

# West Ashley's Charleston County Parks

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Revitalization Commission*  
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CHARLESTON COUNTY PARK  
& RECREATION COMMISSION

FISHING / CRABBING  
PIERHEAD AND  
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LAUNCH

STONO RIVER

WEST ASHLEY  
PLANTATION  
NEIGHBORHOOD

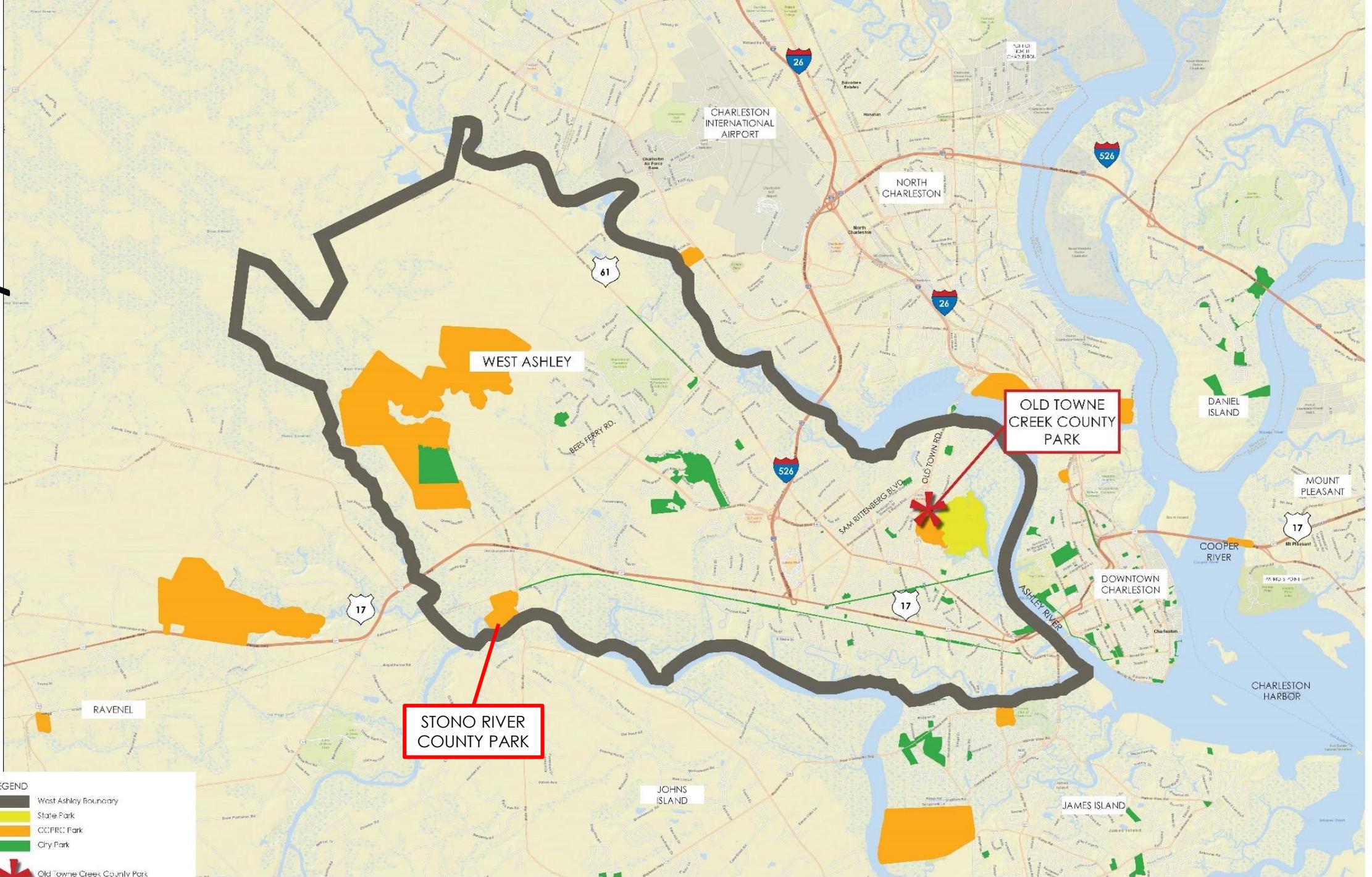
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- **Stono River County Park**
- **Old Towne Creek County Park**

↓ The place  
↓ The people  
↓ The plan  
↓ The park  
↓ The play

# Parks of West Ashley

- LEGEND
- West Ashley Boundary
  - State Park
  - CCFRC Park
  - City Park
  - Old Towne Creek County Park



