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Community Advisory Council CAC Meeting #7

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Administrative Items
- 'Open Mic' Session
- Results from Mitigation Work Session: Review & Discussion
- Replacement Recreational Facilities Discussion
- Replacement Housing Discussion
- Outreach Update
- Summary & Next Steps

Administrative Items

- Technology check
- Review virtual meeting etiquette
- Confirm CAC members have all meeting materials
 - Meeting packet
 - Minutes from CAC Meeting No. 6
- Approve minutes for CAC Meeting Nos. 5 and 6



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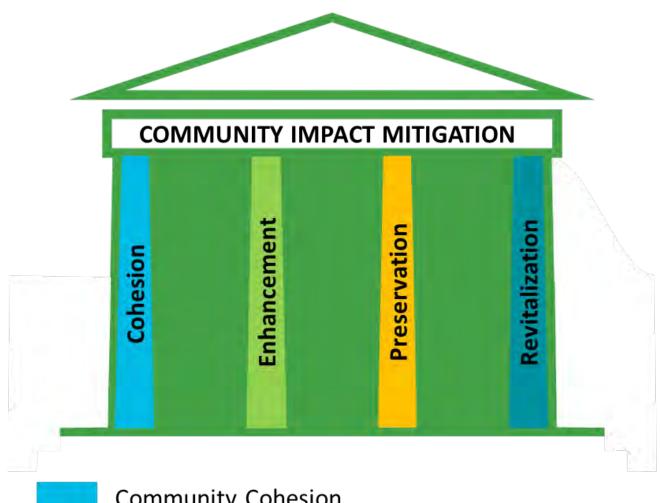
Open Mic



Outside of mitigation measures (which we'll be discussing later in the meeting), are there other items you would like to bring up with the CAC or project team?

Did you speak to any neighbors or residents who had
additional comments for the project team?

CAC Community Impact Mitigation: Overview





Community Cohesion

FOCUS AREAS: Actions that strengthen neighborhood connections



Community Enhancement

FOCUS AREAS: Community center and recreational facility replacement



Community Preservation

FOCUS AREAS: Infrastructure needs



Community Revitalization

FOCUS AREAS: Replacement housing and employment/economic opportunities



Community Cohesion

FOCUS AREAS: Actions that strengthen neighborhood connections

MITIGATION WORK SESSION QUESTIONS AND PROMPTS

"What do you see as resources that are currently lacking that would improve community cohesion?"

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Do you see use for a community center to serve as a hub for the distribution of water or related disaster-relief activities?

What measures can be taken to increase the number of "eyes" on the street to help minimize crime in these areas?

What activities would you like to see in your neighborhood?

What measures can be taken to show a sense of ownership (public or private)?



Community Cohesion

FOCUS AREAS: Actions that strengthen neighborhood connections

More access to community center for community children

	As example, Ferndale residents not allowed to use the community center gym
	Current Ferndale Community Center used as "City" center
	Community children should have access to the community center/limited use based on basketball/tournament season
	Smaller facility at the opposite end of the neighborhood should be considered
	Russelldale faces similar challenges to Ferndale with the exception of basketball tournaments
	Community center staff concerned about liability associated with "community kids," "mixing with scheduled tournament events and practices
	Center should be focused on keeping kids off the streets
	Focus should be on children first
	90% of the Ferndale center's use by outside people and activities
	Senior center operations should be used as model for the current/proposed community center(s)
	Development of an "equitable schedule"
Ado	dress general limitations of current community center
	Ferndale Community Center – not staffed, not staffed by community, not geared toward community, not child centered
	Liberty Park/Highland Terrace – Need a staffed, "working" center with scheduled activities that engage the community
Des	ired benefits of the community center to the community it serves
	Provide employment opportunities specifically for residents; Increased respect of adult center staff by community youth
	A place to learn more about neighbors
	Cross-cultural cohesion – impacts on children; leaving a legacy



