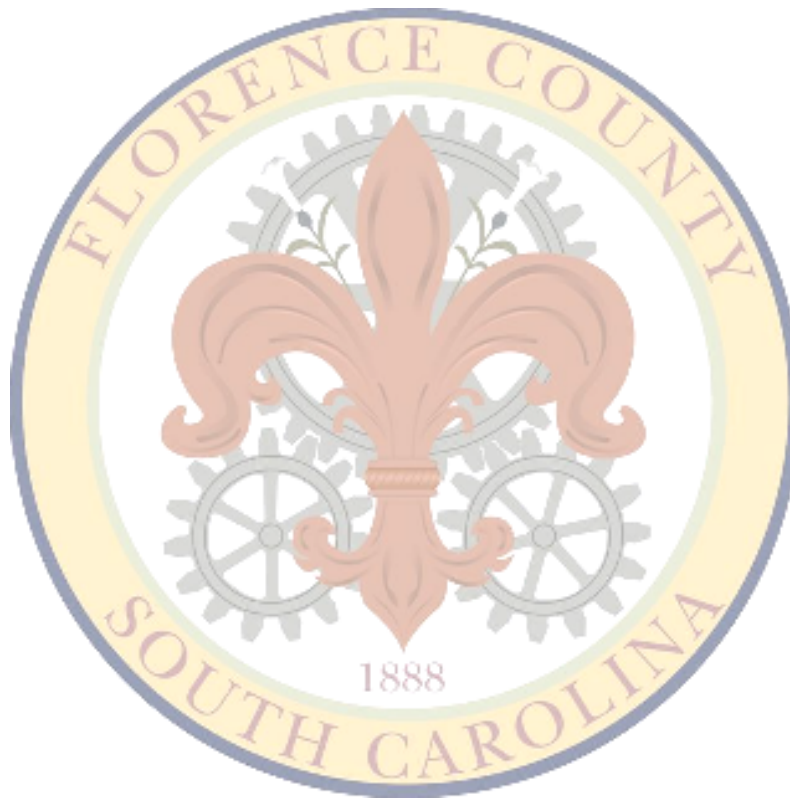


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## ***INTRODUCTION***

The quality of life in any community can be defined by the quality and quantity of its cultural resources. Cultural resources may include any natural or man-made sites, events, activities, historic structures or sites, and phenomena that are identified with the community and have general social significance. Cultural resources are usually associated with the fine arts and the humanities and are generally considered to have some educational, recreational, or historic value.

Cultural resources are important because they not only enhance opportunities for community interaction and cooperation, but also provide beneficial social outlets for the community. These resources can present opportunities for visitors and residents to be exposed to valuable learning experiences, leisure events, and other activities which foster appreciation of the local community. These resources also help to shape the image of the community and can be instrumental in attracting other educational and employment opportunities to the area.

The Florence County area has a variety of cultural resources that can be arranged in several categories. This Element, which describes cultural resources in Florence, is divided into 10 sections, including the Introduction. The remaining sections are:

- Libraries and Museums
- Recreational Facilities and Opportunities
- Cultural Attractions and Special Events
- Unique Districts
- Historic Structures and Sites
- Historic Military Events
- Religious Centers
- Summary
- Goals and Implementation Strategies

The information contained in the Cultural Resources Element is a statement of current available resources in Florence County with portions of the text adapted and taken from the sources described herein. In addition, much of the research on specific sites comes from primary and direct sources. It serves to show where the County excels in culture and where additional resources may be needed to support a growing population. Preserving and expanding the above listed cultural resources is a major factor in sustaining the continuous growth of the County by fostering the desire to live, work, and visit Florence. Ideally, this document will be used as the basis for better planning in the future.

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## **LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS**

### **LIBRARIES**

Florence County has 12 libraries containing over 780,000 books and 190 computers, as well as hundreds of newspapers and periodicals. These libraries offer a variety of educational, research, and cultural opportunities through a vast number of printed volumes, periodicals, digests, magazines, and even some audio-visual items. The County also benefits from having the scholarly resources of the library at Frances Marion University in proximity to many residents.

The Florence County Library System is headquartered in the City of Florence at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library and has five branch libraries located throughout the County. Additional libraries are found at our local higher education facilities. Florence-Darlington Technical College has a library on its main campus and a branch library in the downtown Florence campus. Francis Marion has a 77,000 square foot library on its campus. Although these collegiate libraries are open to the public, only students with school-specific ID cards can check out materials. Several libraries in our area have specialties such as the Family History Library at the Florence Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which provides information on Florence County families and access to the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Also, the Health Science Library, located at McLeod Health, contains over 500 books and medical journals. It is most often used by the staff of the hospital, but it is open to the public. In addition, the Doctors Bruce and Lee Library, the James A. Rogers Library, and the Francis Marion Library all have South Carolina history sections. Moreover, the Doctors Bruce and Lee Library contains a South Carolina history room, which is named in honor of Eugene N. “Nick” Zeigler, local historian, attorney, and former SC legislator. The 82,000 square foot Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library contains a 35 seat computer lab, a 200 seat meeting room, and access to 75 public Internet terminals. This facility was made possible in part through a generous gift of the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation. With the opening of this new library in 2005, the old Florence County library, located at 319 South Irby Street, was closed, and due to its age and architecture, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.

Figure 2-1 Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library



Picture courtesy of Florence County Library System website

The table below is a listing of all libraries in Florence County, their location, and the approximate number of books and computers contained within each. A map of the location of all Florence County libraries can be found in Appendix B.

Table 2-1 Libraries

<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>BOOKS</b>	<b>COMPUTERS*</b>
Drs. Bruce & Lee Library	509 S. Dargan St., Florence	300,000	75
Johnsonville Public Library	Marion St. @ Hampton St., Johnsonville	8,000	7
Lake City Public Library	221 E. Main St., Lake City	15,500	20
Olanta Public Library	404 E. Hampton St., Olanta	6,000	4
Pamplico Public Library	180 Main St., Pamplico	10,000	4
Timmonsville Public Library	111 S. Warren St., Timmonsville	12,000	4
Family History Center	600 Maynard Ave., Florence	150	3
Health Sciences Library	McLeod Health	500 books & journals	0
James A. Rogers Library	Francis Marion University	400,000	50
Wellman, Inc. Library	Florence Darlington Tech	30,000	26
Segars Library	Florence Darlington Tech, Downtown Campus	6,000	Computer Lab
Lake City Reference Library	Florence Darlington Tech, Lake City Campus	100	Computer Lab

Source: On-location library staff. \*Represents an approximation of those available for public use.

It is notable that currently there are no libraries in the municipalities of Coward, Scranton, and Quinby. However, Quinby's close proximity to the City of Florence allows for adequate access to libraries. Scranton and Coward are less than three and seven miles, respectively, from the Lake City Public Library. Therefore, all residents in Florence County have adequate library access.

## **MUSEUMS**

Florence County's vast cultural diversity and enthusiastic support of the fine arts are represented in an impressive series of museums, theaters, and a variety of performance venues. This section describes the museums in our area that have a variety of exhibits and attract a wide-range of interest. A map of the listed museums can be found in Appendix C.

### ***The War Between the States Museum***

According to the website of the War Between the States Museum, you can "take a walk into the past and visit and experience the many artifacts, pictures and stories of a nation divided". This museum was founded in September 1988 by members of the Pee Dee Rifles and Sons of Confederate Veterans who possessed Civil War artifacts that they wanted to share with the public. In September 1989, the museum moved to its present location at 107 South Guerry Street in Florence. This was the boyhood home of one of the founding members and was donated as the location of the museum (Internet 2).

### ***Railroad Museum***

The Railroad Museum consists of a restored caboose and boxcar filled with railroad memorabilia. This museum is located on Railroad Street adjacent to the Florence City-County Complex and is operated by the Florence Museum.

### ***The Browntown Museum***

The Browntown Museum, located on Highway 341 between Lake City and Johnsonville, displays many indications of pioneering ingenuity and farm-related industry, including a notable cotton gin

with wooden gears, which continued operating through the late 19th century. The site also contains a corn crib, smokehouse, outhouse, and the Brown-Burrows Home, built about 1845.

The origin of Browntown can be traced to two brothers, Robert Brown (1784-1866) and William Brown (1775-1850), and their families. Their holdings comprised over 8,000 acres. The museum,

which was erected by Three Rivers Historical Society in 1982, was added to the National Register of Historical Places on June 28, 1982.

Figure 2-2 Browntown Museum



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 29, 2007

***The Florence Museum of Art, Science, and History***

Founded in 1924 and incorporated in 1936, The Florence Museum of Art, Science, and History “was established to promote the arts and sciences: to collect, to preserve, and to exhibit objects of historic, artistic, and scientific interest; as a cultural resource for the Pee Dee area” (Internet 1). In 1953, it was relocated to 558 Spruce Street, adjacent to Timrod Park, where it is currently located. Prior to its relocation, it was housed in the Florence County Public Library. In the last decade, the museum has acquired three original pieces of work by the world-renowned African American artist William H. Johnson, a Florence native who was born on Cox Street in 1901.

Figure 2-3 The Florence Museum of Art, Science, and History



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: January 5, 2007

## **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

The sports facilities and recreational amenities in Florence County provide indoor and outdoor activities for residents of all ages. Recreational activities include hunting, fishing, boating, canoeing, kayaking, biking, and hiking. A variety of sporting activities exist and include golf, basketball, baseball, football, tennis, soccer, cheerleading, gymnastics, tumbling classes, and skateboarding. Many of these opportunities are described below.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

Florence is also home to many parks and recreation areas. These facilities, some county and municipality owned, are dispersed through the county and provide many opportunities for Florence County residents and visitors.

#### ***Florence County Parks & Recreation Facilities***

The following list was developed with assistance from the County of Florence Parks and Recreation department:

##### ***Climbing Wall at Ebenezer Park***

Located in Ebenezer Park, the climbing wall is open March through December. The 35 foot wall offers various climbs for all ages and abilities.

##### ***Coward Athletic Park***

Located at 3307 US Highway 52 in Coward, this park offers three baseball/softball fields and a community building.

##### ***Francis Marion Recreation***

Located at 2020 Sandpit Road in Quinby, this park offers four baseball fields, a picnic shelter, a playground, and a community building.

Figure 2-4 Francis Marion Recreation



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 28, 2007.



***Ebenezer Park***

Located at 843 South Ebenezer Road in Florence, this park has five tennis courts, a playground area, two picnic shelters, and a softball field.

***Friendfield***

Located at 8590 Friendfield Road in Effingham, this park has a baseball/softball field.

***Greenwood Athletic Park***

Located at 2711 Pamplico Highway in Florence, this park features four baseball fields, picnic shelter, and play equipment.

***Hickory Hill Park***

Located at 221 Azalea Street in Johnsonville, this park has a playground and picnic shelter.

***Lake City Community Park***

Located at 499 West Main Street, this park features a playground area, picnic shelter, walking trail, and fishing deck.

***Lavern Ard Park***

Located at 479 East Sixth Street in Pamplico, this park offers four baseball fields, a picnic shelter, a playground area, and a community building.

***Lynches River County Park***

This park is located on the banks of Lynches River and features a river swamp with towering cypress trees as well as sandhills offering a wide variety of vegetation. Its attractions include a playground, river fishing, canoeing, hiking, nature trails, cabins, canoe/kayak rentals, and picnicking. Cabin rentals, tent camping, or RV camping are available as well.

The park is located two miles off of Highway 52 off West Old #4 Highway in Florence County. The physical address is 5093 County Park Road, Coward, SC.