STONO RIVER COUNTY PARK

OLD TOWNE CREEK COUNTY PARK

WEST ASHLEY

CHARLESTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NORTH CHARLESTON

DANIEL ISLAND

MOUNT PLEASANT

DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON

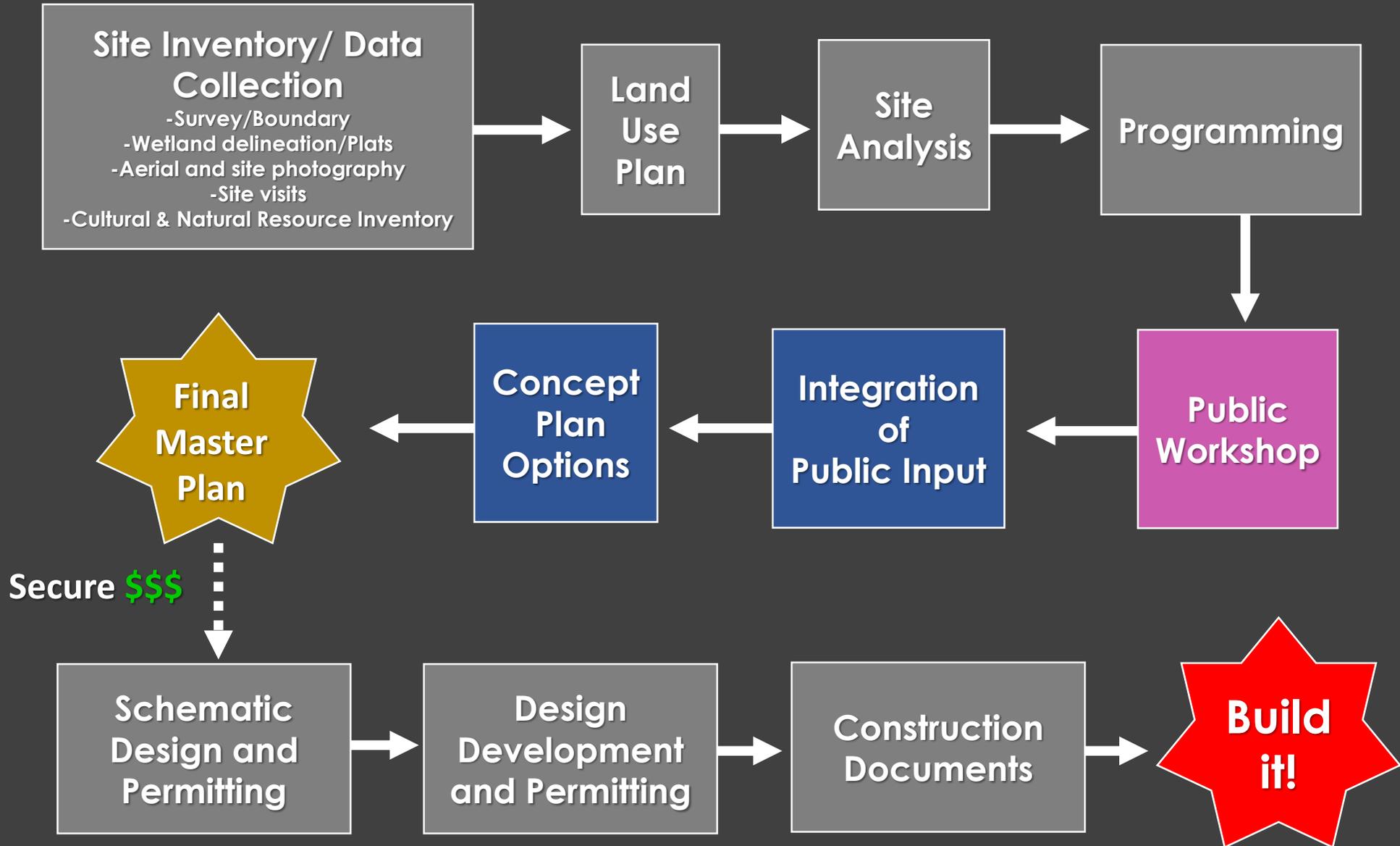
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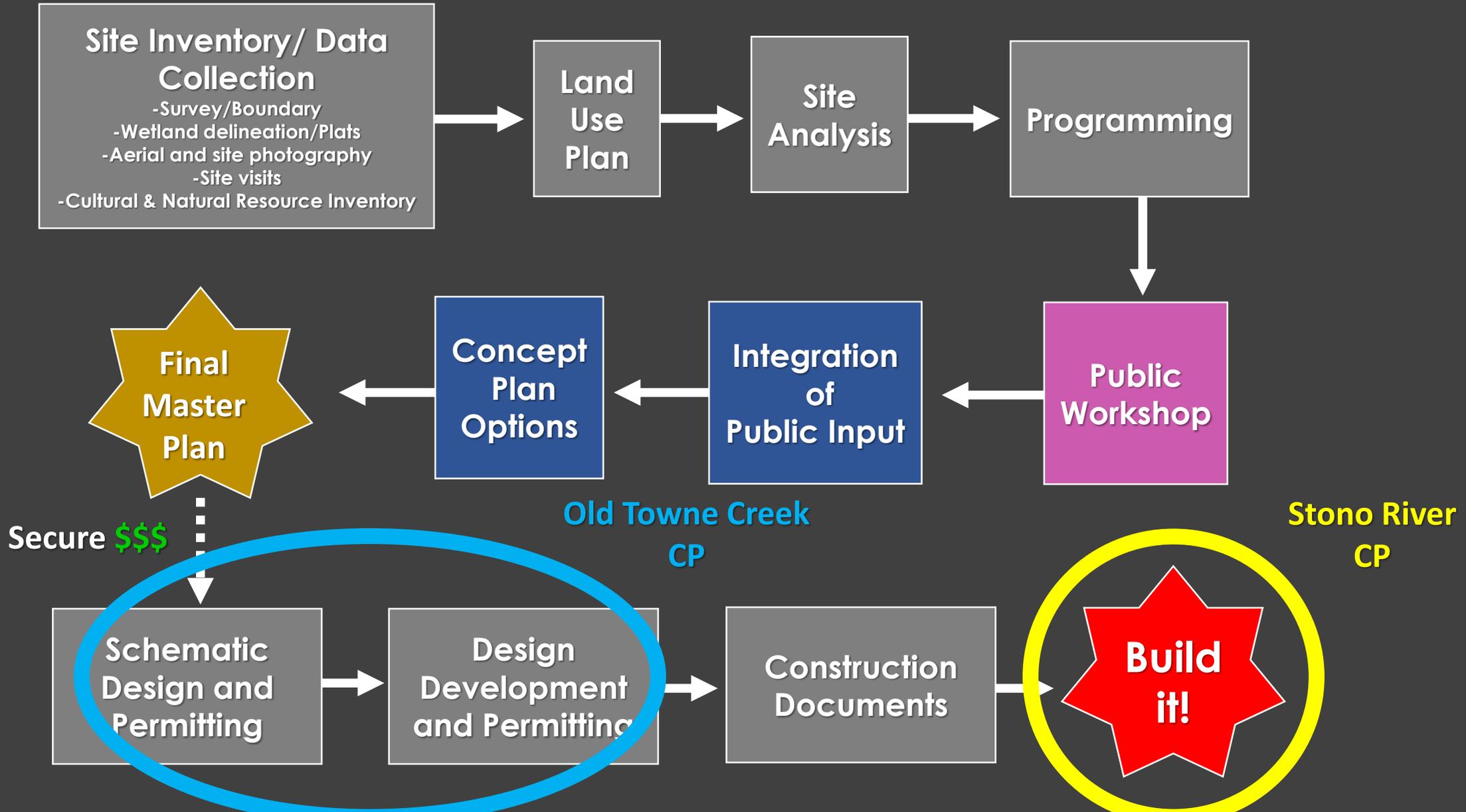
JAMES ISLAND