Community Cohesion

FOCUS AREAS: Actions that strengthen neighborhood connections

POT	ential/Desirea Use of Community Center					
	To hold meetings with government and community representatives					
	To congregate with other community members					
	Evacuation shelter, particularly for seniors and the disabled					
	Cross-cultural activities					
	National Night Out					
	Historical programs/archives that highlight/preserve history					
His	torical (past) uses for community centers/meeting spaces					
	Lunch programs for youth (USDA Summer Feeding Program)					
	Jazz mobile					
	Block association					
	Tennis association					
Nei	ighborhood activities					
	Community yard sale (in vacant lot in front of neighborhood)					
Crir	me Prevention					
	Well-lit streets; going above code for minimum requirements for spacing of streetlights					
	Private/public areas are well-defined					
	 Fencing should not be first choice; geographic boundaries should be user- friendly, possibly naturescape-based; signage installed 					
	 Proper law enforcement/ police understanding enforcement boundaries 					
	Eliminating abandoned properties/overgrown lots					
	Designated courtesy officer who lives in the community or apartment complex (provide compensation, tax credits)					
	Street cameras installed					
	Practical tree-trimming (to unblock existing streetlights)					
	Additional streetlights (nominal cost; discount/reduced price package)					
	 Install light at the end of Dark Street (Good St) 					
	 Pedestrian-scale (lower-level) lighting vs. Street lights (spaced every 300 feet) 					



Community Cohesion

FOCUS AREAS: Actions that strengthen neighborhood connections

Sen	se of Ownership						
	Signage (Directional)						
	Shrubs/landscaping						
	Common areas/informal designations						
	Community garden						
	Monthly Clean Sweep/Neighborhood Cleanup						
	 CAC members lead rotating neighborhood sweep (between 4 communities) 						
	 Adopt-a-highway (engage neighbors) 						
	Quarterly debris cleaning (City of North Charleston)						
	Elected City or County Officials to sponsor pick-up once or twice a year for special waste (appliances, paint, etc.)						
	Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for community cohesion that are not listed here?						
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Community Enhancement

FOCUS AREAS: Community center and recreational facility replacement

MITIGATION WORK SESSION QUESTIONS AND PROMPTS

Based on the preliminary mapping of potential locations for replacement facilities, what are your thoughts on locations that would be most optimal for neighborhood residents?

What are your thoughts on having a single, larger, centrally-located replacement facility versus two smaller facilities? How would the location of the replacement facility, or facilities, affect your thoughts on this idea?

What do you see as outdoor resources that are currently lacking or could be improved at local community centers?

What do you see as resources for after-school programs, youth/young adults, and seniors that are currently lacking or could be improved at local community centers?

What are your thoughts on having a single, larger, centrally-located replacement facility versus two smaller facilities?



Community Enhancement

FOCUS AREAS: Community center and recreational facility replacement

Sidewalks

	Concerns about walkability for children to the proposed community center
	Pedestrian bridge across Filbin Creek to help children avoid traffic
	Benefits of sidewalk installation: increased drainage and safety
	Challenges associated with sidewalk installation: achieving proper drainage and infrastructure challenges
	Russelldale – uneven, non-existent sidewalks; discrepancies noted between sidewalks on maps and actual sidewalk locations
Con	nmunity Center (also reference feedback under "community cohesion")
	Single, centrally-located facility vs. two smaller facilities
	Limitations related to two facilities: staffing and land acquisition
	Consider pocket parks, covered areas, grills
	Residents' first choice options (amenities) should be included in the intergovernmental agreement; CAC request for input in the intergovernmental agreement with the City of North Charleston
	Provide bike/pedestrian connectivity to the community center
	Staffing and volunteers (community buy-in)
	"Neighborhood" center vs. community center (CAC does not want a box design)
	Broad-scale, diverse use, forward-thinking, multi-faceted
	Staffing should be qualified to run the center
	Staff should focus on providing activities and resources that meet the needs of the communities



Community Enhancement

• FOCUS AREAS: Community center and recreational facility replacement

Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for community enhancement that are not listed here?



Community Preservation

FOCUS AREAS: Infrastructure needs

MITIGATION WORK SESSION QUESTIONS AND PROMPTS

Do you walk as a means of transportation or to access public transit? If not, why? What reasons are related to infrastructure needs?

If you do walk for transportation means, where do you walk? What infrastructure needs like sidewalks, sidewalk improvements, streetlights, bus stops, and bus stop locations do you see?

Where do you frequently see people walking? Do you see seniors and/or children walking? Where?

Is speeding a persistent issue anywhere in your neighborhood?

Where is stormwater runoff or standing water a problem in your neighborhood?

Are there areas that frequently flood during large storms or days of heavy rainfall?

Do you see other stormwater/floodplain or open space-related needs that would help residents prepare for and recover from severe weather?