The park also has an 11,000 square foot community building on its 668 acre location, which is popular for family gatherings, birthday parties, business meetings, wedding receptions, and other gatherings. This building is located at 5090 County Park Road, Coward, SC.

In March of 2008, the park opened a Environmental Discovery Center located at 5094 County Park Road, Coward, SC. The intent of the center is to provide visitors an understanding of the ecosystems in the park from the view of the worm in the ground, to the bird's eye view in the top of the trees. Exhibits at the center include:

- A tree top canopy walk
- A back lit topographic map of the park and river system
- Ability to view live weather data and historical trends measured at different locations around the center
- Expand your collection of rocks, insects, and other natural specimens by trading with the EDC at their nature lab trading area
- The Raven Exhibit software from Cornell Lab of Ornithology allows visitors to explore bird vocalizations through visualization
- GPS activities

The park has a Ranger Station located at 1110 Ben Gause Road and a Park Office located at 902 Spine Road in Coward.

Figure 2-5 Lynchess River County Park Canoe Launch



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: January 11, 2007

***Mars Bluff***

Located at 601 Francis Marion Road in Florence, this park has a nature trail, a picnic shelter, a disc golf course, and a ¼ mile walking trail.

***Olanta Athletic Park***

Located at 339 Welsh Street in Olanta, this park features two baseball/softball fields and a walking track.

***Prospect***

Located at 2178 Lake City Highway in Johnsonville, this park has one softball field.

***Prosser Field***

Located at 224 North Chives Prosser Park Road in Johnsonville, this park features five baseball/softball fields, a community building picnic shelter, and a playground area.

Figure 2-6 Prosser Park



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 29, 2007.

***St. Luke Park***

Located at 539 Chinaberry Road in Pamplico, this park has a softball field and a picnic shelter.

**Savannah Grove Athletic Park**

Located at 2614 Alligator Road in Effingham, this park offers four baseball/softball fields, a picnic shelter, a basketball court, a playground, a volleyball court, and a walking track.

**403 Athletic Park**

Located at 1005 Cale Yarborough Highway in Timmonsville, this park features three baseball/softball fields, a community building, a picnic shelter, and a playground area.

**Quinby Recreation Complex<sup>1</sup>**

This 9-acre complex provides a swimming pool, 2 lighted tennis courts, 1 ball field or soccer field, playground equipment and a covered picnic area. It is located at 100 Mitchell Lane off of Ashby Road in Quinby.

**City of Florence Parks & Leisure Facilities**

The following information was obtained from the City of Florence Parks and Leisure website (Internet 5) and from staff of the City of Florence Parks and Leisure department.

**Freedom Florence Recreation Complex**

Freedom Florence is a 100 acre all-purpose recreation facility. The premier facility is designed to host various state, regional, and national level tournaments. It has 9 lighted baseball/softball fields, 4 multi-purpose football/soccer fields, an 11,600 square foot Gymnastics Center, a 5 acre lake, picnic areas and shelters, and walking trails. It is located at 1515 Freedom Boulevard.

**Friendship Park**

This three acre park has two lighted softball fields, restrooms, a clubhouse and shelter, and a picnic area. It is located at Maynard and Dexter Avenues.

**Iola Jones Park**

This 7.5-acre park offers 4 basketball courts, a ball field, and a playground. It is located at Oakland and Roughfork Streets.

**Jeffries Creek Park**

This 55-acre park features nature trails, playgrounds and a picnic area and shelter. It is located between Edisto Drive and DeBerry Boulevard.

**Lester Park**

This park, on Dixie Street, includes a skating path, a picnic area and shelter, and a playground.

**Levy Park**

This 13.6-acre park has a community center, playground, picnic area, 6 basketball goals, 2 tennis courts, and lighted softball and football fields. It is located on Pine Street extension.

**Lucas Park**

This 12-acre park highlights nature trails and gardens. In addition to a playground, it also has a picnic area and two tennis courts. It is located between Park Avenue and Santee Drive.

**Maple Park**

This four acre park on Alexander Street park has two lighted baseball fields, a community center, a playground, and two tennis courts.

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<sup>1</sup> Town of Quinby Correction (Moved from Private Section)

**McLeod Park**

This 51.5-acre park, located on Santiago Drive, is filled with nature trails, picnic areas, 2 picnic shelters, restrooms, 5 lighted baseball fields, concession stands, press boxes, 6 basketball goals, 16 horseshoe pits, and a skateboard facility.

**Northside Park**

This seven acre park has a swimming pool and bathhouse, two lighted baseball fields, concession stand, restrooms, press box, and walking trail. This park is also home to the Boys and Girls Club of the Pee Dee. It is located between Roughfork and Athens Streets.

**Northwest Park**

This 8.42-acre park offers a lighted ball field, concession stand, restrooms, community center for seniors and children, 7 basketball goals, 2 tennis courts, a playground, a picnic area, and a shelter. It is located on Ingram and Clement Streets.

**Pettigrew Millpond**

Pettigrew Millpond is 163 acres of property located in Middle Swamp. Future plans include nature areas, trails, and picnic areas. This property is located off of Alligator Road.

**Rail Trail**

The Florence Rail Trail is 14 acres of natural and paved trails along an abandoned rail corridor in West Florence. It can be accessed from several points along the trail. The two parking areas, for easy trail access, are located at Old Ebenezer Road and at McLeod Fitness Center. There are currently plans to expand the Rail Trail to further enhance the connectivity in the Florence area.

**Southpark**

This 3.5-acre park provides a playground, picnic area and shelter, skating path, softball field, 2 tennis courts, and 2 basketball goals. It is located off Woods Drive.

**Timrod Park**

This 18-acre park houses the Parks and Leisure Services Department administrative offices. It has 14 lighted tennis courts, picnic areas, a picnic shelter, a gazebo, gardens, interpretive nature trails, and 2 fitness courses. It is located on Timrod Park Drive in the City of Florence.

Figure 2-7 Timrod Park



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: February 7, 2007

**Veterans Park**

This 10-acre tract of property will be the home of the future Veterans Park to include walkways, water features and memorials. This park is located behind the Florence Civic Center.

### Other Parks and Recreation Areas

In addition to parks and recreation areas that are under City and County jurisdiction, there are numerous privately owned parks in the County, as well as parks operated by the smaller municipalities within the County. The table below provides a list of these facilities.

Table 2-2 Other Parks and Recreation Areas in Florence County<sup>2</sup>

PARK/RECREATION AREA	LOCATION	JURISDICTION
Beards Field	1049 North Matthews Road, Lake City	Private
Blanding Street Park	475 Blanding Street, Lake City	Private
Brooks McCall Park	2001 Mechanicsville Rd., Florence	Private
Daisy B. Lee Park <sup>3</sup>	1818 US Highway 52, Scranton	Town of Scranton
Edgar Simon Memorial Park	513 N. Brockington Street, Timmons ville	Private
Johnsonville Recreation Park & Community Building <sup>4</sup>	330 Hampton Avenue, Johnsonville	City of Johnsonville
Johnsonville Tennis Complex <sup>5</sup>	415 Maple Avenue, Johnsonville	City of Johnsonville
Kennedy Park	477 Elm Street, Lake City	Private
Lions Park	318 Charles Street, Lake City	Private
Martha Law Park	100 Gary Lane, Lake City	Private
Oak Grove	3620 Olanta Highway, Timmons ville	Private
Pedestrian Bike Trail <sup>6</sup>	Main Street, Timmons ville	Town of Timmons ville
Revell Park	645 Arbor Drive, Florence	Private
Sardis Baptist Church	3129 Sardis Highway, Timmons ville	Private
Scranton Nature Park <sup>7</sup>	2019 Church Street, Scranton	Town of Scranton
Spalding Heights Community Park	306 East Shenandoah Lane, Florence	Private
Sugar Hill	357 Neely Matthews Road, Scranton	Private
Weatherford Park <sup>8</sup>	304 Anderson Bridge Road, Scranton	Private
Willow Creek Field	5251 Francis Marion Rd., Effingham	Private

Source: 1997 Florence City/County Comprehensive Plan.

A map of the locations of all parks and recreation areas can be found in Appendices E-G.

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<sup>2</sup> Olanta Athletic, Red Road Removed per Town of Olanta; Tara Village Athletic removed per Florence County Parks and Recreation Department

<sup>3</sup> Added per Town of Scranton

<sup>4</sup> Added per City of Johnsonville

<sup>5</sup> Added per City of Johnsonville

<sup>6</sup> Added per Town of Timmons ville

<sup>7</sup> Added per Town of Scranton

<sup>8</sup> Added per Town of Scranton

## **CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

Florence County serves as a cultural center for the Pee Dee. We have a wide variety of arts organizations and cultural offerings, which celebrate our diverse heritage.

### ***Ronald E. McNair Memorial Park***

Born in Lake City on October 21, 1950, Dr. Ronald E. McNair was a mission specialist aboard the ill-fated *Challenger* Space Shuttle in 1986. A graduate of Carver High School in Lake City, he later attended North Carolina A&T State University and received a B.S. degree in physics in 1971. He went on to study physics at MIT, where he specialized in quantum electronics and laser technology, completing his Ph.D. in 1977. After completing his Ph.D., he began working as a physicist in California conducting research on electro-optic laser modulation for satellite-to-satellite space communications. This research led McNair into close contact with the space program. When the opportunity presented itself, he applied for astronaut training. In January 1978, Dr. McNair was selected by NASA to enter the astronaut program. He was one of the first three African Americans selected. McNair became the second African American in space in February 1984 by flying on the *Challenger* Shuttle mission STS-41-B. In 1986, he was on his second Shuttle flight on the *Challenger* (Internet 10). A memorial to Ronald E. McNair can be viewed at 346 South Church Street in Lake City.

Figure 2-8 Ronald E. McNair Memorial



Picture courtesy of <http://www.coastalmonuments.com/McNair.html>. March 6, 2007

### ***Francis Marion Trail***

Currently, there are plans to implement a heritage tourism trail centering on the life of General Francis Marion. The purpose of the trail is to reveal, preserve, develop, and promote the sites where Francis Marion lived and fought during the Revolutionary War. The trail will encompass at least 10 and possibly 13 counties including Florence and will have 4 large interpretive centers at the 4 major entry points. There will also be a number of smaller facilities, kiosks, and many markers. One large and possibly two smaller facilities will be located in Florence County. The larger facilities will include a gift shop, exhibits providing information on General Marion, his men, and his exploits, and likely a small museum and movie theatre. The interpretive sites will be

accessible by automobile and some sites may eventually be accessed by foot, bicycle, or boat. The anticipated opening of the first of the four large centers is early 2009.

### ***The Francis Marion University Center for the Performing Arts***

Slated for construction in 2008, the Francis Marion University Center for the Performing Arts will be located on the corner of Palmetto and Dargan Streets. The proposed 52,000 square foot

building will provide a multi-purpose theater that will accommodate approximately 750 persons, a 100-seat experimental theater, as well as several classrooms and offices to support the music department of Francis Marion University. The facility will be a centerpiece for the City's downtown redevelopment initiative.

***Lake City Community Theatre***

This community theatre group presents a full length musical production each year in March.

***Lake City Concert Series***

This group obtains guest artists to perform four concerts a year at Lake City Presbyterian Church.

