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BERKELEY-CHARLESTON-DORCHESTER BLUE TRAIL PROJECT

The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) was awarded a grant to partner with the Department of Interior's National Park Service to lead the formation of a BCD Regional Blueways Coalition. This coalition of stakeholders and citizens will develop a plan to attract a variety of users to the regional waterways/blueways and related outdoor recreational opportunities. This project was supplemented by a grant from the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium to the College of Charleston for assistance with mapping, data collection and public input.

Though there are currently a variety of recreational opportunities available on parts of the region's major waterways, little has been done to inventory and market a regional blueways system that takes advantage of the connectivity of the rivers. In an effort to gain a better understanding of the community's knowledge and opinions concerning our local blueways, and greenways, as well as raise public awareness of the Blue Trail Project, five public meetings have been scheduled for July and there is an online survey that the public can access and fill out.

Listed below are the five public meetings scheduled for July. We encourage everyone to attend at least one of these public meetings and/or fill out the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KC3NSJ6>. The survey aims to collect information on the community's opinions and gather important information regarding access or lack thereof to these recreational opportunities.

BLUE TRAIL PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2015

TUESDAY, JULY 7

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Dorchester County Council Chambers
500 N Main St, Summerville, SC



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THURSDAY, JULY 9

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Edisto Hall at James Island County Park
871 Riverland Drive, Charleston, SC

TUESDAY, JULY 14

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Montague Room at North Charleston City Hall
2500 City Hall Lane, North Charleston, SC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Awendaw Town Hall
6971 Doar Road, Awendaw, SC

THURSDAY, JULY 16

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Berkeley County Administration Building
1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, SC

Individuals and organizations interested in improving, promoting and connecting the area's waterways are asked to contact BCDCOG Mobility Manager Vonie Gilreath at vonieg@bcdcog.com or by phone at 529-0400 ext. 202.

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