Are there specific locations you would suggest for improvement?

What do you see as barrier(s) to "aging in place" in your neighborhood?

Of these barriers, which ones can be addressed by infrastructure improvements like sidewalks and access to transit?



Community Preservation

FOCUS AREAS: Infrastructure needs

Barriers and recommendations related to walking and biking

- ☐ Facilities that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- □ Safety issues related to poor lighting, walking to bus stop, trash, debris (Elder/James Bell)
- ☐ Piedmont and Railroad Avenues (no sidewalk currently)
 - Poor lighting; drainage issues
- ☐ Railroad Avenue used as drag strip
- Pedestrian accommodations over/across Rivers Avenue; safety issues for veterans crossing at Patriots Villa across Rivers Avenue
- ☐ Importance of safe, practical footpaths
- Safety for bike riders

Flooding/Stormwater Management

- Standing water
 - Russelldale Rebecca and Rivers
 - Liberty Park James Bell and Taylor
 - Harper and Railroad

Speeding

- Railroad/Piedmont
- Russelldale
- Taylor Street (4-way stop)
- Willis/Rebecca



Your feedback from the mapping activity during the Mitigation Work Session was digitized in an online viewer.

See Page 17 for instructions on how to access and leave new comments.



Community Preservation

FOCUS AREAS: Infrastructure needs

Bar	riers and recommendations related to transit and school buses					
	CARTA/shuttle bus with enough frequency to transport residents, morning and evening					
	No covered bus shelters					
	Covered bus shelters with seats recommended along Rivers Avenue					
	Covered areas for school bus stops					
Tra	ffic Calming and General Safety					
	Installation of speed humps					
	Installing stop sign at Piedmont					
	School bus stop safety					
Agi	ing in place					
	Landlords taking homes off Section 8					
	Home repairs					
	 Community block grants; narrow window of opportunity 					
	Lack of ramps/inaccessibility					
	Meals/food security					
	Inadequate services (Community center, health screening)					
	 Community center staff should serve as a resource and follow-up 					
	Advocacy and self-advocacy – educational and financial resources					
	Limited access to affordable transportation					
	Potential partnerships with local college nursing programs to implement periodic health screenings					



Community Preservation

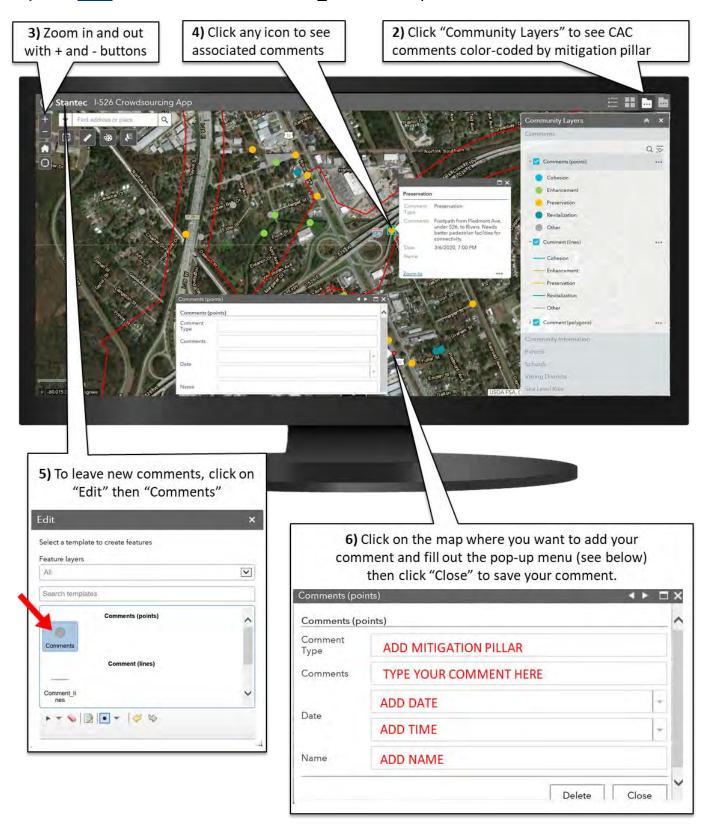
FOCUS AREAS: Infrastructure needs

Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for						
community preservation that are not listed here?						

Online GIS Viewer

You can use the project online viewer to review CAC input on specific infrastructure needs.