***Florence Civic Center***

Located on Radio Drive, the Florence Civic Center is the "largest convention, entertainment & exhibition facility in northeast South Carolina". This includes the 10,000 seat Arena, the 14,500 square foot Exhibit Hall and the well appointed Pee Dee, Waccamaw and Santee Meeting Rooms. It is home to the Florence Symphony Orchestra, the Pee Dee Cyclones hockey team, and the Florence Phantoms arena football team. It is the center of entertainment and civic events in the Florence area. The Florence Civic Center is a three-time recipient of the Prime Site Award from Facilities Magazine, voted as one of the top venues in North America (Internet 4).

***Pee Dee State Farmers Market***

The Pee Dee State Farmers Market is one of three in a system designed to market commodities along the Eastern Seaboard and beyond. Fresh fruit and vegetables are sold in season along with many other items. A 100-year-old barn which houses a pecan kitchen, potter's shop, and café, is also a part of the Market. The grounds also include a greenhouse which contains a large selection of tropical plants and flowers. It is located at 2513 W. Lucas Street in Florence (Internet 6).

Figure 2-9 Pee Dee State Farmers Market: 100 Year Old Barn



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 28, 2007

***Atomic Bomb Crater***

On March 11, 1958, an aircraft in route to an overseas base accidentally dropped an unarmed nuclear weapon on the property of Walter Gregg in Mars Bluff. While an atomic detonation did not occur with this accidental bomb dropping, the bomb's highly explosive material exploded on impact, harming Mr. Gregg and five members of his family, and virtually destroyed his home. The bomb created a crater that was 50 to 70 feet in diameter and 25 to 30 feet deep (Internet 11). However, the crater can still be seen off of Highway 89 in the northeast part of Florence County, less than a mile from Francis Marion University. This site is located on private property.

***The Dooley Planetarium at Francis Marion University***

The Dooley Planetarium was built in 1978 and is housed at Francis Marion University. It is located on the second floor of the Cauthen Educational Media Center on campus. The planetarium presents free shows for the general public, which simulate the celestial sky.

***Florence County School Districts***

All districts have strong music and visual arts programming including band, orchestra, chorus and drama. Concerts and productions are presented several times yearly.

***Florence Little Theatre***

The Florence Little Theatre, started in 1923 as a volunteer organization, is the oldest cultural organization in Florence. The theatre offers six shows a year, including two musicals and four drama or comedic productions. The theatre also offers The Children's Workshop, an after school program designed to teach children basic theatre knowledge and runs from September to May concluding with a full-length production. Another program the theatre offers is the Schoolhouse Players, which presents productions throughout the year for children. The theatre is currently located at 1000 Cashua Drive in Florence, SC, but is slated to move to South Dargan Street in the Downtown Arts and Cultural District. The new theatre will have a seating capacity of approximately 396 and will be similar in architecture to the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library.

Figure 2-10 Florence Little Theatre



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 28, 2007

***Masterworks Choir***

Located in Florence, this 40 member choral group was founded in 1979 and has performed extensively across the United States and Europe. They perform two choral concerts of classical music each year at Central United Methodist Church and are accompanied by an orchestra.

***Francis Marion University (FMU) Fine Arts Department***

The Fine Arts Department at FMU boasts of a Concert Choir, Show Choir, and Jazz Ensemble. The drama department presents several full-length productions each year. In addition, visual arts are on display year round in the lobby of the Hyman Fine Arts Center. The First Tuesday Arts Event presents guest artists in concert in the Kassab Recital Hall the first Tuesday of each month.

***Florence Symphony Orchestra***

The Florence Symphony Orchestra is one of the oldest and only remaining volunteer orchestras in the state. They present four concerts yearly with featured guest soloists. They have also formed a specially auditioned Youth Orchestra, which rehearses throughout the year and presents two concerts. The Florence Symphony Orchestra performances are held at the Florence Civic Center located at 3300 West Radio Drive in Florence.



### ***Florence Regional Arts Alliance***

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance serves as an umbrella organization for all arts organizations and individual artists in the area and is dedicated to promoting a vibrant arts community for Florence County. It provides information on upcoming events, offers financial assistance through grants and scholarships, and serves as an advocate for the arts. The Arts Alliance collaborates with municipal entities, organizations, and the corporate community to offer a monthly series called Concerts In The Park, the annual ArtsFest celebration of the visual arts and fine crafts, and the annual Spirit of Florence July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Family. The office is located at 412 South Dargan Street in the Arts and Cultural District of the City of Florence.

### ***South Carolina Dance Theatre***

This 50-member dance company presents two major productions yearly, "The Nutcracker Ballet" and "Rhapsody and Rhythm", which showcases a variety of dance styles including classical ballet, neo-classical ballet, tap, and jazz. It is located at 1001 South Cashua Drive in Florence.

### ***The Home of Former NASCAR Driver Cale Yarborough<sup>9</sup>***

William Caleb Yarborough was born in Timmonsville, South Carolina. He started racing in 1957, with a goal of becoming a NASCAR star. Cale Yarborough is the only NASCAR Winston Cup driver to win three consecutive championships and has earned 83 NASCAR Winston Cup victories and 70 pole positions in his career spanning four decades. His win total places him fifth on the all-time list, and his pole position total is third highest in NASCAR Winston Cup history. His 14 pole positions in 1980 and five consecutive victories in 1976 still stand as single-season records. He was inducted into the Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1993, the National Motorsports Press Association Hall of Fame in 1994 and the Court of Legends at Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1996 (Town of Timmonsville 150 year Celebration).

## ***FESTIVALS***

Day and weekend long festivals celebrating the heritage and diverse culture of our region occur throughout the year in Florence County. The major festivals include:

### ***Pecan Festival***

This festival is held each November in Downtown Florence. The all day event is packed with activities for all ages, including vendors of all types, arts and crafts, food, and live entertainment.

### ***Southern Plant & Flower Festival***

This festival is held each October at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market, located at 2513 West Lucas Street in Florence. It is a weekend long event, lasting all day, both Saturday and Sunday.

### ***Pee Dee Fall Plant & Flower Festival***

This annual festival is held each year in October at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market, located 2513 West Lucas Street in Florence. It is a weekend-long event.

### ***Tobacco Festival***

This two-day event is held each September in Downtown Lake City and celebrates those men and women who farm tobacco. The festival includes a street dance, arts and crafts, live entertainment, tobacco related contests, beauty pageants and a town parade.

In addition to the above listed festivals, Florence County is also host to many others. They are listed below.

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<sup>9</sup> Addition Per Town of Timmonsville

- Art's Alive (May-Francis Marion University Campus)
- Civil War Reenactment-Skirmish at Gamble's Hotel (March-The Columns)
- Greek Festival (May-Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church)
- Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair (October-Florence Fair Grounds)
- International Festival (October - Francis Marion University Campus)
- Johnsonville Founders Day Festival (May-Broadway Street)
- May-Fly Air Show (May- grounds of the Florence Regional Airport)
- Olanta Gator Festival (September-Downtown Olanta)
- Patriotic Parade (September-Downtown Florence)
- Sankofa Festival (July 4th weekend-Florence)
- Sports Council Spectacular (May-Florence)

## EVENTS

In addition to the above listed festivals that occur on a yearly basis, there are also a host of other events that occur throughout the County. The table below lists many of these events.

Table 2-3 Events in Florence County

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Southeast & Bluegrass Association Concerts	Lynches River State Park	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month
Boat & RV Show	Florence Civic Center	February
H'Artfelt Expressions	Florence Civic Center	February
Pee Dee Education Foundation Career Expo	Florence Civic Center	February
South Carolina Industrial Show	Florence Civic Center	March
Designer Home and Outdoor Living Show	Florence Civic Center	March
Nike South Carolina Classic	Country Club of SC	April
Relay for Life	Freedom Florence	May
Senior Life Exposition	Florence Civic Center	May
Annual South Carolina Senior Sports Classic	Francis Marion University	May
Children's Workshop	Florence Little Theatre	May
Florence Family Fling Picnic	Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fairgrounds	July
Pee Dee Heart Walk	Francis Marion University	October
Florence Museum Fall Festival	Florence Museum	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in October
Timmonsville Christmas Festival	Timmonsville	November
Florence Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	City/County Complex	December
Christmas in the Park	Coward	December
Christmas Tree Lighting <sup>10</sup>	Quinby Town Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday in December

Source: 1997 Florence City/County Comprehensive Plan & Internet 7

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<sup>10</sup> Addition per Town of Quinby

## **UNIQUE DISTRICTS**

### ***Downtown Redevelopment District***

The intent of the Downtown Redevelopment District is to promote the cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public by providing a mechanism for the identification, recognition, preservation, maintenance, protection, and enhancement of existing architecturally valuable structures, properties, and neighborhoods. Of basic importance to this effort is the maintenance, restoration, and careful adaptive reuse of the many buildings located within the district.

### ***Downtown Arts and Cultural District***

The Downtown Arts and Cultural District includes a wide range of building types, including civic buildings such as the historic Poynor Junior High School, churches, the historic library, the new library, traditional retail buildings, strip commercial buildings, gas stations, and 50s and 60s era banks. The purpose of this district is to strengthen arts, cultural, and civic uses so that this area will become the civic heart of the community and an architectural expression of its aspirations and community pride.

### ***Downtown Historic District***

In an effort to identify and preserve historic structures, the City of Florence has a newly designated Downtown Historic District, which consists of many buildings along Evans Street and Dargan Street. Since the 1960s, downtown Florence has declined as a desirable commercial location. Like many other places, it is eclipsed by suburban malls and strip development. Part of this decline stems from the fact that downtowns cannot compete with more modern retail layouts, building footprints, and convenient parking. Realizing that the community's heritage is endangered by urban decline, residents and supporters of downtown Florence have mobilized to preserve its historic resources and boost the economic vitality of the area.

### ***Downtown Central District***

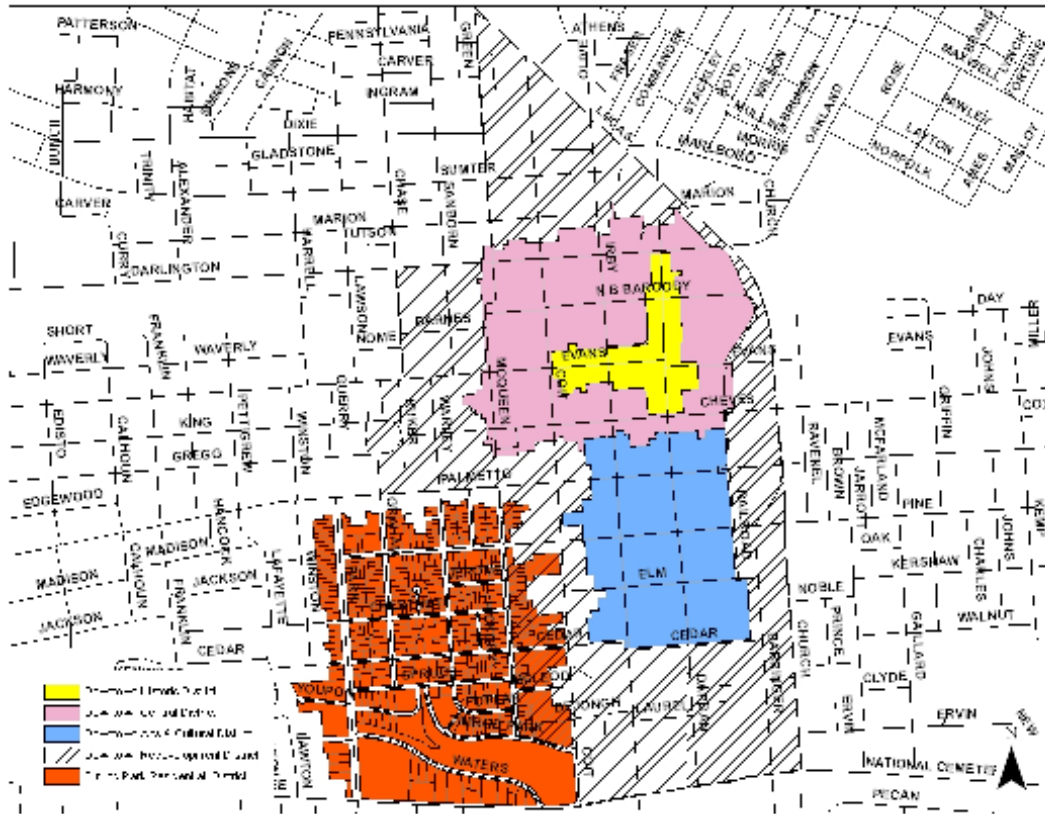
The Downtown Central District includes the Downtown Historic District. This area contains primarily retail buildings, but also has a variety of other uses. The purpose of this district is to allow this area to accommodate additional commercial buildings including ground floor retail and some offices, with offices and residential on the upper floors. This district may also include some medium-density office and residential buildings.

