

Riverland Drive CMP – Draft Vision Statement, Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations



Riverland Drive Scenic Byway Vision Statement

“To retain the natural beauty, history, and character of the Lowcountry region; balance the needs of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists; and preserve and protect the environmental and cultural assets for future generations to enjoy.”

Goal 1: Safeguard What People Value (Protect and enhance the corridor’s natural, scenic, cultural, and historic qualities and features)

Objectives

1. Protect and restore historic, cultural, and archeological resources.
2. Protect the oak tree canopy, native plant communities, and vegetation patterns.
3. Protect surface water and groundwater quality.
4. Maintain and enhance scenic views and vistas.
5. Ensure future growth and development is compatible with the corridor’s intrinsic qualities and character.
6. Maintain and improve services and facilities, for residents and visitors, which are consistent with James Island and its distinctive character and local values.

Recommendations

1. Identify and implement planning tools, such as zoning, to preserve and protect resources and qualities.
2. Develop and implement restoration and stewardship plans for natural areas currently in public ownership or that are publicly accessible.
3. Promote responsible stewardship of watersheds, water resources and water quality through outreach and education.
4. Enlist the support of partners in promoting and implementing stewardship projects and initiatives.
5. Publicize projects, making them demonstration or “how to” opportunities.

Goal 2: Tell the Stories of the Area (Reveal and interpret the corridor’s intrinsic qualities)

Objectives

1. Identify the varied and unique qualities, places and features that characterize the Riverland Drive corridor.
2. Provide interpretive information about these special places and features.
3. Enable visitors to experience scenic vistas and other points of interest, without trespassing or intruding on private lands.
4. Convey and integrate the stories and interpretive messages.

Recommendations

1. Create a multi-faceted interpretive program targeted to a broad audience using a variety of communication methods.
2. Provide well-marked places along the corridor for interpretive exhibits and materials where public access is permitted.
3. Establish a clearly defined set of interpretive themes tied to the corridor's natural, historic and cultural heritage.

Goal 3: Make Way for Play (Expand recreational and social opportunities)

Objectives

1. Promote the wide range of social and recreational opportunities throughout the corridor.
2. Maintain and increase public trails and recreational spaces.
3. Improve access to and increase the amount of water-related recreational activities while minimizing environmental impacts.
4. Expand opportunities to accommodate events, festivals, concerts and celebrations, especially those that promote the intrinsic qualities of the corridor.

Recommendations

1. Continue to acquire additional park land, trail easements, and recreational open space.
2. Maintain and improve existing parks, trails and outdoor public spaces to provide a safe, pleasant and sustainable environment.
3. Provide additional opportunities for the public to access waterways for recreation and mobility.
4. Develop recreational trail connections along the corridor to provide connectivity between parks, neighborhoods, activity centers, and other points of interest along the byway.

Goal 4: Enjoy the Journey (Promote a safe, pleasant travel experience for all users)

Objectives

1. Allow for a range of travel choices (automobile, bus, bicycle, walking).
2. Create safe conditions for all travelers and all modes of transportation.
3. Make roadway improvements compatible with the corridor's intrinsic qualities.
4. Enable safe, convenient access to residences, recreational areas, institutions, and businesses along the corridor.
5. Develop a unified, cohesive system of wayfinding and place marker signage.

Recommendations

1. Maintain the existing two-lane character of Riverland Drive.
2. Provide appropriate pedestrian facilities to connect neighborhoods and destinations
3. Encourage transit use to help reduce vehicle trips and make the corridor more accessible.
4. Develop a bicycle network that strives to accommodate users of all ages and abilities.
5. Provide appropriate pedestrian facilities to connect neighborhoods and destinations.
6. Utilize context sensitive design solutions and traffic calming measures for safety improvements along the corridor.
7. Develop a uniform signage system for the corridor to identify attractions, amenities, neighborhoods, etc.