1) Click here and enter username: 1784_stantec and password: Stantec!784





Community Revitalization

FOCUS AREAS: Replacement housing and employment/economic opportunities

MITIGATION WORK SESSION QUESTIONS AND PROMPTS

What do you see as the top priority for revitalization in your neighborhood and why?

What types of barriers need to be overcome to achieve revitalization without inducing gentrification?

Are there details that could be added to make these needs more specific to your neighborhood?

Improved neighborhood aesthetics

	Remove or renovated boarded homes					
	Eliminate barriers related to obtaining permits/approvals for repairs to homes occupied by residents with Heirs issues (new roofs, etc.) (via public input Nov. 2019)					
Тур	Type of replacement housing					
	Prefer single-family rental units, not multi-family units/mobile homes/modular					
	Lot spacing will depend on specific land acquisition					
Eco	nomic revitalization					
	Prefer small businesses vested in the community values					
Social/cultural preservation						
	Avoid gentrification					
	Incorporate references to local history in community center					
	Need for advocacy (Advocacy Workshop 101 suggested)					



Community Revitalization

FOCUS AREAS: Replacement housing and employment/economic opportunities

Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for						
community revitalization that are not listed here?						
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Potential Locations for Replacement Community Facilities



Community Enhancement

FOCUS AREAS: Community center and recreational facility replacement

The project team is searching for potential locations for replacement recreational facilities. The map on Page 22 and table on Page 23 show properties that have been identified as vacant or underdeveloped (meaning they may have building(s) onsite but no one lives on the property). During the April 18th CAC meeting, we will discuss the map and table to gather your feedback on the feasibility of the properties shown in the mapping as well as your input on any other properties that should be investigated. We will revisit the following questions from the Mitigation Work Session:

Based on the preliminary mapping of potential locations for replacement facilities, what are your thoughts on locations that would be most optimal for neighborhood residents?

What are your thoughts on having a single, larger, centrally-located replacement facility versus two smaller facilities?

How would the location of the replacement facility, or facilities, affect your thoughts on this idea?

Are there other locations, not identified on the mapping, that would be suitable location(s) for replacement facilities?

Potential Locations for Replacement Community Facilities



Potential Locations for Replacement Community Facilities

Map ID#	Acres Owner Street# St		Street Name	Letter Sent 3/19/20		
1	0.15	AMEZQUITA INVESTMENT LLC	0	JONAH ST		
2	0.15	LEE VERNON JAILOR	0	JONAH ST		
3	0.15	LEE VERNON JAILOR	2548	JONAH ST		
4	0.15	JEROME MARTIN MYERS	0	JONAH ST		
5	0.15	PATRICIA ANN CROKER	5329	LANGSTON ST		
6	0.15	ERNEST MOSS	0	LANGSTON ST		
7	0.15	ERNEST MOSS	0	LANGSTON ST		
8	0.15	ERNEST MOSS	0	LANGSTON ST		
9	0.87	CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON	2410	RICHARDSON DR		
10	0.34	FAITH TABERNACLE OF JESUS CHRIST MINISTRY	2233	TAYLOR ST	Yes	
11	0.34	CALEB HARPER	0	ELDER AVE	Yes	
12	0.34	CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON	2229	TAYLOR ST		
13	0.17	PCAAN REAL ESTATE INC	2227	TAYLOR ST		
14	0.17	HENRY THOMPSON	2222	JAMES BELL DR		
15	0.15	SAMMIE L SMALLS	126	JAMES BELL DR		
16	0.17	SHERALD D MOSES	113	CHIME ST		
17	0.19	SHELIA M SIMMONS	0	TARGET ST		
18	0.17	LOLA MAE MYERS	2135	TARGET ST		
19	0.17	ERNEST GREEN	2125	TARGET ST		
20	0.17	ERNEST GREEN	111	TARGET ST		
21	0.65*	RLB INC	5255	RIVERS AVE		
22	0.14	CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON	0	DOROTHY WILLIAMS BLVD		
23	0.14	CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON	0	DOROTHY WILLIAMS BLVD		
24	0.14	CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON	0	DOROTHY WILLIAMS BLVD		
25	2.04*	KEITH GREGORY	0	JAMES BELL DR	Yes	
26	1.85	CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON	0	ELDER AVE		
27	0.29	CORINE GOODLEY	0	ELDER AVE	Yes	
28	0.22	EVELYN M FRASIER	0	ELDER AVE	Yes	
29	0.27	LEAH AND NATHAN HEINECK	0	ELDER AVE	Yes	
30	1.73*	HATTIE RUTH LEVY ANDERSON	5260	DEACON ST	Yes	
31	0.10*	WILLIAM J GOFF	2206	ELEANOR DR		
32	0.30	WILLIAM J GOFF SR	5228	APRILAVE	Yes	
33	0.56	CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON				
34	0.25	GOD'S TRUE DELIVERANCE CHURCH INC	2255	REBECCA ST	Yes	
35	0.14	GRASSO ANTONIO A	0	DELTA ST		
36	0.14	SPE PROPERTIES LLC	0	DELTA ST		
37	0.15	SPE PROPERTIES LLC	0	DELTA ST	4	