### ***Timrod Park Residential District***

In addition to all of the districts in the Downtown Florence area, there is also a newly designated overlay district in the Timrod Park neighborhood. The intent of this district is to promote good urban residential design and to maintain and build upon the attractive and significant historic architecture that exists throughout the Timrod Park area.

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Figure 2-11 Downtown Florence Districts



Map courtesy of the Florence County Planning Department

## **HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND SITES**

Florence County has a wealth of structures with historical significance. There are many churches, public facilities, sites, and homes that have recognized historic value. However, this amount of historic structures may not be surprising given the development and history of Florence County pre-dating the Civil War in the mid-1860s. There are many groups within Florence County that are active in identifying and preserving locations that represent important historic properties. Much of the information contained in this section is taken from the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office website and the National Register of Historic Places. It is included and adapted in places.

### ***W. T. Askins House***

This house is associated with William Thomas Askins (1859-1932), a prominent merchant and farmer of Lake City and lower Florence County, who purchased several lots in and around Lake City in the early 1890s. Mr. Askins built and operated five stores downtown, including W.T. Askins and Sons, a general mercantile business. Mr. Askins also maintained a loading dock at the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad depot and managed several farms on the outskirts of Lake City. This home was constructed in the 1870s and has a Folk Victorian architectural style. It is located at 178 South Acline Avenue in Lake City (Internet 8).

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Figure 2-12 W.T. Askins House



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 29, 2007

***Blooming Grove (Mandeville-Rogers House)***

This home is associated with Frank Mandeville Rogers (1857-1945) who was significant in promoting the growing of Bright Leaf tobacco in South Carolina. Rogers managed Blooming Grove plantation from about 1910 to 1945 and was one of the first South Carolinians to successfully experiment with growing and curing Bright Leaf tobacco in the Pee Dee. Rogers influenced other farmers to grow tobacco, and eventually it surpassed cotton as a cash crop. The house was originally constructed circa 1790, and a two-story addition was added between 1800 and 1820. It is located at the end of Rogers Court in Florence (Internet 8).

***Bonnie Shade***

This home, which is considered to be the second oldest house located within Florence City limits, was built circa 1854 as a wedding gift to Eugenia Pettigrew from her father. Bonnie Shade predates the incorporation of the City of Florence in 1871. Bonnie Shade has elements of Greek revival architecture. The structure is also significant for its association with locally prominent individuals. Tradition indicates that Bonnie Shade was built by James Alexander Pettigrew on land located on the western edge of his then Darlington County plantation. In 1895 the Bonnie Shade property passed from the Wingate family to Joseph Woods Brunson and his wife, Jane Melinda Brunson. According to tradition, Jane Brunson christened the house “Bonnie Shade” in admiration to both her Scottish heritage and to the many large trees located on the property. It is located at 1439 Cherokee Road in Florence (Internet 8).

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Figure 2-13 Bonnie Shade



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: February 28, 2007

### ***Browntown***

This unique collection of buildings is associated with the Brown family who were self-sufficient farmers that operated their own brick kiln, grist mill, lumber mill, cotton gin, retail and wholesale mercantile business, and school during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The property contains the 11 remaining Browntown buildings, including the cotton gin building, 3 residences, the school, a tobacco barn, and several outbuildings. Architecturally, these buildings reflect the building technologies of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Browntown is located on Highway 341 between Lake City and Johnsonville (Internet 8).

### ***Christ Episcopal Church***

This wooden Episcopal Church was built in 1859 by local carpenters from heart of pine cut from nearby forests. The land for the church was donated by Dr. Edward Porcher (Shaw 21). It is an excellent example of the Gothic Revival style of architecture. The building is cruciform in plan with the vestry located at the rear of the church. The church is a prime example of the small churches in South Carolina, which have played an important part in the religious and social life of their surrounding communities. Families associated with the church included Greggs, Bacots, Ashbys, Harlees, Rogers, and McCalls. Adjacent to the church is a graveyard that contains burials of many of the original members and their descendents. It is located at 2305 North Williston Road in Florence (Internet 8).

Figure 2-14 Christ Episcopal Church



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 15, 2007

### ***Claussen House***

Constructed circa 1830, this one and a half story building has a four column front porch. It was built for Charles Brown Howard, a planter and merchant. After he died in 1834, his wife married Dr. Robert Harlee, a prominent local physician, state representative, and state senator. In 1870, he sold 1,150 acres and the house, to Frederick W. Claussen of Charleston. The house remained in the Claussen family until 1985. Touted as one of the finest early Victorian homes in the County, it is located east of at 5109 Old River Road in Florence (Internet 8).

Figure 2-15 Claussen House



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 15, 2007.

### ***Florence Public Library (Former Location)***

Henry Edwards Davis, a Williamsburg County native, prominent Florence attorney and member of the Florence Board of School Commissioners, was an early advocate of a public library in Florence and took the lead in generating public support for and raising funds for this library. As early as 1920 he urged the funding and construction of a public library in Florence to honor the veterans of the World War. This urging led to the library building currently located at 319 South Irby Street. Built in 1925, the former location of the library was the first truly public library in Florence County. The library is also significant because it was designed by Wilkins and Hopkins, a local architectural firm owned by William J. Wilkins and Frank V. Hopkins. In 1903 the Florence Civic Improvement Society established a town library in City Hall on Evans Street. Miss Florence Harlee, for whom the City of Florence was named, served as librarian. However, it was not truly a public library, as it was restricted to patrons with a membership. It was listed in the National Register November 15, 2006.

### ***Florence National Cemetery***

The Florence National Cemetery is located at 803 E. National Cemetery Road, 1/4 mile north of the former site of the Florence Confederate Stockade, where Union prisoners of war were held during the Civil War. The Cemetery was created when a plantation owner named James H. Jarrott allowed the dead to be buried in trenches on his property near the Confederate camp. The first burial took place on September 17, 1864. The cemetery was established as a National Cemetery in 1865. Famous burials include James Elliot Williams, who won the Medal of Honor for his action in Vietnam, and Florena Budwin, who disguised herself as a man to follow her husband in the Union army. She was captured and discovered in the prison stockade where she remained to help nurse prisoners until she died in 1865. The Cemetery was expanded in 1942 and again in 1984 for a total of 10.4 acres. The cemetery is also significant beyond the Civil War era, as it includes the remains of veterans associated with every war since the Civil War.

Figure 2-16 Florence National Cemetery



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: February 28, 2007

***Gregg-Wallace Farm Tenant House***

The Gregg-Wallace Farm Tenant House was erected circa 1890 and is an example of the predominant form of housing for African Americans in the rural south for over a half-century after emancipation. The construction of the homes is significant because it preserves evidence of the evolution of a typical Mars Bluff tenant house, which often evolved from one-room slave houses. The Gregg-Wallace Farm Tenant House is located at 310 Price Road in Mars Bluff (Internet 8).

Figure 2-17 Gregg-Wallace Farm Tenant House



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 15, 2007

***Hopewell Presbyterian Church and Graveyard***

This Greek-revival building was constructed in 1842. It has a double entrance with a two-story column facade. The two pairs of outside columns were closed off for stairs. The graveyard, in use since the late eighteenth century, occupies a three-acre site where the original Hopewell Presbyterian Church stood. General W. W. Harlee, founder of Florence and his daughter,



Florence, for whom the town is named, are buried in the cemetery. The church is located at 5314 Old River Road, in rural Florence (Internet 8 and 1997 Comprehensive Plan).

Figure 2-18 Hopewell Presbyterian Church



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 15, 2007

**Lake City Downtown Historic District**

The Lake City Downtown Historic District is a collection of 62 commercial buildings located in the vicinity of Main Street and Acline Avenue in Lake City. They are significant because they represent the development of the town between 1910 and 1930 (Internet 8).

Figure 2-19 Lake City Historic District



Map courtesy of Florence County Planning Department

**Mt. Zion Rosenwald School**

This school, built in 1925, was the first public school for African American students in the Mars Bluff community and was funded in part by the Julius Rosenwald Foundation. Prior to this school being built, a private school was built on this site by Mt. Zion Church in 1870. This structure burned in 1920. It is located at 5040 Liberty Chapel Road.

Figure 2-20 Mt. Zion Rosenwald School



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 15, 2007.

***The Columns (Rankin-Harwell House or Caroline Hall)***

This home was built in 1854 by Dr. William R. Johnson and his wife Sarah Gregg Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a member of both the South Carolina House of Representatives (1852-1856) and the South Carolina Senate (1860-1864). He participated in the Southern Rights Convention of 1852 and served as a member of the Second Taxpayers Convention. Johnson was also a physician and a planter (Internet 8). The exterior of this home was used in the motion picture, "Carolina". The two-story house has 28 freestanding columns. It is located on Rankin Plantation Road, about a mile northwest of U.S. 301 in Mars Bluff.

Figure 2-21 The Columns



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 15, 2007

***Poynor Junior High School***

Built in 1908, this red brick building is located at 301 S. Dargan Street and is named in honor of the Rev. Wilmer S. Poyner (1918-1946) and his wife, Mamie Squires Poyner. Many Florentines received some of their formal education here, and it is said that President Taft spoke here in 1910. It is currently being used as an adult education center.

Figure 2-22 Poynor Junior High School



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: February 7, 2007

***Red Doe (Evander Gregg House or Chisholm Wallace House)***

Red Doe was built circa 1838. It is a one-story, rectangular, frame farmhouse on a raised brick basement foundation. Furthermore, this home was built with a heavy timber frame. According to

family tradition, Red Doe was built for Evander Gregg when he was 18 years old. Several outbuildings are located on the property, including a small frame building that appears to have been used as an office or store. Additionally, many trees on the property date to the building of the structure in the 1800s. The name “Red Doe” derives from the horse “Red Doe” that was captured during the Revolutionary War by a scout of Francis Marion. It is said that the horse is buried on the property. It is located at 1132 Francis Marion Road (Internet 8 & Shaw).

Figure 2-23 Red Doe



Picture courtesy of [www.owl.net.rice.edu](http://www.owl.net.rice.edu). March 21, 2007.

***Roseville Plantation***

The Roseville plantation home was originally built around 1771 for the DeWitt family but was partially destroyed by fire in 1832. In 1884, the two-story plantation house was rebuilt with a galleria and balcony. *A Confederate Nurse*, by Jean Berlin, was published in 1994 and is centered on the Civil War era diary of past resident, Ada Bacot. This house is located at 3636 Williston Road in Florence.

