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BAILEY ISLAND DEVELOPMENT A VICTORY FOR EDISTO

EIOLT President I. Jenkins Mikell, Jr. met with E. Clifton Kinder, Jr., general manager of Chestnut Hill Associates, officials of the Nature Conservancy and members of the press on Tuesday, June 25, to observe the pristine nature of Bailey Island and review plans for future development. Chestnut Hill Associates of Columbia has agreed to develop a major portion of Bailey Island under a conservation easement. With the support of EIOLT boardmembers and the Nature Conservancy, a master plan has been designed to allow for a maximum of 32 residential tracts ranging from approximately

five to thirty acres in size controlled by placement of covenants, restrictions and conservation easements. The portion of the property not used residentially will be placed in the name of The Bailey Island preserve, which will be a 400+ acre tract of intact Southern Maritime Forest protected against future development. Mr. Kinder and his associates hope that this low-density sort of development, together with significant environmental protection, will become the standard for future developments on Edisto Island and the ACE Basin.

ANNUAL MEETING

The EIOLT will be sponsoring its annual fundraiser and membership drive on Saturday, October 19, 1996. The event, hosted by Gale Belser Thompson, will take place at Sunnyside Plantation.

A donation to the EIOLT will be accepted for admission. Notices will be mailed prior to the event. Plan to attend.

SCENIC HIGHWAY SIGNS IN PLACE

Upon the request of EIOLT boardmembers, the South Carolina Department of Highways has placed two scenic highway signs on Highway 174 on Edisto Island. One is located on the island side

of the McKinley Washington, Jr. Bridge crossing the Dawhoo River and the other is at the Edisto Beach Town Limit.

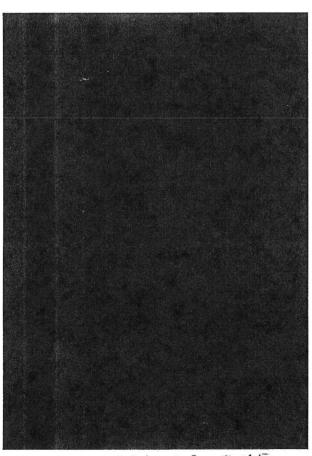
EIOLI BOARD REVIEWS WILDFLOWER PLANS FOR HWY 174

Suzanne Tuten, an Edisto Island resident, has presented a tentative plan to EIOLT boardmembers for the planting and maintenance of wildflowers along specified sections of Scenic Highway 174 on Edisto Island. The plan includes site locations, cultivation, planting and maintenance which EIOLT boardmembers will review and decide which areas

would serve the Highway 174 Beautification Project best in its initial phases. The trust would like to thank Ms. Tuten for her efforts in getting this project started. Anyone interested in volunteering their services for this project can contact Jenks Mikell, President, EIOLT, P.O. Box 1, Edisto Island, SC, 29438.

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EIOLT boardmembers, in cooperation with SCE&G, are working on locating street lights that would provide lighting more beneficial to the environment with the use of a Hubbel Reflector. The Hubbel Reflector is a shade which allows lighting to be reflected downward eliminating a glow in the nighttime sky. Anyone interested in changing their lighting shades from a standard reflector to a Hubbel reflector or know of any lighting that will be less intrusive on the environment or neighborhood with the use of a Hubbel reflector can contact the EIOLT, P.O. Box 1, Edisto Island, SC, 29438.



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ALETTER FROM I. JENKINS MIKELL JR. - EIOLT PRESIDENT

LYBRAND DONATES FOUR PLUS ACRES TO THE EDISTO ISLAND OPEN LAND TRUST

The trust is proud to announce Mr. David Lybrand's donation of 4.69 acres of his property. Located just off of Highway 174, adjacent to the Edisto Island Museum, the property supports a mature hardwood forest and some mature pine trees. The museum is in the process of acquiring the piece of property next to this and we are in the talking stage of putting strict restrictions on the property and developing it along with the museum. The trust's success depends on land donators such as Mr. Lybrand who want to conserve special features of the land. Mr. Lybrand's needs were better met through an outright donation, but other owners may wish to retain ownership and donate a conservation easement on all or a portion of their property. A conservation easement is a written agreement between the landowner and the Edisto Island Open Land Trust which sets forth certain permitted uses and restrictions on the land as agreed upon by the landowner and the Edisto Island Open Land Trust. The land remains in private ownership while the trust assures that the terms of the agreement are followed in perpetuity. The tax advantages of donating a conservation easement can be significant including property, income, and estate taxes. As we look forward into 1996, our plans are to focus on the Highway 174 corridor which will include numerous wildflower projects along the power line right-a-way and working with the power company in regard to sodium lights along the highway corridor, on docks, and in the vicinity of unlimited vistas. We are also working with the state park in regard to exposing some of their beautiful oak trees along the highway and also have plans to work with SCE&G in the matter of a bicycle path under the power line righta-way. The board would like to thank Suzanne Tuten for her hard work in putting together a wildflower plan and Tom Kapp and the owners of Beckett Plantation who let us have our fall outing at their community dock. The outing was attended by 90 people. Guest speaker, David Cobbs of the Trust for Public Lands, Tallahassee, Florida, spoke to us about how to develop the plan for Highway 174. We ended 1995 with 130 members, all bills paid, and money in the bank.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have received a renewal notice and have not yet mailed in your dues, please renew today. Your dues enable the EIOLT to conserve new land, adding to land already set aside for conservation. We must continue to preserve the land entrusted to our care. Thank you for your support.

CONSERVATION BUYERS WANTED

The EIOLT is interested in matching landowners wishing to sell their property with people wishing to conserve their land's open space values by placing a conservation easement on their property. The recently proposed Bailey Island Plan is an excellent example of the benefits of a conservation easement. The EIOLT would be pleased to work with potential conservation buyers and sellers and their realtors to help meet their needs. Please write the EIOLT, P.O. Box 1, Edisto Island, SC, 29438, if you would be interested in becoming a conservation buyer or seller.

I. Jenkins Mikell, Jr. - President