This table corresponds to the map on Page 20 and is color-coded by type of owner:

Privately Owned Vacant/Underdeveloped

City Owned

Church Owned Vacant

Business Owned Vacant

<u>UPDATE</u>: SCDOT sent letters of interest on March 19, 2020 to nine property owners (as shown in the table to the left) to gauge potential interest in the sale of vacant or under-developed properties for use as locations for replacement community center(s), recreational facilities, and/or pocket parks.

SCDOT's next step is to contact these property owners to discuss potential opportunities. If the project team is not successful in acquiring any of these 'first round' properties, additional letters will be sent out to other property owners on this list.

If you have any information about the potential availability of any of these, or other, potential properties, please let a project team member know.

*Designates a portions of a parcel where development could occur without displacing residents



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Community Office 5627 Rivers Avenue North Charleston, SC 29406

www.526LowcountryCorridor.com

RE: I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West Project – Charleston County

Dear _____:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation is developing an interstate improvement project on the existing interstate 526 corridor between Virginia Avenue and Paul Cantrell Boulevard. This project will impact community centers currently located adjacent to the interstate in North Charleston near the interchange between I-526 and I-26. We would like to inquire about the possibility of purchasing properties that could be utilized for construction of new community centers as part of the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West project. Our records indicate that you own property that may be of interest to the Department. In order to discuss the potential acquisition, it will be necessary for us to meet with you at your earliest convenience.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the sketch showing your property and a "Highways and You" brochure describing the acquisition process. The brochure will assist in answering questions however; it is imperative that we meet with you to discuss the possibility in person.

SCDOT has opened an I-526 community office at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston where you can learn more about the project and meet with members of our project team. Due to our current emergency pandemic, the office is only open by appointment only during this event. We would like to schedule a time to meet with you at your convenience and discuss this matter further. To schedule a time to meet, please call 843-258-1135.

Sincerely,

Willie Johnson

Willie Johnson Right of Way Outreach Specialist

Enclosures

Ec: Joy Riley, SCDOT Project Manager

Horrace Tobin, I-526 Community Office Manager







Community Revitalization

FOCUS AREAS: Replacement housing and employment/economic opportunities

The SCDOT project team would like to gather feedback from the CAC on the suitability of different areas for different types of housing.

The project team is searching for potential locations for replacement housing. The map on Page 24 shows the geographical area that SCDOT is monitoring for potential replacement housing locations. It includes the neighborhoods of Russelldale, Liberty Park, Highland Terrace, and Ferndale as well as other neighborhoods within the immediate vicinity. The boundary was set based with the intent to find locations that could provide a similar proximity to public transit and other public services in the area, as such, the northern boundary runs along Remount Road and the southern boundary runs generally along Dorchester Road.