Figure 2-24 Roseville Plantation



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 15, 2007

***Slave Houses of Gregg Plantation (Hewn Timber Cabins)***

These two log houses were built before 1831 to house slaves on the Gregg Plantation. They were among seven houses of similar construction placed on opposite sides of a street leading to the plantation house. After the Civil War, the houses were moved to a different area of the same plantation, where they were occupied until the early 1950s. These houses were moved sometime before 1870, and again in 1971 for the construction of the Francis Marion University Library. Today these houses are located on the campus of Francis Marion University. These structures are some of the last remaining of their kind (Internet 8 & Shaw).

Figure 2-25 Slave Houses of Gregg Plantation



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 15, 2007.

***Smith-Cannon House (Big Old Victorian Barn)***

The Smith-Cannon House is located at the end of a tree-lined brick walk on a large, wooded lot. The house was constructed circa 1897-1900 for Charles Aurelius Smith, a former prominent government figure as mayor of Timmons ville, a member of the state house of representatives, twice lieutenant governor, and a governor of South Carolina for five days. Since its construction, the house has been altered very little. It features fine detailing including the elaborate mantels, an intricately carved frieze in the main parlor, and parquet floors. The house also features unusual round rooms. It is located at 106 West Market Street in Timmons ville (Internet 8).

Figure 2-26 Smith-Cannon House



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: February 28, 2007

### ***Snow's Island***

Located on the Pee Dee River, in the southeastern tip of Florence County, Snow's Island was the site of Francis Marion's camp during the Revolutionary War. It is the most famous of wilderness retreats of General Marion, the man whose hit-and-run tactics and crafty elusiveness earned him the nickname "Swamp Fox." (Internet 8 & Shaw).

### ***The Stockade***

During the Civil War, one of the largest prisoners of war camps was located in Florence, just south of present-day Florence National Cemetery. This camp, or stockade, was constructed by slave labor in September 1864 as a prison for Union soldiers. Although only in existence for 6 months, over 20,000 Union prisoners of war were held there. Three thousand of those prisoners died and are now buried in the National Cemetery located just across from the stockade site. It is located off of Stockade Drive in Florence (Internet 8 & Shaw).

### ***United States Post Office (Former Location)***

This impressive building was erected between 1904 and 1905 and is located in the center of downtown Florence, at the corner of Irby and Evans Streets. The United States Post Office is a significant example of the Second Renaissance Revival style of architecture. A massive three-story building with hipped roof, the edifice features a cut sandstone basement and first level. Upper floors are of tan brick. The interior of the building is very well detailed, featuring Italian marble flooring, oak woodwork, and handcrafted plasterwork. A major three-story addition to the rear of the building circa 1935 duplicated the scale and proportion of the original building along with many of the decorative architectural features. A landmark and focal point of the downtown area, this site served as a center of government for over 70 years. In its past, it has served as the seat for Federal Court and has contained congressional and other governmental offices.

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Figure 2-27 United States Post Office (Former Location)



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: March 15, 2007

### ***Young Farm***

This house was built in 1877 and is significant for its association with Fred Young's achievements in the field of agriculture. In 1925, US Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover, and later US President inspected Fred Young's dairy farm following recognition of one of its Jerseys, Sensation's Mikado Millie, as a world champion butter fat producing cow. This farm is located on Highway 76, 0.7 miles east of Interstate 95 in Florence (Internet 8 & 1997 Comprehensive Plan).

Figure 2-28 Young Farm



Picture courtesy of Florence County Planning Department staff: February 28, 2007

## ***HISTORIC MILITARY EVENTS***

Since the origin of Florence there have been thousands of troop movements through this area, which were related to the many wars of our past. The passages below, describe some of these movements. The majority of the information listed below was obtained from John "Sandy" Kendall of the Florence City/County Historical Commission and the City of Florence website.

On March 5, 1865, during the War Between the States, General William T. Sherman and his troops invaded the little Railroad Crossing, which later became known as the City of Florence. The troops burned the railroad depot and cotton warehouses in Darlington and attempted to ambush a train which was approaching from Florence. The engineer of the train

recognized the ambush in advance, reversed the train, and sped all the way back to the depot in Florence. A telegram was sent to the Confederate Reserves of General William J. Hardee, which had been recently evacuated out of Charleston. These troops were rushed to Florence just in time to stop the looting and burning of the Florence Depot and Gamble's Hotel, which was located on N.B. Baroody Street. A skirmish took place at the corner of what is now East Palmetto Street and Church Street. The Union forces withdrew leaving one Northern soldier dead and a number of troops wounded. A historical marker was erected at the site in 1949 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It still stands and reads as follows:

#### **SKIRMISH AT THE INTERSECTION OF PALMETTO AND CHURCH**

EARLY IN 1865 AN ADVANCE GUARD OF SHERMAN'S ARMY SENT TO LIBERATE THE PRISONERS IN THE STOCKADE WAS MET AT THIS POINT BY A COMPANY OF CONFEDERATES UNDER CAPTAIN AUGUSTUS EDWARDS AND WAS DEFEATED WITH THE LOSS OF ONE LIFE, THAT OF A NORTHERN SOLDIER.

In addition, there were many movements of troops through Florence during the Confederate War, which did not result in battle. Most are recorded in various research sources and can be found in the South Carolina Room of the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library, as well as the Library of Congress. Virtually all troop movements passed through Florence on their way to Richmond, Charleston, and Savannah, because it was at the intersection of three major railroads: the North Eastern, the Wilmington and Manchester, and the Cheraw and Darlington (Internet 12).

Furthermore, the construction of the Confederate Prison in Florence in September 1864 brought many troop movements as they deposited Prisoners of War (POWs) into the Stockade. This activity continued through February 28, 1865, as more than 18,000 Union POWs were circulated through Florence during that period of time. In addition, wounded Confederate troops traveled by rail to Florence's Wayside Hospital, which was established by the Women of the Pee Dee in 1861 (Internet 12). The Wayside Hospital stood at the corner of N.B. Baroody and Coit Streets. A historical marker was erected at the site in 1949 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The marker reads as follows:

#### **THE ORIGINAL SITE OF THE WAYSIDE HOSPITAL**

ON THIS CORNER, THE WOMEN OF THE PEE DEE SECTION ESTABLISHED IN 1861 A HOME FOR THE RELIEF OF PASSING CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.

IN 1862 THIS HOME WAS ASSIGNED TO THE CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT FOR A WAYSIDE HOSPITAL WITH DR. THEODORE DARGAN AS SURGEON IN CHARGE AND DR. PETER B. BACOT AS AN ASSISTANT SURGEON.

TO THIS HOSPITAL THE WOMEN GAVE LOYAL AND DEVOTED SERVICE UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR.

In order to capitalize on the rich history of troop movement, Florence County should consider establishing a tour, which explores all of the areas in the County that are significant to the both the Revolutionary and Civil War. Furthermore, great emphasis should be placed on understanding and appreciating the significance of the railroad to the development of Florence.

## ***RELIGIOUS CENTERS***

Since its founding, Florence County has been a community with much religious activity. With hundreds of religious centers representing numerous denominations, faiths, and religions in the area, community religious centers provide an opportunity for many to worship. Religious life in Florence County is not limited to Sunday morning or weekend worship services. A variety of religious activities take place during the week as well. Recreational outings for youth groups and

adults are common in the Pee Dee area. Though too numerous to list here, a map of the location of identified religious centers can be found in Appendix I of this document.

## **SUMMARY**

Florence County is abundant in cultural resources, including libraries, museums, parks and recreation facilities, annual festival and events, historic structures, and religious centers. These resources are important in that they not only enhance opportunities for community interaction and cooperation, but also provide beneficial social outlets for the community. These resources provide opportunities for visitors and residents to be exposed to valuable learning activities, leisure events, and to other activities which foster appreciation of the local community. Cultural resources also help to shape the image of the community and are instrumental in attracting other educational and employment opportunities to the area. Therefore, based on the information provided in this document, it can easily be deduced that the availability of such an abundance of cultural resources in our society has had a positive affect on the quality of life of the citizens and visitors of Florence County, and will continue to do so in the future.

## **GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES**

The goals of the Cultural Resources Element seek to promote an atmosphere of awareness, enhancement, and protection of the cultural resources in Florence County in order to enhance the appeal and character of the community and promote a higher quality of life for all residents.

### **GOAL 1**

Encourage the preservation of historic structures and sites.

**Implementation Strategy:** Maintain a comprehensive list of historic structures and sites in Florence County. Furthermore, the County and each municipality should consider applying for the status of a Certified Local Government (CLG), which is a partnership at the local, state, and federal levels to promote historic preservation as part of local planning and policies. As a benefit to becoming a CLG, areas are eligible to receive grants to preserve, protect, and enhance historic structures.

**Time Frame:** Continuous maintenance of the list. CLG status should be considered and achieved within two years.

### **GOAL 2**

Continue to develop and enhance parks and recreation areas within the County, specifically in Timmonsville and Scranton, where there are currently no County operated parks.

**Implementation Strategy:** Focus the development of new parks and recreation facilities in areas where there are currently no facilities, specifically Scranton and Timmonsville. See Appendix D.

**Time Frame:** 10 years

### **GOAL 3**

Continue the process of nominating historic properties for listing on the National Registry of Historic Places.

**Implementation Strategy:** Citizens should be informed of the process of having a structure nominated for the National Register of Historic Places and County officials should assist with and participate in this process.

**Time Frame:** Continuous



**GOAL 4**

Use the cultural resources in Florence County as a catalyst for tourism.

**Implementation Strategy:** Create a brochure and website featuring the cultural resources described in this element, including a map of these locations. Proper mapping of these locations, especially historic properties and troop movements, could lead to the enhancement of tourism in Florence County. The brochure should be developed in such a way that additions to the listings do not require reprinting.

**Time Frame:** Within a year, have the brochure ready for distribution and website developed. As new historic properties and cultural resources are identified, the website should be updated.

**GOAL 5**

Acquire official historical markers for all historic properties in Florence County that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, with owner consent.

**Implementation Strategy:** The South Carolina Department of Archives and History will erect a historical marker for a National Registry location provided that the marker is sponsored by a historical, patriotic, civic, or other such organization. The marker must be paid for by someone other than the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Therefore, grant money may need to be sought in order to fund these markers, which average \$1,600. Of the 22 National Registry locations in Florence County, 9 are currently marked, leaving 12 unmarked, with the exception of the Lake City Downtown Historic District, which is marked with flags.