RAVENEL

# THE MASTER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



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# Stono River County Park

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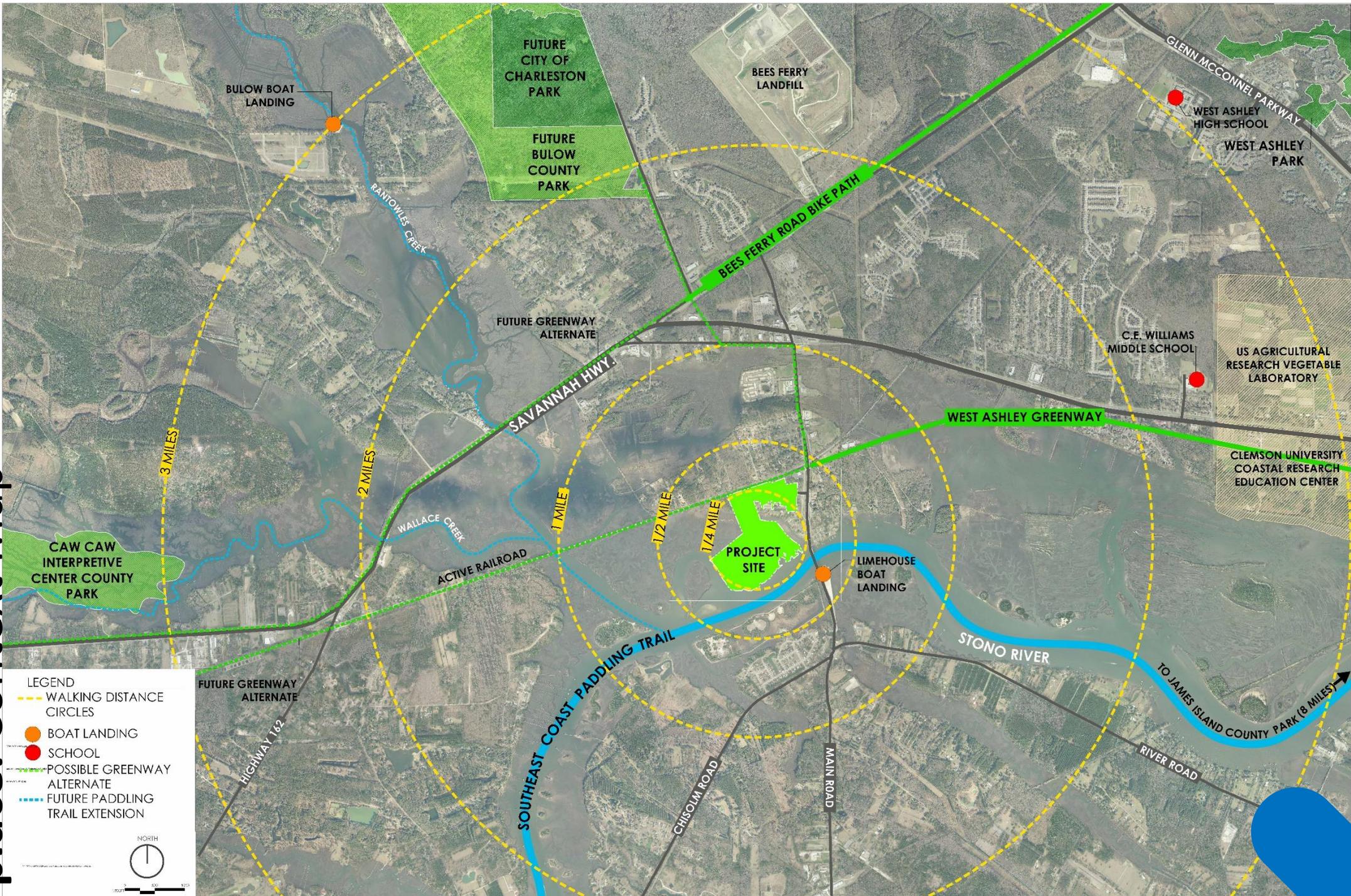
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# place: Context Map



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# place: Site Map

## SITE DATA TABLE

### SITE AREA INFORMATION

TOTAL AREA: ± 85.5 ACRES  
 HIGHLANDS: ± 25.3 ACRES  
 MARSH ISLAND: ± 12.2 ACRES  
 MARSH: ± 48 ACRES

ACTIVE RAIL  
 AMTRAK  
 CSX



# Where it all started

- Property donated to CCPRC in 2012 for enjoyment by the public
- Opportunity to connect a Charleston County Park with the West Ashley Greenway
- Master planned in 2014 with public input
- Phase 1 and 2 development funded by 2017 bond and \$600,000 in grants
- Still pursuing a connection to the WAG