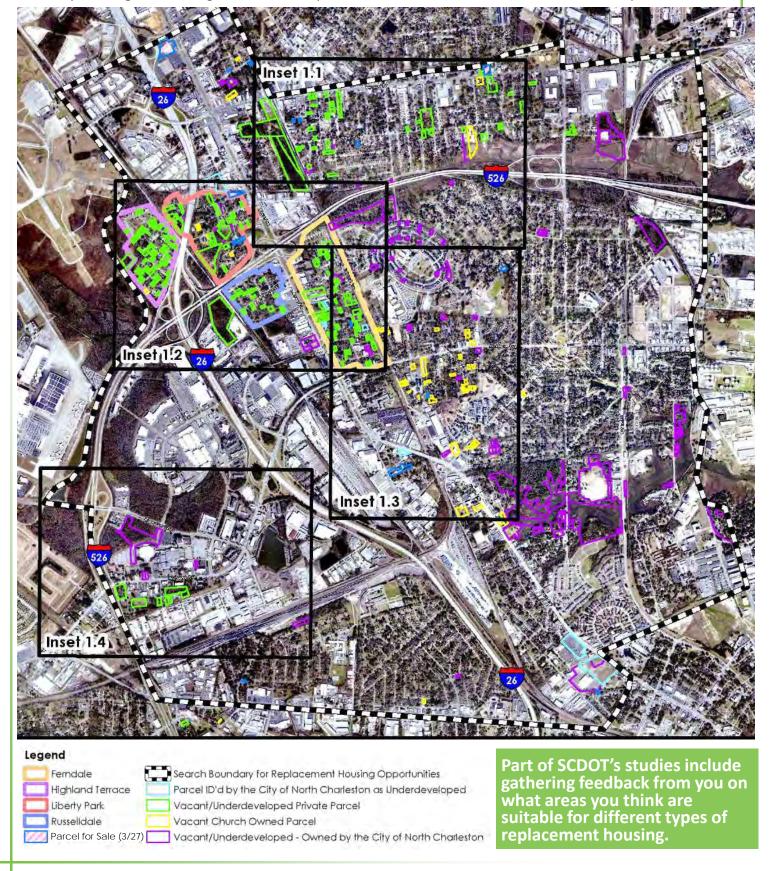
SCDOT is monitoring residential real estate (MLS) listings within this area and have mapped parcels owned by the City of North Charleston and privately-owned vacant/underdeveloped properties that could be investigated as potential locations for replacement housing.

As you review the maps, think about the pro's and con's of the different areas shown in the mapping.

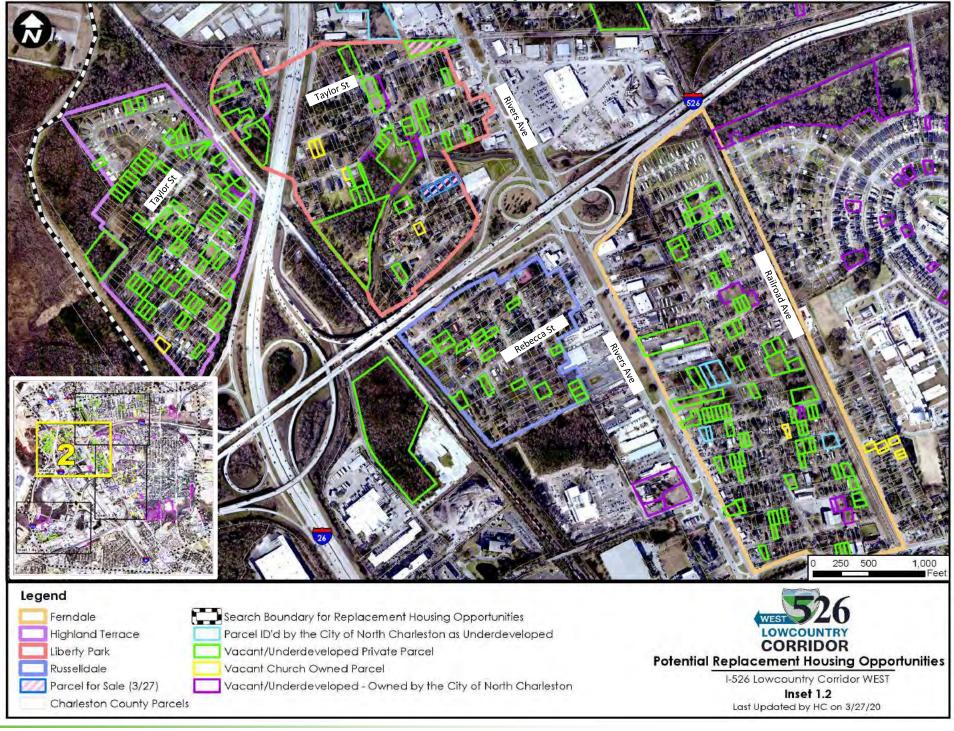
Are there areas nearby that would be attractive to renters that would provide same or better access to transit, public facilities, employment centers, planned development, and other services?