**Time Frame:** Within 10 years, all locations should be properly marked, with owner consent.

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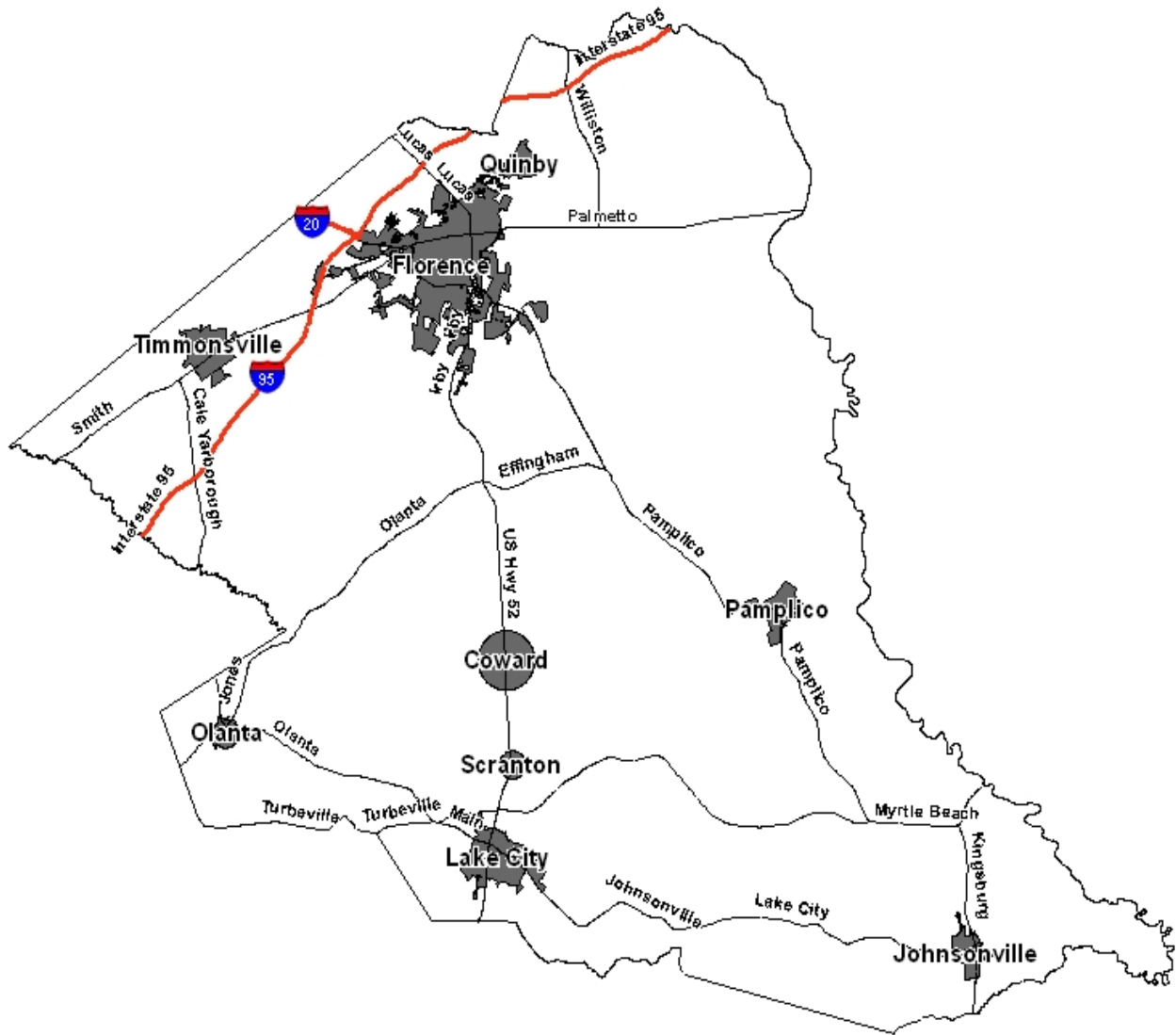
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# Appendix A

## Florence County Municipalities

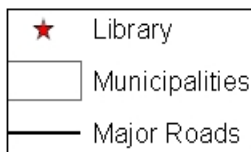
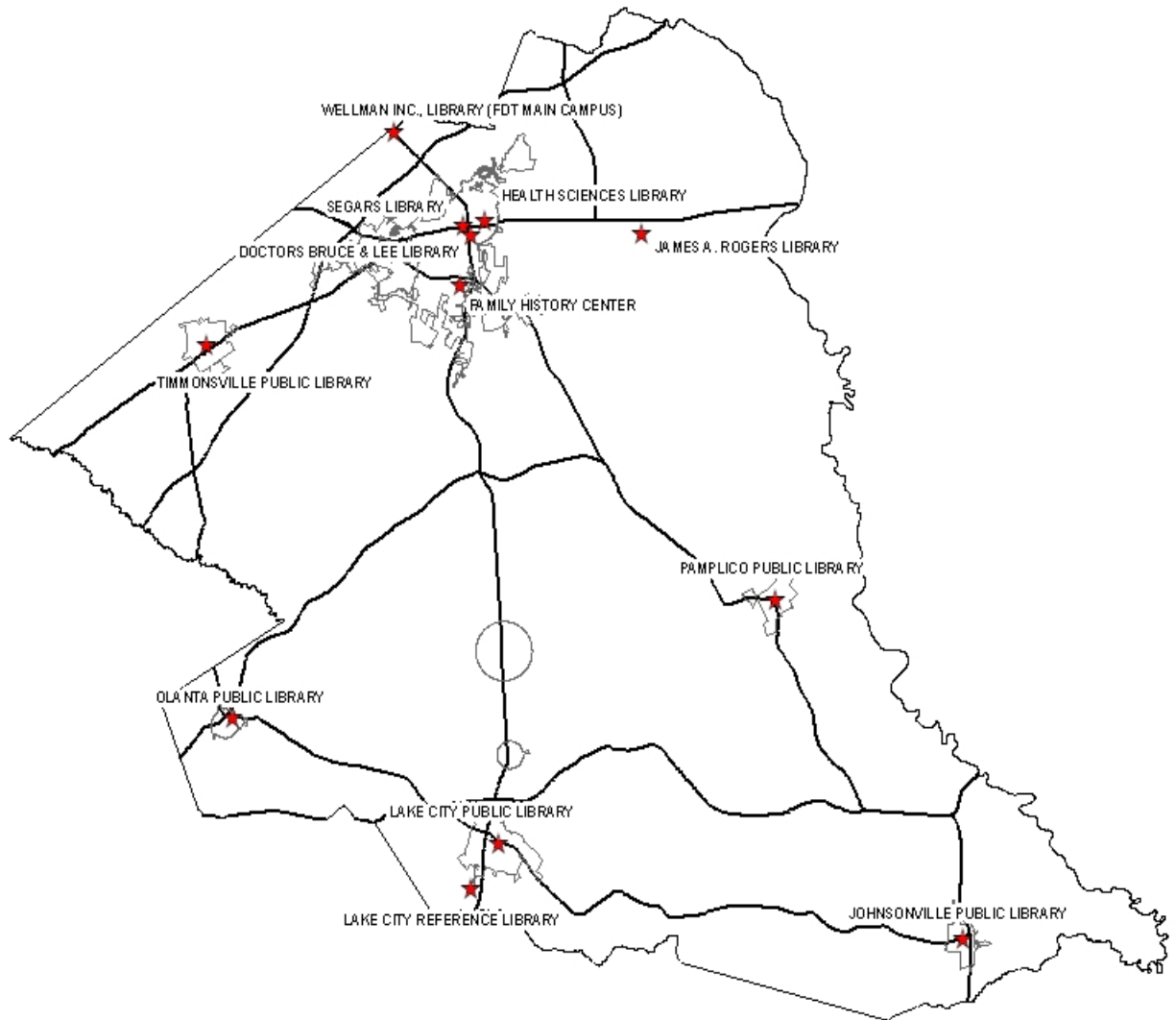


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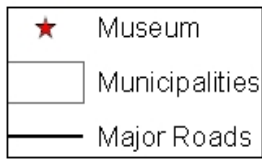
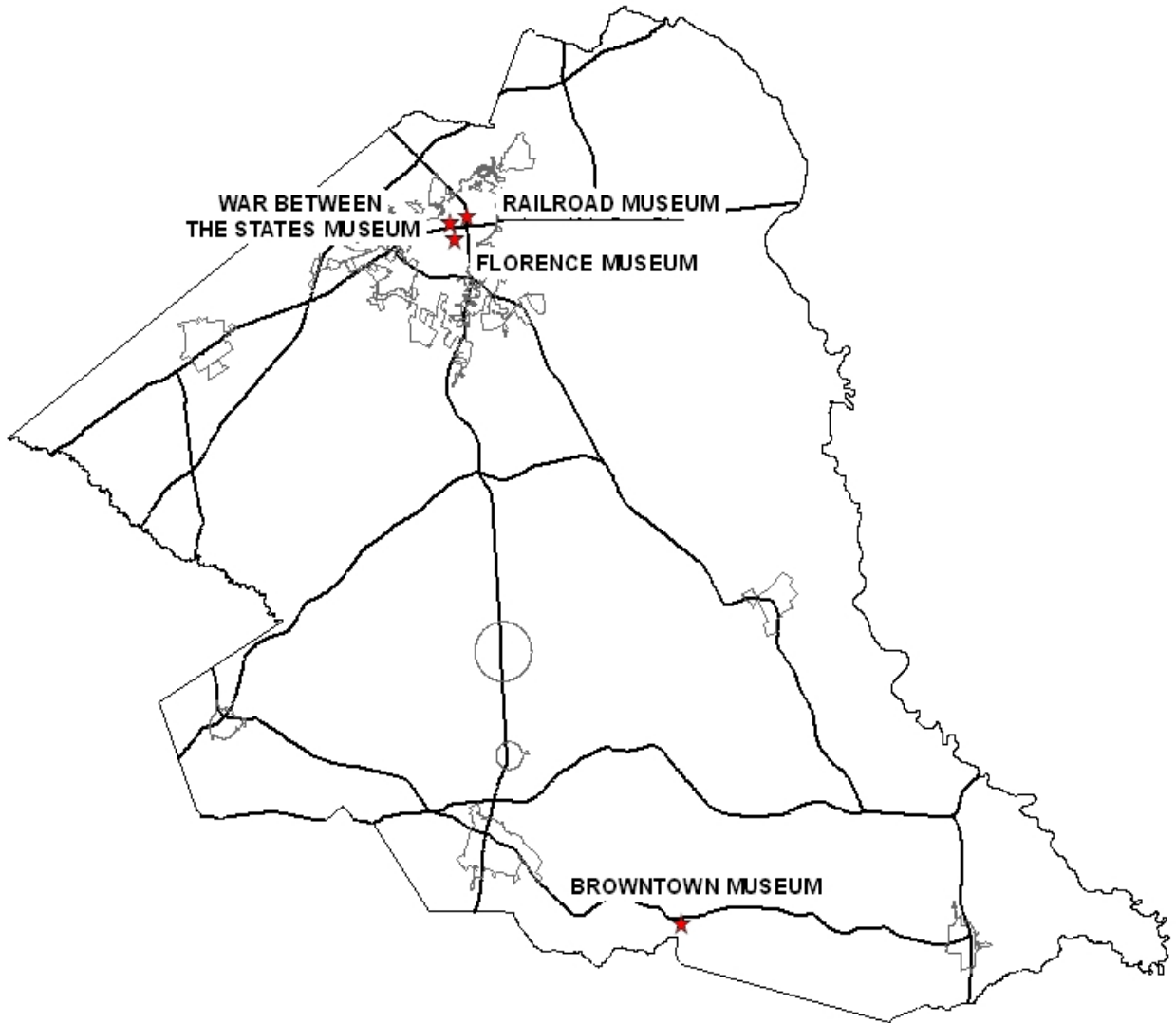
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## Libraries



