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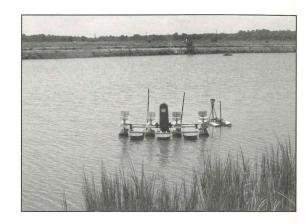
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A Unique Partnership between Aquaculture and Conservation

Some think that Edisto Island is paradise. And Robert W. Underwood, President and founder of Paradise Shrimp Farms of SC, is no exception. In 2001 Paradise Shrimp Farms purchased the former Edisto Seafarms on "Little Edisto," expanded the production with additional ponds, and purchased a processing plant in Savannah, Georgia. This state-of-the-art acquaculture operation produces approximately 750,000 pounds of "white" shrimp each year on Edisto. There is another Paradise Shrimp Farm in Belize, Central America, and the company has plans to open a third one on the island of St. Croix in the American Virgin Islands.

This operation, situated along the Intercoastal Waterway and Sand Creek, is remarkably eco-friendly. The 35 shrimp production ponds, averaging five acres each, are filled with water pumped from the Intercoastal Waterway and Sand Creek, and each stocked with one million post larvae (baby shrimp). The water is continuously monitored to insure that it is free of harmful bacteria, and a watch is kept to discourage an occasional trespassing alligator from slipping into the ponds to feast on the shrimp. During the shrimp harvesting hundreds of birds flock to the shrimp farm, and it is a birdwatcher's "paradise." After harvesting, the ponds are emptied and the water filtered twice and tested before it is released back into the waterway to insure that the quality is as good as or better than it was when pumped out. The operation is managed by Dr. Rafi, who has a PhD in Acquaculture, with the help of Site Manager, Jerome Singleton.

As a business member and major supporter of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust, Paradise Shrimp Farms has donated more than 1,200 pounds of shrimp over



the last 2 years to help the Land Trust raise money at their annual "Shrimp Bazaar." Historically, the aquaculture industry around the globe has been at odds with conservation, but Paradise is an exception and a good citizen of this community. Serving as Director of the South Carolina Seafood Alliance, Robert Underwood has been actively involved in the current TV advertising campaign to encourage South Carolina restaurants and grocery stores to buy domestic wild-caught shrimp from local shrimpers. His company, which markets its shrimp to large supermarket chains throughout the US, shares local shrimpers' concern about the cheap shrimp that are being "dumped" into the US from China and Vietnam.

On September 21 the Edisto Island Open Land Trust will host the Edisto Chamber's "After Hours" meeting at Paradise Shrimp Farms of SC. Tours of the shrimp harvesting will be followed by a shrimp boil, compliments of Paradise.

A LONG-TIME PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH

Since 1997, the Town of Edisto Beach has been a major contributor to a very successful program – the Edisto Island Open Land Trust's "Highway 174 Litter and Beautification Program." The Town has awarded Accommodations-Tax funding to the Land Trust to pay for the removal of litter along Highway 174 each week of the year. Also, support for this program is provided by Fairfield Resort and Fairfield Property Owners.

Accommodations-Tax funding can be available for projects that enhance tourism on Edisto Beach. First

to Edisto Beach in the future. And a clean and scenic Highway 174 helps instill pride in the community and discourages littering along all roads on the island.

The Litter and Beautification program is a part of a larger Land Trust goal to preserve the scenic vistas along Highway 174. Last year the Land Trust removed more than 10 tons of litter from Highway 174 roadsides. Bill Thompson, President of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust, said, "We are grateful that the Town of Edisto Beach has again approved A-Tax funding for our 2004 'Highway 174 litter-removal program'. We

DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Happy Birthday to the EIOLT! Since we started in October, 1994, the Edisto Island Open Land Trust has embraced a single mission —

To preserve and protect the scenic vistas and natural resources of Edisto Island brough conservation easements, gifts and burchases of strategic land, and through stewarding this land into perpetuity.

success has been possible through the port of our loyal members and with the help ther organizations in the community. This I Trust started with a handful of people who zed that the unique character of Edisto could ost if action wasn't taken to preserve it. That Il group of ten years ago has grown to more 700 member households today.

ere is one thing that most people on Edisto e, it is the island's unique quality of life. And natter what their missions, the diverse nonit and governmental organizations working he island are all working toward a common To preserve the quality of life on Edisto! With hese dedicated community organizations ng together to keep our island pristine, protect to preserve our heritage and the rural acter of our island, how can we fail?

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(Museum)

disto Island Historic Preservation Society

Il take this entire community to protect our ity of life, and our Land Trust is pleased to have king relationships with these worthy nizations. If you support the Land Trust, it is y you also support one or more of our munity partners. Thank you for sharing the mitment to maintain our quality of life on Edisto.

PROTECTED PROPERTIES NEWS

KINGS HIGHWAY PROPERTY LOAN RETIRED

In 1996 the Edisto Island Open Land Trust purchased a scenic property on Highway 174 adjacent to the Serpentarium, named the "Kings Highway" property because 174 was built on the site of the historic Kings Highway. The proper purchase was financed, and earlier this year the Land Trust was able to pay off the loan on this property, with the support of EIOLT members.

A large percentage of the property protected by the Land Trust is owned by the Land Trust (acquired either by donation or purchase). BoBo Lee, Vice President of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust, said, "Some of the property we protect is under easement; in other words, the title to the property is retained by the land owner and he simply donates a conservation easement limiting development on the property. But conservation easement donations are not always an option, such



as in the case of the Kings Highway property. It was threatened by a mobile home development, and in order to preserve this land, the Land Trust purchased the property to keep it safe and scenic."