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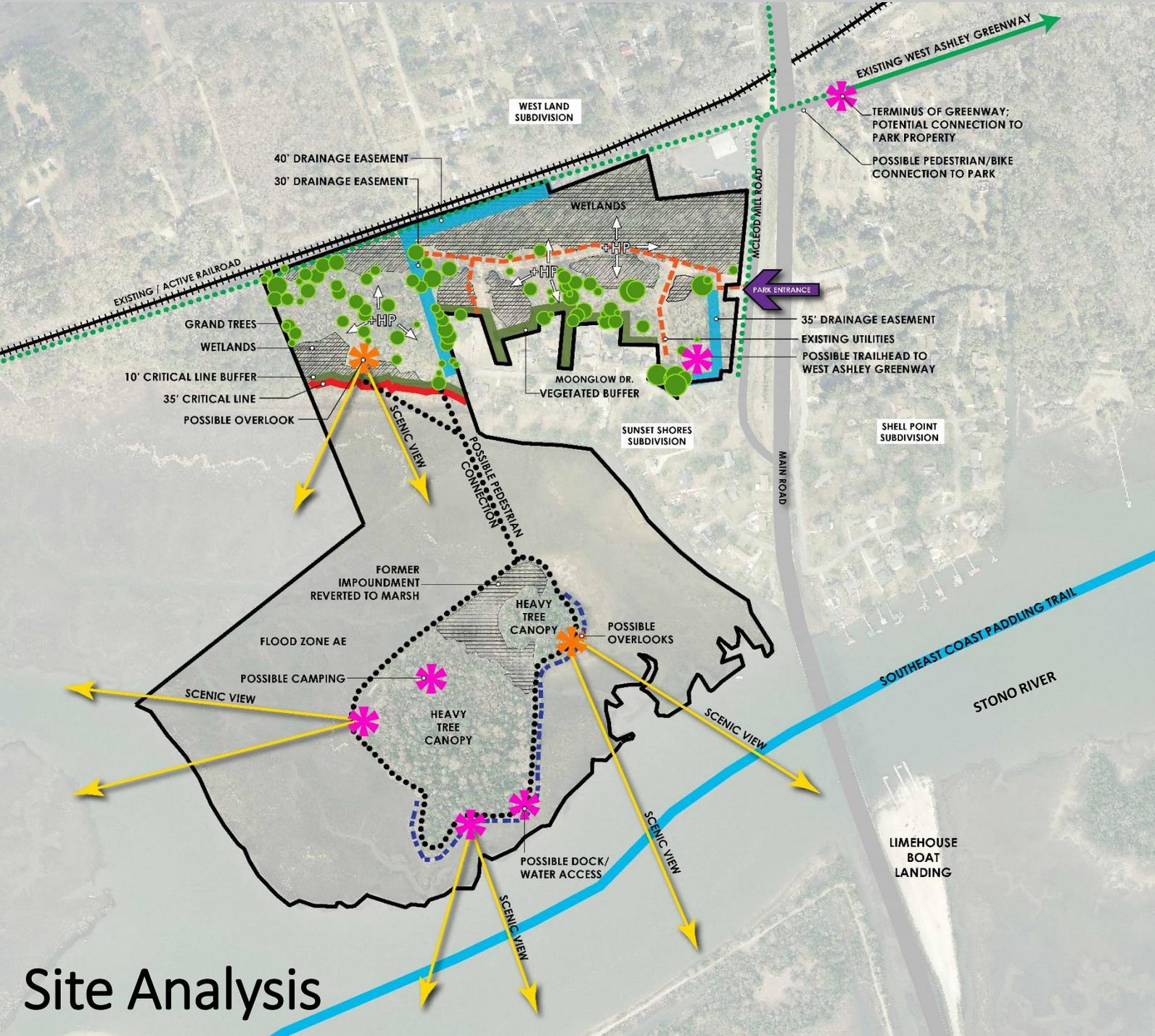
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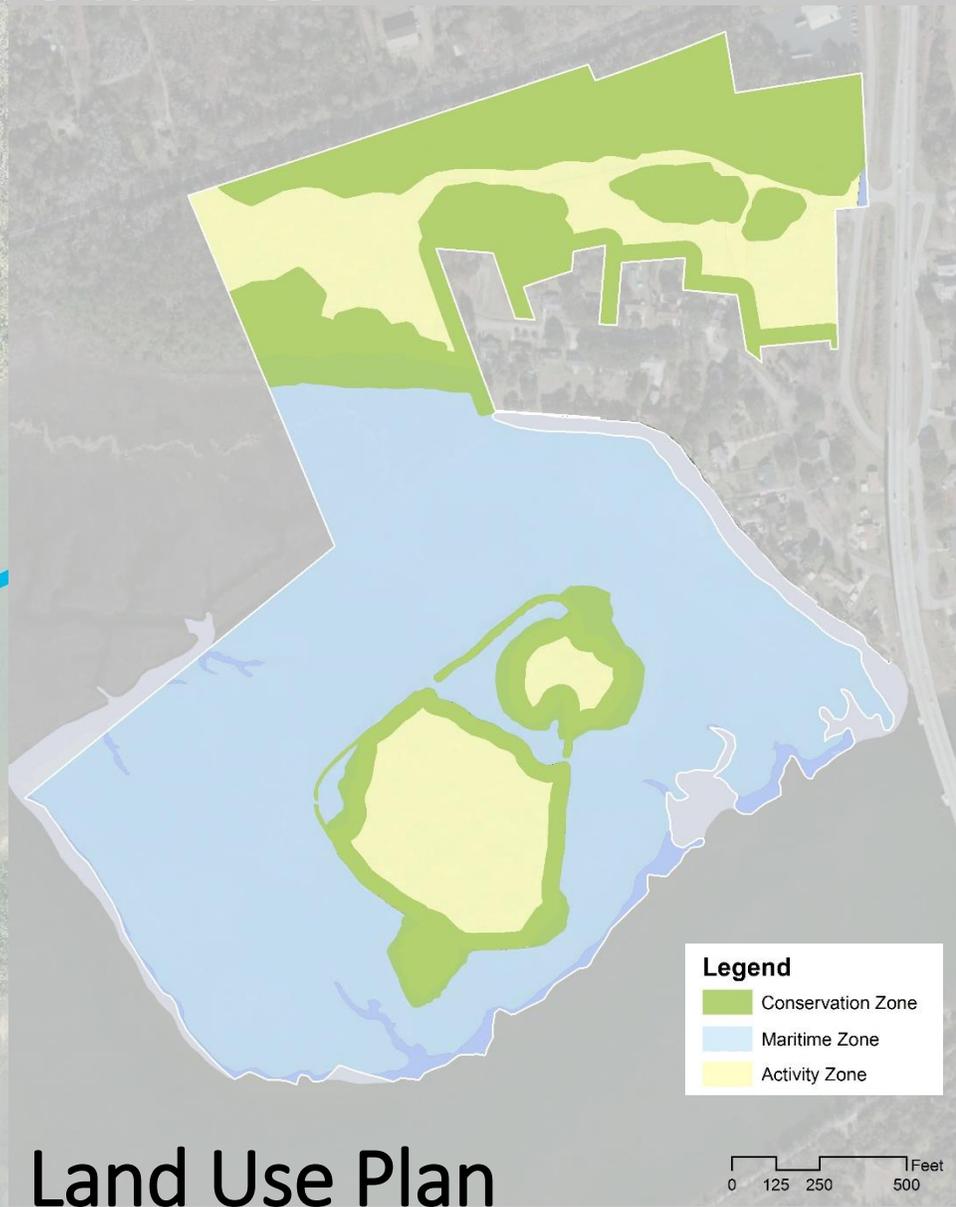
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# place: Site Planning Studies