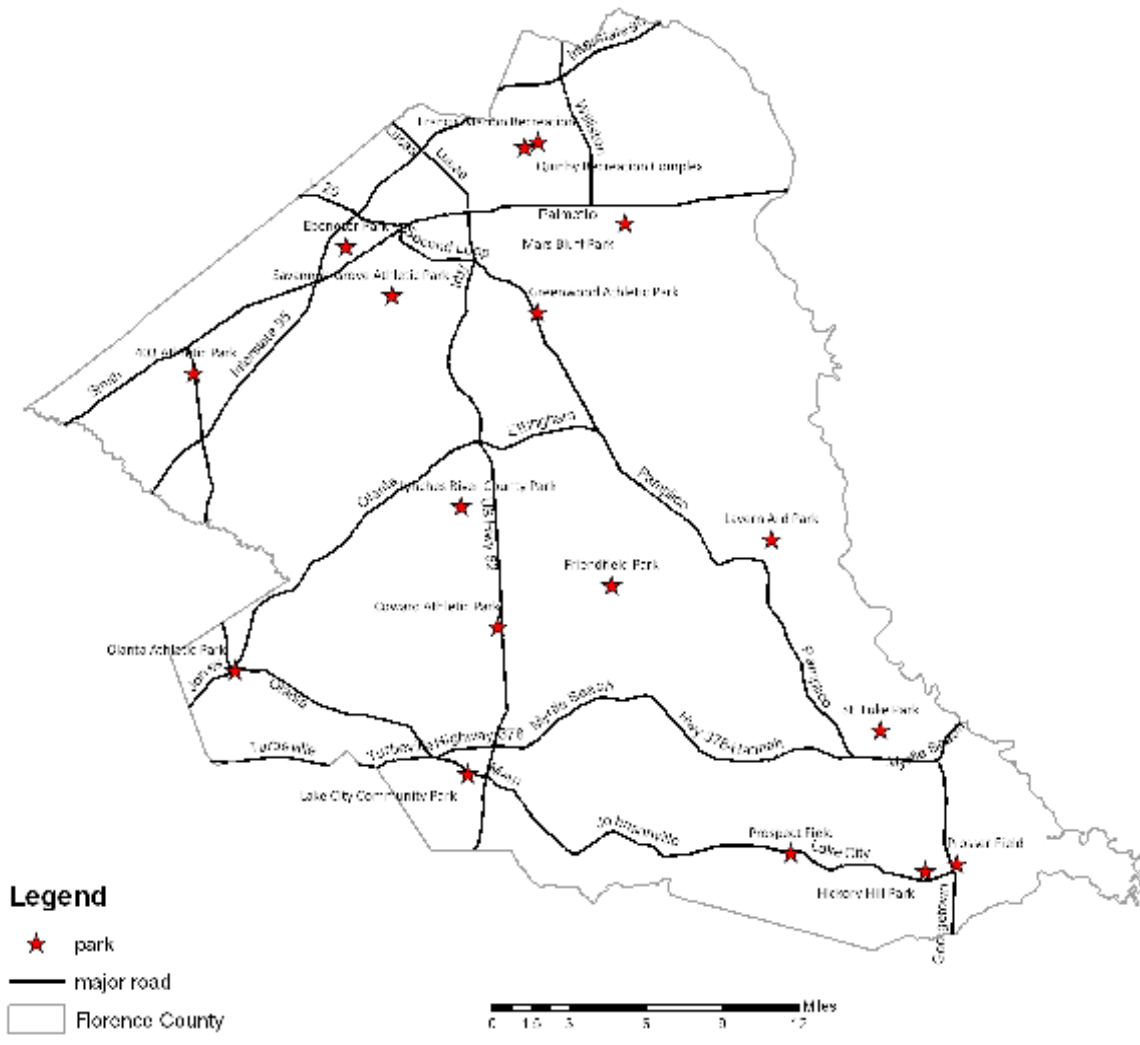
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## Museums



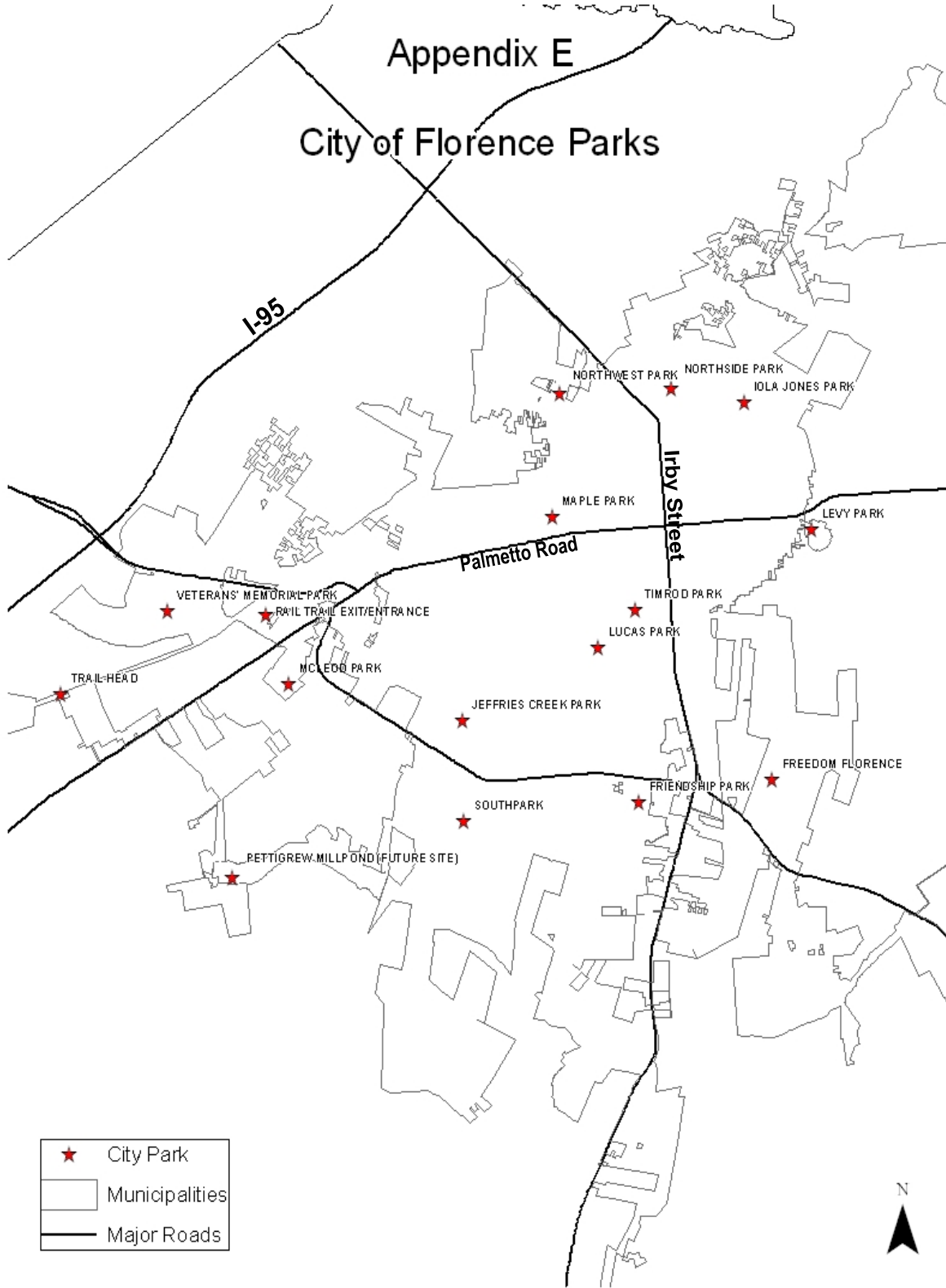
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## Florence County Parks



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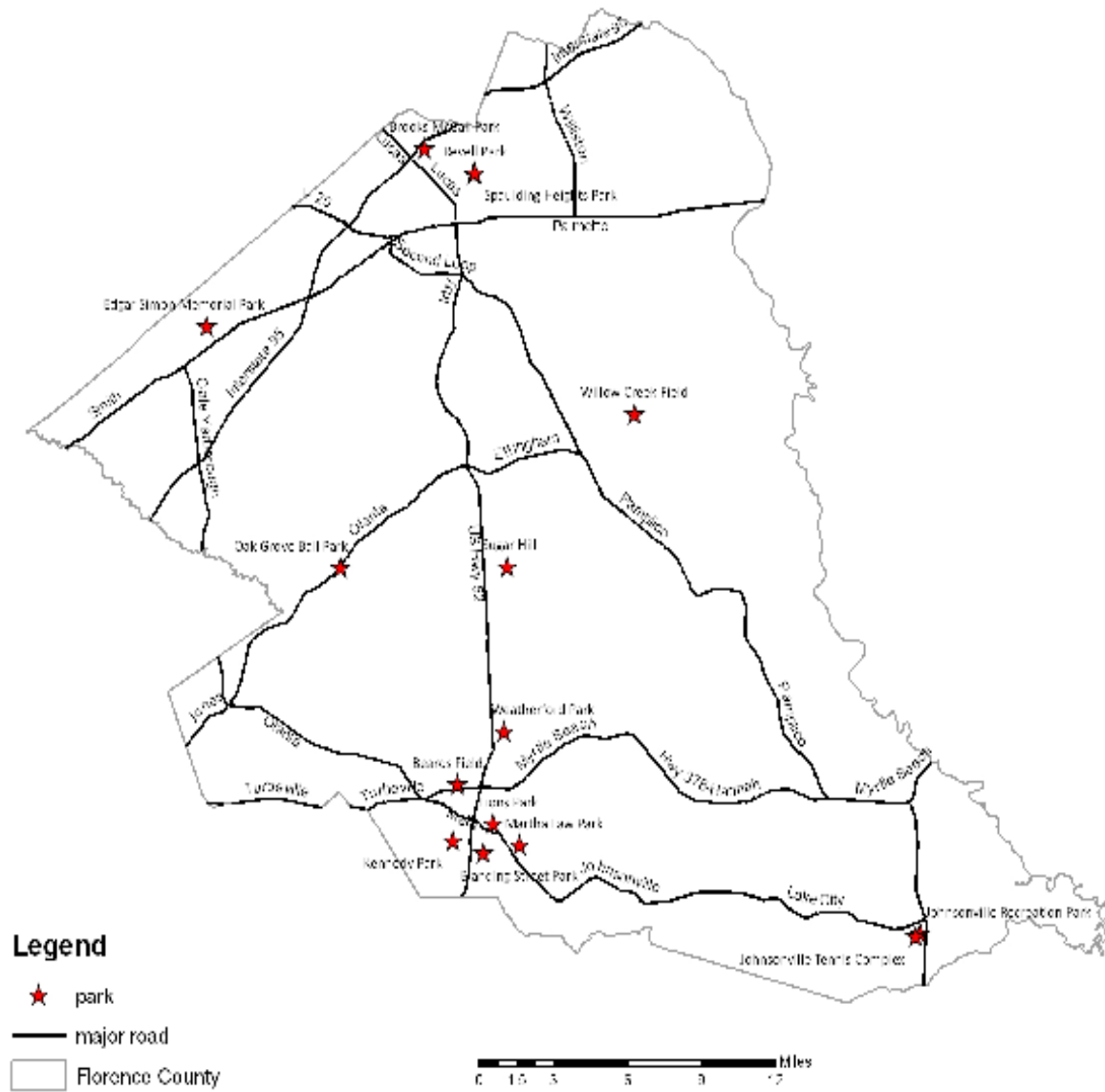
## City of Florence Parks