Protected and maintained by the Edisto Island Open Land Trust, the Kings Highway property, with its natural landscape and scenic views, will continue to delight those who travel Highway 174.

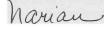
THE SAND CREEK PROPERTY – A RESTORATION IN PROGRESS

The Land Trust purchased another property a few months ago — the 15-acre tract along Sand Creek and Highway 174. Unlike the Kings Highway land, this property was not undeveloped, but the Land Trust's plan calls for restoring it to its pre-developed natural state. This photo shows some of the work in progress.

According to Marian Brailsford, "Once we remove all the structures, we hope to add trees and plants that will enhance the woodlands and marsh views and provide food and homes for birds and wildlife. This property will be a natural wildlife habitat for wading birds, migratory birds, raccoons, foxes, otters, minks, snakes – and it will provide a scenic view and quiet place where families and members can visit the Legacy Live Oak monument."



She also said that progress is being made to reduce the debt on this property, but "our acquisition fund has been depleted, and we are still a long way from our goal of raising \$20,000 by year end. We hope that our supporters will make a contri-



EVENTS INVOLVE THE EDISTO COMMUNITY

SHRIMP BAZAAR - BEST EVENT EVER!

Tuly 3 was a steamy, hot day but it didn't wilt the spirits of the colunteers who worked at the tents and tables of the community anizations participating in the Edisto Island Open Land Trust's ANNUAL SHRIMP BAZAAR. Items for sale included raw and cooked shrimp dishes, baked goods, and T-shirts at the Land Trust tent and more from the Edisto Beach Turtle Patrol, the Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society (Museum), Kings Produce, Susan Roberts Photography, Don Hartman's Woodcarving Friends, and Henry Cheves, artist. More than two hundred people, turned out to shop and buy at the Bazaar, and the proceeds went to worthy causes. The Land Trust sold 1,000 pounds of shrimp!



Our thanks go out to our key sponsor, Paradise Shrimp Farms, for donating the shrimp and to the Edistonian for allowing us to set up our are in the vacant property next door. Also, thank you to Atlantic tents for donating the tent, the Horizon store for cooler storage, and Bernie Flowers for cooler storage. Many thanks to those individuals who volunteered at the Land Trust tent on Saturday or helped prepare for the event: BoBo Lee, Shana Stockton, Bobby Stockton, MaryAnn Odom, Phil Sears, Ellen Unger, Bill Thompson, Chick Morrison, Kathy Ravenel, David Lybrand, Jack Boineau, Caroline Boineau, Jim Kempson, Jenks Mikell, Chalmers Poston, Dudley Myers, Jim Brailsford, Don Tipton, Paul Fripp, Barb Houston, Bill Houston and Carol Church.

FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP A SUCCESS

Board Members of the Land Trust as well as board members from FRESPACE (Friends of Edisto State Park & ACE Basin) and the Edisto Museum (EIHPS) attended a June 15 workshop on fundraising strategies. Facilitators were Marian Brailsford, Executive Director of the Land Trust, and nationally-known trainer, Rosemary Peduzzi. Fifteen people attended the workshop, which was held at Po Pigs BoB-Q and which started with a delicious lunch prepared by Chef BoBo Lee. Participants learned why donors give to an organization and how important it is to get donors involved in an organization so they understand the mission and understand how they can make a difference. The workshop was funded by a grant from the Land Trust Alliance awarded to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust.

NOTICE TO EIGLT MEMBERS

If you would like to receive the ACE Basin Project newsletter, please notify the office of Dean Harrigal at the SC Department of Natural Resources:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your Calendar

Tuesday, September 21

The Land Trust will host the *Edisto Chamber's After Hours meeting* to be held at Paradise Shrimp Farms from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Chamber members and guests will be invited to tour the shrimp harvesting. For information call the Chamber 843-869-3867 or the Land Trust 843-869-9004.

Monday, October 11

The Land Trust will host a workshop, *Conservation Easements:* A Tool that Benefits the Landowner and the Land from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a short social gathering. Edisto property owners and property professionals (attorneys, real estate brokers, and appraisers) are invited, at no charge. Seating will be limited — please call the Land Trust to reserve a space for the workshop at 843-869-9004.

Sunday, November 7

The *EIOLT annual Oyster Roast* will be held at Lex Crawford's Sand Creek Farms on Highway 174, starting at 2:00 p.m. For tickets please call the Land Trust at 843-869-9004.

DUNES UNDER PRESSURE

Natural sand dunes play a vital role in protecting our beaches, coastline and property from erosion, coastal flooding and storm damage. However, dunes are fragile and easily destroyed. They rely on the plants that grow on them to trap sand; and if this natural vegetation is damaged, more of the dune is exposed to erosion. Dunes also provide a future supply of sand to help maintain the beach, and that can reduce the cost of beach renourishment, which experts estimate can cost \$700,000 to \$3,000,000 per mile.*

Many do not realize how quickly damage to dunes can lead to property damage and result in less beach for us all to enjoy. It makes sense for everyone who loves Edisto Beach to protect our dunes from harm.

- Stay on the designated paths and boardwalks –pedestrian traffic can trample dune vegetation and subject the dunes to wind, tide and wave action.
- Even more damaging are 4-wheel vehicles and bicycles dunes have a natural tendency to grow seaward, but vehicular wear can very quickly denude the natural vegetation, leaving piles of loose sand that can easily wash or blow away with a high tide or a storm.
- Keep dogs off the dunes not only can the wear and tear cause damage, but dog waste will artificially enrich the poor alkaline soil and disturb the plantlife on the dunes.

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