Are there other areas that you would recommend monitoring for potential replacement housing?

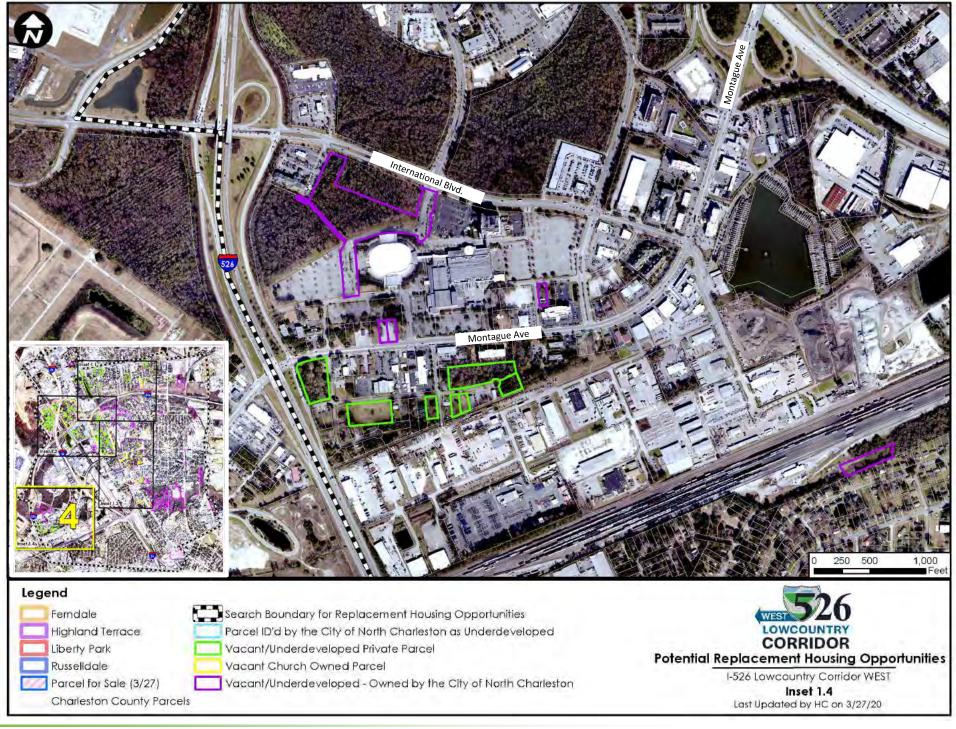
This map shows the geographical area that SCDOT is monitoring for residential real estate (MLS) listings. Within this area, SCDOT also mapped parcels owned by the City of North Charleston and privately-owned vacant/underdeveloped properties that could be investigated as potential locations for replacement housing. The maps on Pages 26 through 29 are close-up views of the areas shown as "Insets" in the map below.







Potential Locations for Replacement Housing 1.000 Legend Search Boundary for Replacement Housing Opportunities Ferndale Parcel ID'd by the City of North Charleston as Underdeveloped LOWCOUNTRY Highland Terrace CORRIDOR Liberty Park Vacant/Underdeveloped Private Parcel **Potential Replacement Housing Opportunities** Russelldale Vacant Church Owned Parcel I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST Parcel for Sale (3/27) Vacant/Underdeveloped - Owned by the City of North Charleston Inset 1.3 Charleston County Parcels Last Updated by HC on 3/27/20



Community Office

Office Data

Days open in March: 22 days

Call-ins: 13 calls

Outreach Calls: 10 calls

Voicemail Follow-ups: 2 calls

Walk-ins/Appointments: 11 visits

Calls to CAC (postponed Informational Workshop): 11 calls

COVID:

- The Community Office is closed to visitors, but Office Manager Horrace Tobin is onsite daily to address concerns and requests received by email, postal mail, and phone.
- Right-of-Way Liaisons are not currently scheduling face-to-face appointments but are handling related requested received in the Community Office by phone.

Community Liaisons:

- Clay Middleton, a new employee to Maximum Consulting, is also an addition to the Community Liaison staff.
- Informational Workshop:
 - The sessions planned for Saturday, March 21st will be rescheduled.

Summary and Next Steps

- Confirm schedule for upcoming CAC Meetings
- 5/2/20 agenda to include update on mitigation plan development, providing available details and gathering additional feedback on potential housing mitigation
- Poll group for CAC open house date: post-COVID