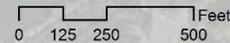
Site Analysis



Land Use Plan

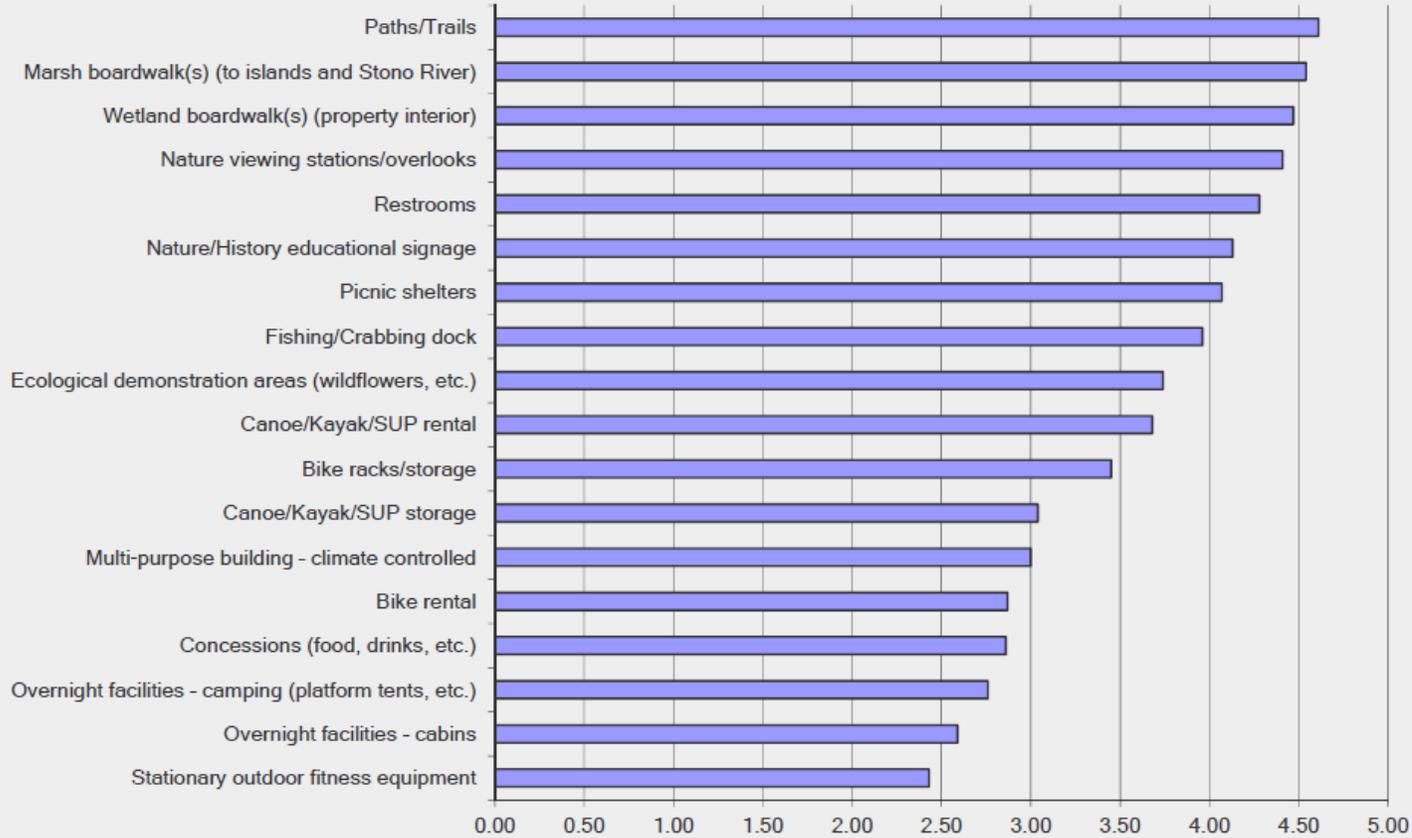
**Legend**

<span style="color: green;">■</span>	Conservation Zone
<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span>	Maritime Zone
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Activity Zone



# people: The Public Input Process

THE FUTURE COUNTY PARK AT LIMEHOUSE POINT



Survey had approximately 57 respondents

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# plan: The Master Plan



# park: Permitting → Development



# park: What You Can Expect to See

- Parking, restroom, drinking fountain, paved and natural surface trails, boardwalks, and incredible views.



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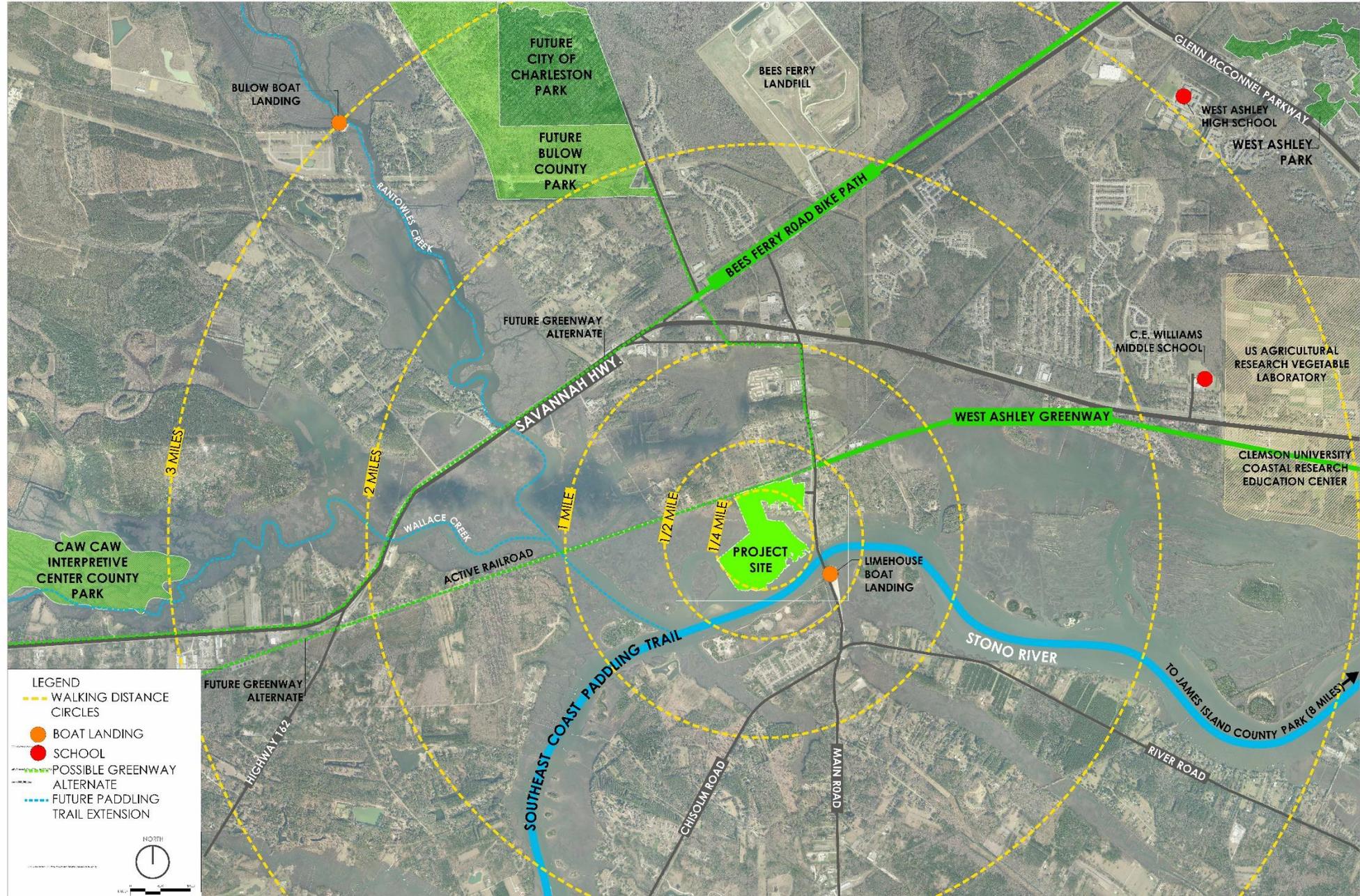


