Charleston County Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee (RSAC) Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026

RSAC ATTENDEES
Stewart Weinberg, Sally Brooks (Planning and Zoning), Kristin Minguez (BCDCOG), Jacob Gamble (Chamber of Commerce), Scott Harris (College of Charleston) Scott Curtis (Citadel)

PUBLIC ATTENDEES
Mave Gimbert (Resiliency Manager, Mt. Pleasant)
Catherine Min (South Carolina Office of Resilience)
Kevin Mitchell (Deputy Director of Engineering, Mt. Pleasant)

COUNTY STAFF
Molly Caggiano, Alexandra Petruch, Walter Smalls, Kristoff Haspel-Talavera

ABSENT
Rev. Dr. Kylon Jerome Middleton (Charleston County Councilman)
Scott Runyon (Dominion Energy)
Adrian Cain (Homebuilders Association)

CALL TO ORDER
Stewart Weinberg called the Charleston County RSAC meeting to order at 9:30am.
FOIA compliance and media acknowledgement announced.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS' REMARKS
- Approved meeting minutes at 9:31am from March 10, 2026
    - Motion to approve introduced by Stewart Weinberg. Motion was approved unanimously.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

Membership Review: Discussion regarding committee robustness and member attendance.

➢ Proposed procedure: Absent members will receive a notice requesting either their commitment to attend or their resignation to allow for replacement by the County Executive.

Presentations: Town of Mt. Pleasant Wetland Ordinance

Kevin Mitchell (Deputy Director of Engineering) and Mave Gimbert (Resiliency Manager), Town of Mount Pleasant.

➢ Background: The ordinance was developed to close the protection gap for non-jurisdictional isolated wetlands created by the 2023 Supreme Court ruling.

➢ Process: The ordinance underwent an 8–9-month public vetting process involving the Green Commission, Flood Resilience Committee, and Planning Commission.

➢ Key Parts:

- Applies to all subdivisions, non-residential, and single-family activities.
- Requires a minimum 10-foot buffer (average 20 feet) for isolated wetlands to protect against construction activity.
- Planning Commission has the authority to double or triple buffer widths for larger tracts.

➢ Mapping Tool:

- Mount Pleasant developed a GIS-based overlay tool using hydric soil layers, 2025 topography data (sinks/depressions), and National Wetlands Inventory data.
- The tool identifies areas with "two out of three" wetland indicators (soil and hydrology) to trigger professional delineation requirements for developers.

➢ Regional Alignment: Discussion held on performing a survey of all municipalities to encourage regional alignment and potentially adopt similar standards countywide.

Comments on Mt. Pleasant Wetland Ordinance:

Stewart Weinberg (Chair/RSAC Member):

- He expressed strong support for the presentation on wetland ordinances, stating, "this is wonderful because what's right in front of us right now is why we exist".

- He suggested conducting a survey of all municipalities to determine if they want the county to help create a unified regional approach to non-jurisdictional wetlands.

Resilience Updates

➢**Internal Progress:** The county is conducting an internal peer-to-peer network review to identify where local challenges overlap and to define common resilience goals.

➢ **AccelAdapt Platform**: Trainings for the AccelAdapt platform that houses the hazard vulnerability database are scheduled for June and July 2026. This initiative aims to standardize data and align the development of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

➢**Economic Development**: Staff met with the Economic Development team to discuss framing resilience and sustainability conversations for the private sector and the Chamber of Commerce.

➢**Preparedness Efforts**: Recent efforts included distributing heat kits in partnership with the City of Charleston and county libraries, participating in the Hurricane Awareness Expo, and updating the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The county also held its annual debris management seminar.

Comments on Resilience Updates:

Stewart Weinberg (Chair/RSAC Member):

- Emphasized that the "real issue" for the Collaborative is education and informing people, suggesting that the committee should engage specific groups in dialogue rather than holding another large symposium.

Sustainability Updates

➢**Weatherization Grant:** The residential weatherization grant was extended through the end of the year, and we have a seen a 20% energy reduction in weatherized homes.

➢**GHG Inventory & Strategy:** The county is updating its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory strategy to focus on feasible programs where the county has direct control, with completion targeted for late October 2026.

➢**Energy Savings Performance Contract:** An investment grade audit for five county buildings is around 90% complete. This project focuses on deferred maintenance and efficiency upgrades that will save the county funds overtime.

➢**Battery Recycling Program:** The internal battery recycling program is expanding to additional facilities, including the Azalea complex and Teddie E Pryor Social Services Hub.

➢**Charleston Composts:** The county has taken over administration of the Charleston Composts program and launched a public GIS dashboard to track registration, collection sites, and total waste.

Upcoming Events

- North Charleston Compost Workshop at Keith Summey Library

PUBLIC COMMENT
None
NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, September 1, 2026
CHAIR REMARKS
None
ADJOURNMENT
The Chair, Stewart Weinberg, adjourned the meeting at 10:24am with unanimous approval.

Ratified by the Charleston County
Resilience and Sustainability Advisory
Committee this 1st day of September, 2026.

(Chair)

Attest:

Administrative Officer- Resilience

Administrative Officer- Sustainability