

# Battery Island Drive

## Neighborhood Association

The Battery Island Drive Community, also known as the Beefield Community has existed since the Civil War. It has since taken on its rightful recognition in history as a "Battleground Preservation Site."

It has hosted many archeological findings and unearthing of numerous relics left behind from the war which has made it the community that it is today. However, over the century of its existence, it became somewhat of a "Land That Time Forgot." As a result, our way of life became endangered because of fast-paced changes and development on James Island.



As descendants of this generous dwelling place and community, we began to push back against those components that sought to destroy our rich history. In 2005 we became organized and subscribed to basic modernization: the right to filtered and purified water along with updated sewer transfer systems. Development has continued to encroach on the borders of our neighborhood, causing new livability issues (such as overflow parking and noise) and threatening our marshland (which supports many rare and endangered species). Finally, beginning in 2019, with the collective and systematic petition of this community to the proper local authority, restoration and order began to reappear. We worked with the City of Charleston to erect numerous "NO PARKING SIGNS" and "TOWING ENFORCED" signs to keep our quiet streets safe. We also advocated for several "CRIME WATCH" signs to be displayed throughout the community. OUR COMMUNITY WELCOME SIGN has been relocated to give a much better view and representation of the community as a whole... with many more good things to come. We are presently in the process of becoming a designated "HISTORICAL DISTRICT" in THE COUNTY OF CHARLESTON WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.