# Next Steps

- Connect to the West Ashley Greenway



# ...and beyond!



# Old Towne Creek County Park

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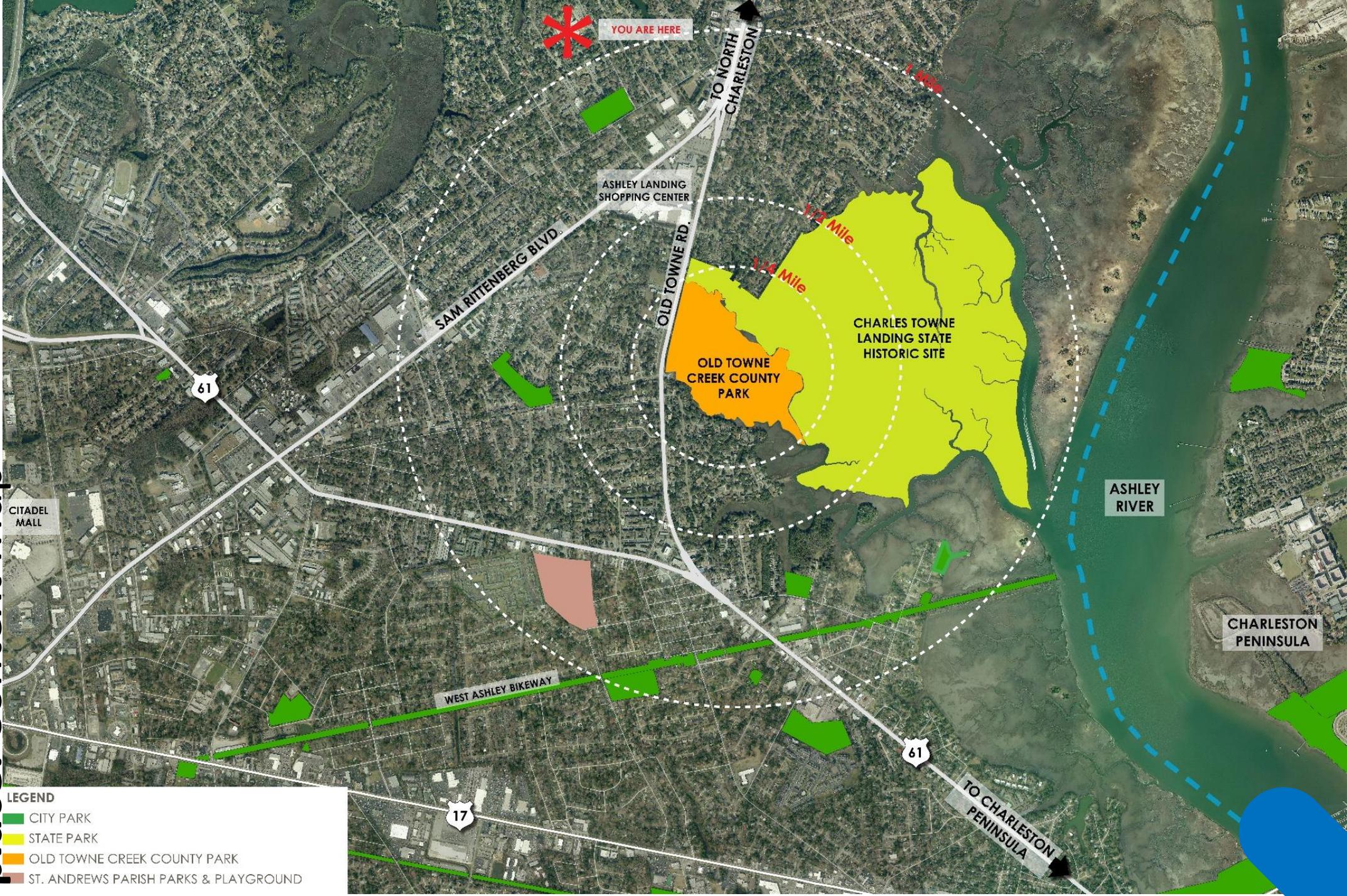
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# place: Context Map

## LEGEND

-  CITY PARK
-  STATE PARK
-  OLD TOWNE CREEK COUNTY PARK
-  ST. ANDREWS PARISH PARKS & PLAYGROUND



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# PROPERTY TIMELINE

1670

Charlestowne colony Established

1671 - ~1900

- Captain Robert Donne (1671-1694)
- James LeSade (ca. 1694-1733)
- Daniel Cartwright (1733-1744)
- Elias Horry, Jr. (1744-1833)  
*Cotton Plantation*
- Anthony Barbot (1833-1835)  
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- Jonathon Lucas, III (1835-1850)  
*Cotton Plantation*
- William McKenzie Parker (1850-?)  
*Cotton Plantation*
- Legare family (1867-1878)
- George B. Edwards (ca. 1878)

