gravity sewer to Thunderbolt and QuickJobs Center
  - Working with school district to provide water and accept wastewater from new high school



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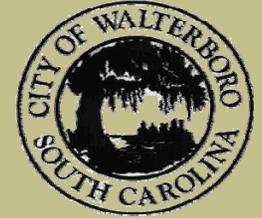
- Improve the tree protection function
  - Reviewed and strengthened the Tree Protection ordinance by clarifying language
  - The new ordinance is less confusing and easier to enforce



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

GOAL - The Beltline has been completed to the Green Pond Highway and plans are underway to extend it to South Jefferies Boulevard.

- Beltline to Greenpond Hwy
  - While not a City project, worked with SCDOT to promote completion and resolve utility conflicts
- Extension to South Jeffries
  - Working to have extension included in SCDOT long-range plan



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

GOAL - The Utilities Master Plan continues to address the growing water and sewer needs of the area.

- Hwy 63 and I-95 Pump Stations
  - I-95 station is currently under construction
  - Hwy 63 pump station bids to be received this week
  - Both funded by a series of grants, a SRF loan, and local match
- WWTP Upgrades
  - Completed improvements to influent station and screening system



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GOAL - Walterboro residents and property owners are proud of the City's ISO Class Three fire rating. Hwy 63 and I-95 Pump Stations

- Robertson Blvd Waterline looping
  - Project completed in conjunction with construction of bypass extension
- Hwy 63 Waterline looping
  - Project completed at about ½ estimated cost
- Heirs Corner Waterline Looping
  - Project currently under construction
  - Winning bid was less than half of estimated cost



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GOAL - Through enhanced patrol and active crime prevention activities, Walterboro's Police Department is recognized as a leader in small city efficiency and citizen satisfaction. Our citizens are proud of the department.

- Public Safety Building – Robertson Blvd
  - Project complete
- HQ Fire Station Expansion to allow for a ladder truck
  - Project under construction



## Projects/Task and Accomplishments

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- City Parking Lot improvements
  - Project complete