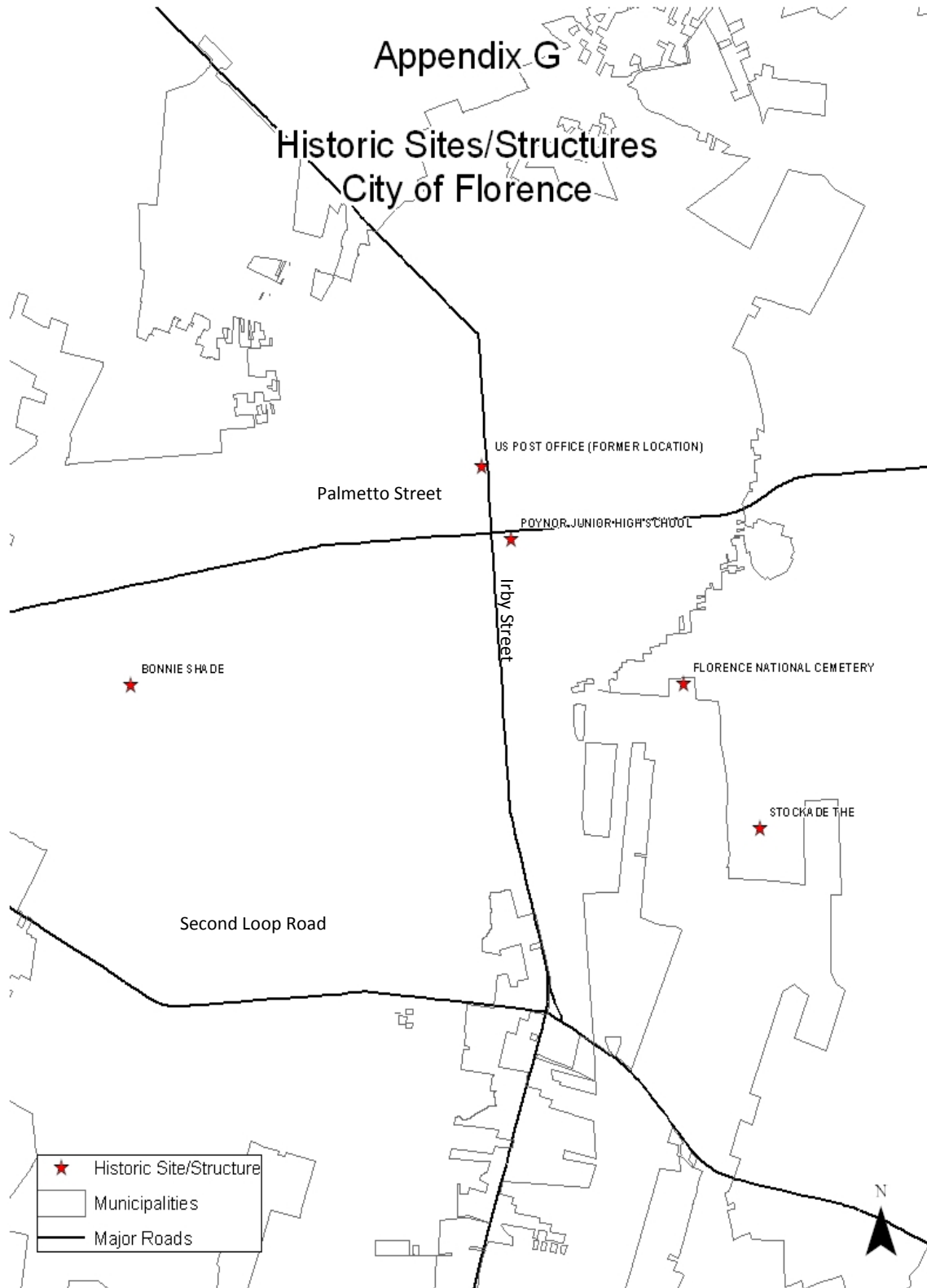
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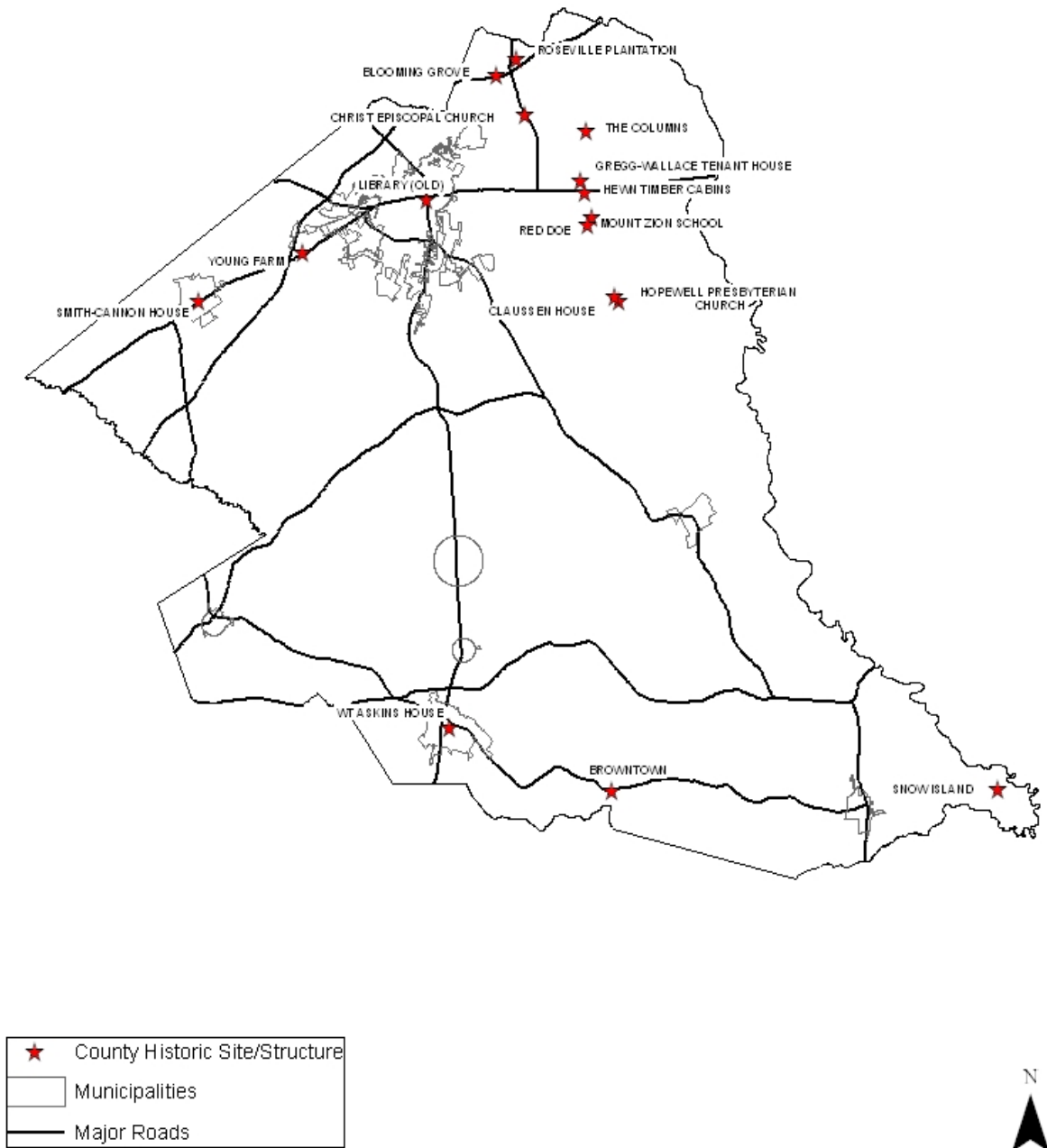
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## Historic Sites/Structures City of Florence



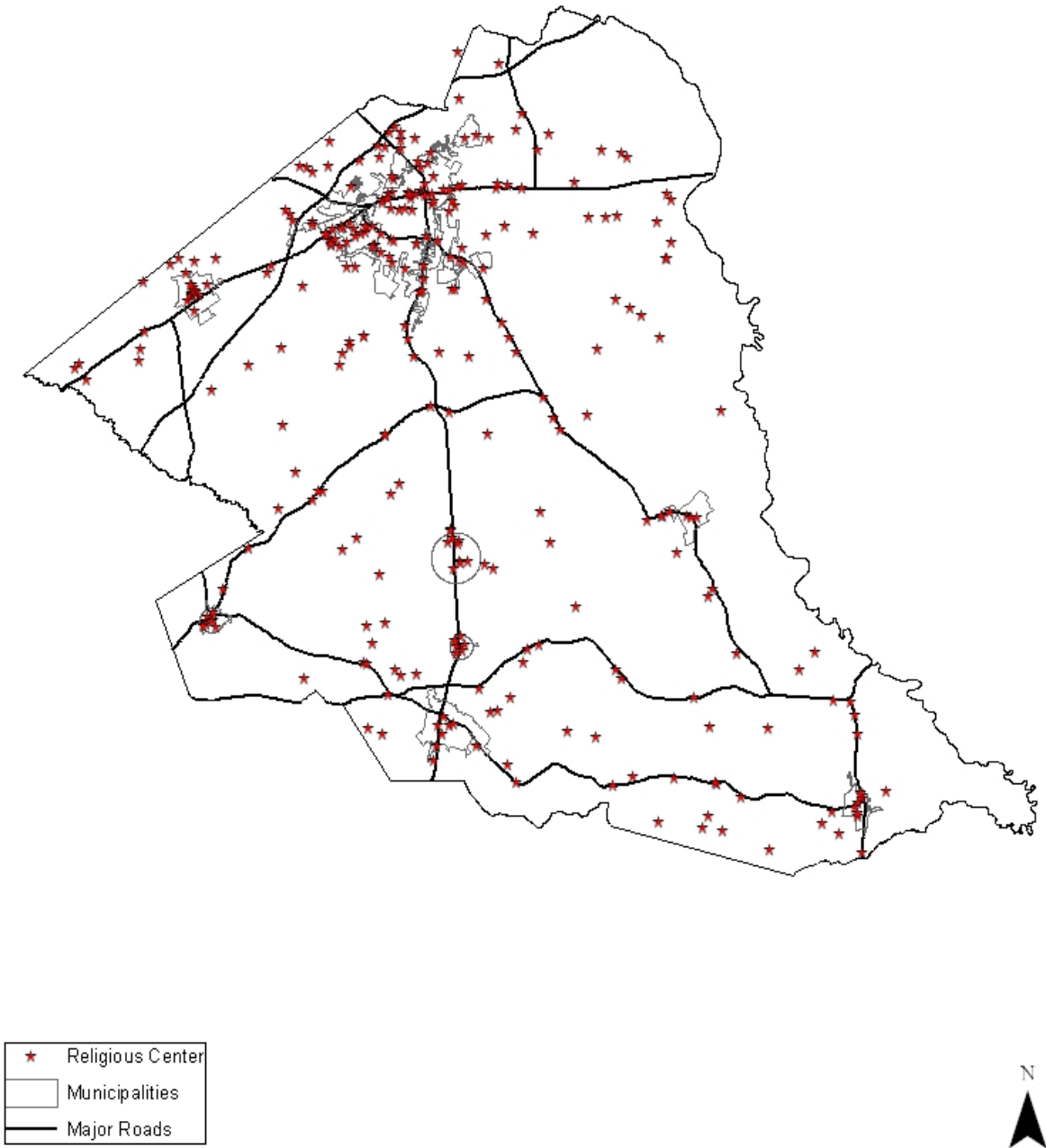
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## Historic Sites/Structures Florence County



# Appendix I

## Religious Centers



## APPENDIX J

### ELEMENT ADOPTION DATES

Florence County.....	October 18, 2007	Ordinance No. 06-2007/08
City of Johnsonville.....	October 2, 2007	Ordinance No. 2007-02
Town of Olanta.....	October 2, 2007	Ordinance No. 16 I, 16-3
Town of Quinby.....	November 6, 2007	Ordinance No. 03-2007/08
Town of Scranton.....	October 1, 2007	Ordinance No. (No Number)
Town of Timmons ville.....	October 2, 2007	Ordinance No. 455