1913

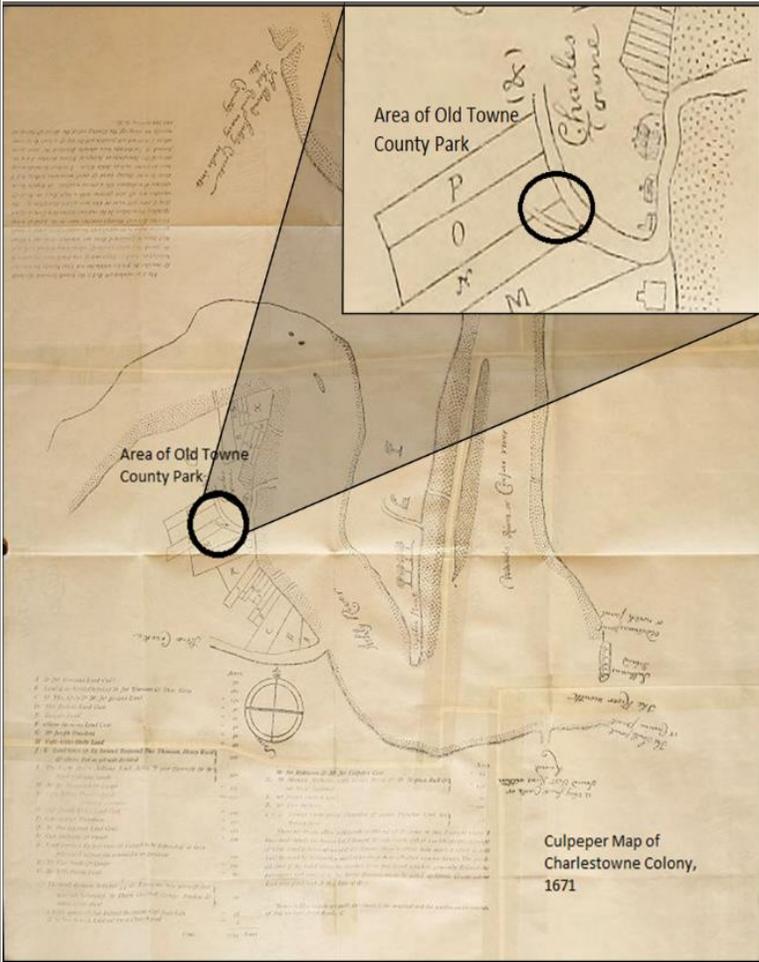
Charles Ravenel – *Truck Farming*

Mid 20<sup>th</sup> cent.

Ashby and Emily (Ravenel) Farrow,  
*St. Andrews Parish Riding Academy*

2011

Lowcountry Open Land Trust  
Charleston County Parks, *Public Park*



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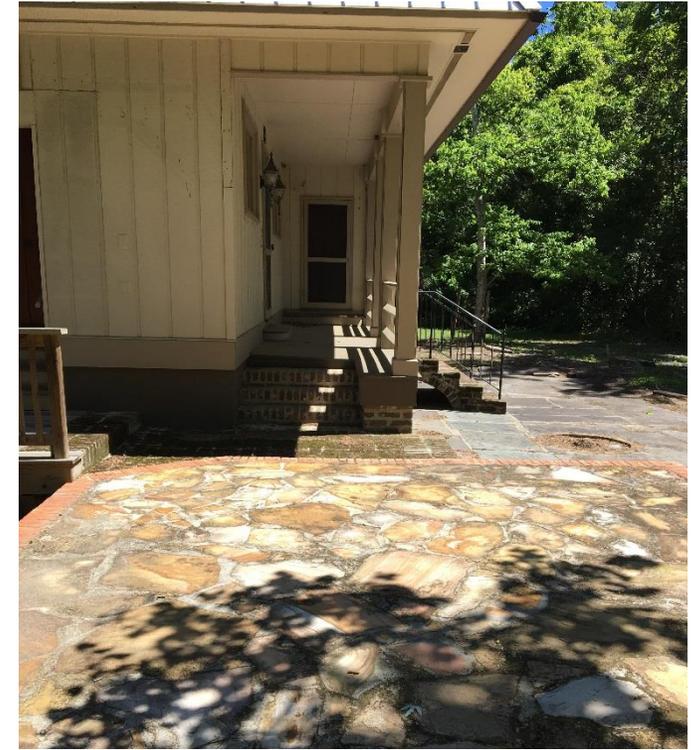
# Entrance Drive and Gates



# Main House



# Rain Hut



# Caretakers House



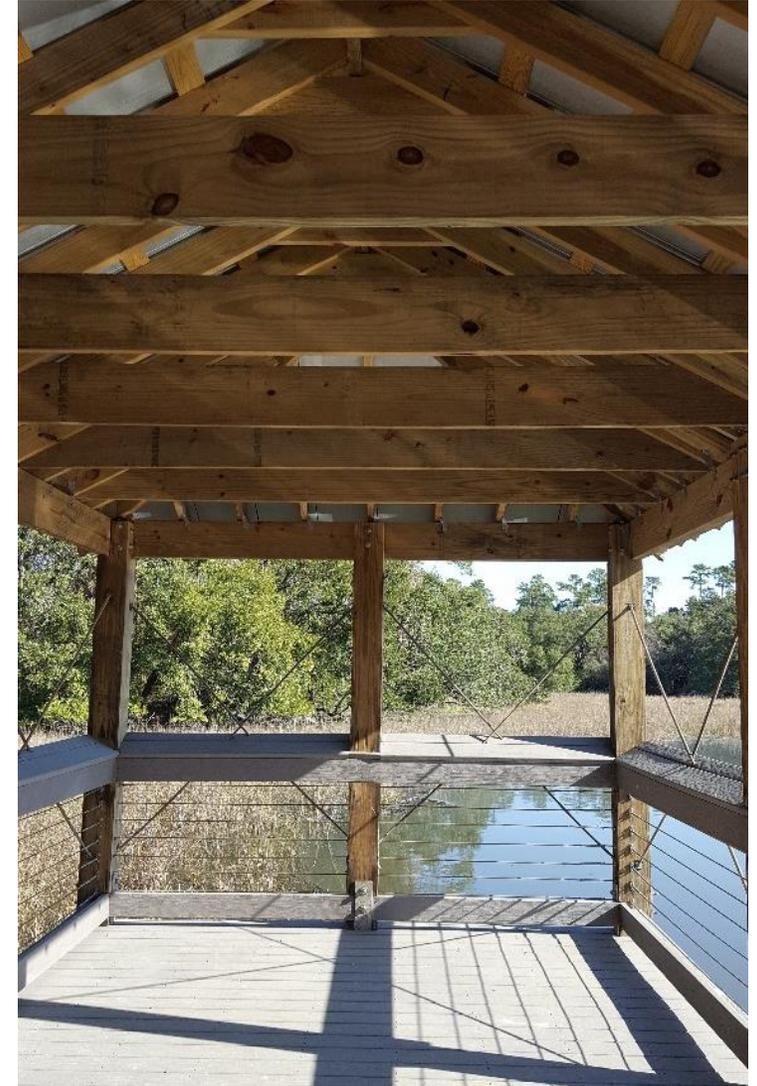
# Stables



# Dock and Pier



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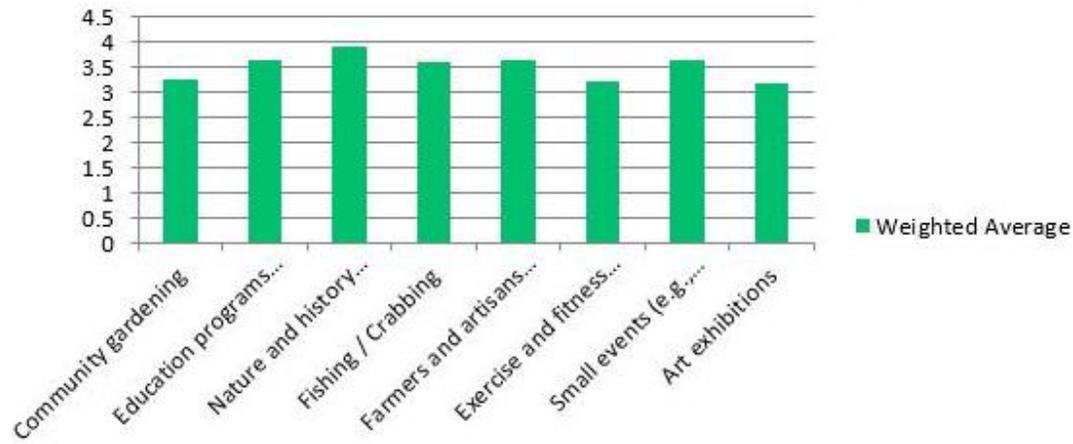




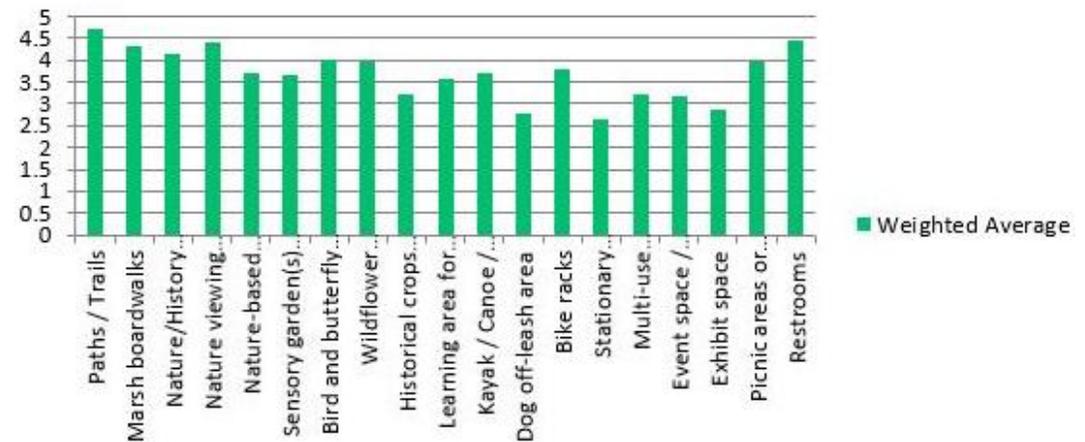
# people: Public Input Process

- Approximately 200 survey respondents

Of the following, which PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES are most important to you?  
(select one answer in each row)



Of the following, which FACILITIES are most important to you? (select one answer in each row)



# The Master Plan



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# park: The Park Center



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# OTCCP Interpretive Master Planning - Overview of Process

- CCPRC staff initial thoughts for interpretive opportunities:
  - Cultural history interpretation provides stories unique to West Ashley and the site while complimenting or avoiding stories already told well at Charles Towne Landing SHS
- Topics of interest
  - Suburbanization of Charleston
  - Establishment of Maryville
  - Connection to McLeod Plantation
  - World War II POW camp
  - 20th century truck farming
  - Transportation- Roads, Rails, Waterways
  - Emily Farrow Ravenel and early conservation

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# OTCCP Interpretive Master Planning - The Design Minds

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DESIGN + CONTENT

PORTFOLIO

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script editing + WRITING

interpretive PLANNING

interpretive GRAPHICS

content DEVELOPMENT



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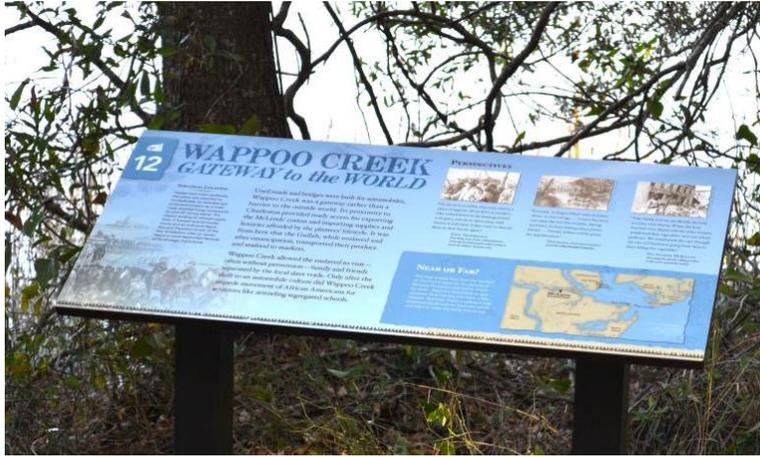
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# OTCCP Interpretive Master Planning Public Survey Link

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OTCCPInterpretation>

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