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*Edisto Beach
Dream Homes Tour*

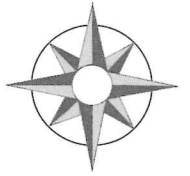
**At The
Community
Stakeholders Meeting**

Get your tickets now for the EIOILT *Edisto Beach Dream Homes Tour* on Saturday, November 11. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. you will get a tour inside some of the most captivating homes on Edisto Beach and get ideas for your own dream home. At the end of the tour, enjoy a relaxing creekside wine-tasting with light hors d'oeuvres, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$25, including the wine-tasting. All ticket proceeds will go to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust's Revolving Acquisition Fund.

Everyone who loves Edisto is invited to attend a community stakeholders meeting on Thursday, October 5, to discuss the Highway 174 National Scenic Byway Plan. Please plan to come and share your thoughts about how to preserve the attributes of our highway and our island. The community needs your ideas on the future of our Highway 174!



Tidal Tales

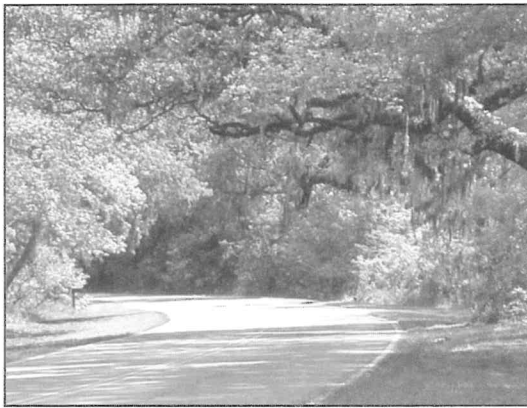


EDISTO ISLAND OPEN LAND TRUST

... TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE SCENIC VIEWS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF EDISTO ISLAND

SUMMER 2006

EIOLT WINS GRANT FOR EDISTO COMMUNITY



The Edisto Island Open Land Trust proved that persistence pays off when, after three years of applying, it successfully secured grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation to preserve Edisto's scenic and historic Highway 174. The grant was awarded so that the Edisto community could map out a plan for the future of 174, which is prerequisite for gaining the National Scenic Byways designation and protection.

The National Scenic Byways Program recognizes selected roads based on their cultural, historic, natural, recreational or scenic qualities. A "Corridor Management Plan," must be developed to qualify for the National Scenic Byway designation, which will involve using grant funds to hire a biologist, historian, writer, and meeting facilitator from Clemson University to work with the community to create a collaborative vision of Highway 174's future. Additional funding and in-kind services will be donated by the EIOLT and by Clemson University's Strom Thurmond Institute, which was involved

with the Corridor Management Plan for Ashley River Road, now a National Scenic Byway.

Marian Brailsford, EIOLT Executive Director, said, "Building a community consensus on the future of Edisto's Highway 174 will directly impact the protection of our entire island and way of life." The Corridor Management Planning (CMP) process will take about 12 months to complete and will involve everyone in the Edisto community. It will be led by the Highway 174 Scenic Byway Coalition,

consisting of leaders from Edisto's non-profit organizations and churches, as well as other local groups that can provide input and assistance. EIOLT is spearheading the recruitment of local leaders for the Coalition, which will have its first meeting in early September. On October 5 there will be a "community stakeholders meeting" to gather ideas from everyone in the community. At this meeting a number of volunteers will be given disposable cameras to photograph the sights and sites on Edisto that they think should be preserved, as well as what needs to be avoided or changed in the future. The Corridor Management Plan will include such themes as: protection of the natural habitat, waterways, ancient trees and historic sites along the highway; enhancements to the views along the road; and measures to encourage safety on the road.



Getting the National Scenic Byway designation could provide the community with leverage for keeping Edisto rural and scenic and for preventing undesirable sprawl and urbanization. Executive Director Brailsford added, "This is an historic opportunity for the people of our community to take part in shaping Highway 174's and our island's future. We are privileged to take part in a project that could have such an important influence on our quality of life on Edisto."

Edisto Island's Highway 174 Targeted for National Scenic Byway Designation

More than 200 local communities in 42 states received good news recently when the U.S. Department of Transportation announced grant funding for scenic highways. Edisto Island's Highway 174 is one of these highways targeted for "National Scenic Byway" designation.

State	Project Name	Amount Funded
South Carolina	Cherokee Foothills Scenic Byway - Corridor Management Plan	\$25,000
	Bohicket Road Corridor Management Plan	\$34,760
	Corridor Management Plan for 8 Lowcountry Scenic Highways	\$41,200
	Edisto Scenic Highway 174 Corridor Management Plan	\$57,472
	Cherokee Foothills National Scenic Byway - Restoration & Adaptation of Blythe-Goodwin-Hagood House	\$493,672
Total for South Carolina (5 projects)		\$652,104

FROM THE DIRECTOR

What is the Future of Edisto's Highway 174?



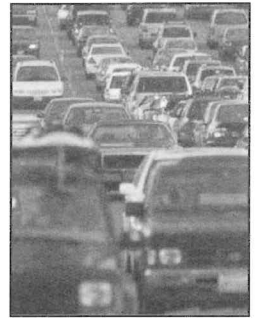
Today - Rural and Scenic

Almost everyone agrees that we need to preserve the breathtaking vistas along our main roadway, with its ancient oak trees and marsh panoramas. But Highway 174 is more than a pretty road – it is the community's lifeline and the main artery in the body of land known as Edisto Island. If the main artery becomes crowded with growth (plaque), the artery becomes clogged and the health and well being of the island is threatened. The best "prescription" is to prevent the runaway growth before it happens. The plan to preserve

Highway 174 as a *National Scenic Byway*

will help protect the quality of life we enjoy on Edisto – that Lowcountry lifestyle which has been lost in so many surrounding coastal areas.

What Lowcountry landscapes are left where you can still ride by roadside stands with ladies making and selling their sweet grass baskets? . . . where fruit and vegetables are sold from roadside markets and pick up trucks? . . . weathered homeplaces where generations of families have lived and worked the land? . . . where hallowed church grounds and sanctuaries sit unchanged since the early days of South Carolina's history? . . . where unmanicured woods and marsh and winding creeks stretch as far as the eye can see? . . . where you are likely to see a red-tailed hawk or bald eagle flying overhead to hunt in the nearby fields? . . . where many side roads leading to historic farms and plantations are still dirt? Highway 174 is rare indeed and deserves our diligent stewardship. Please take advantage of the historic opportunity to make a difference in shaping our corridor's future. You will be receiving information from the *Scenic 174 Byway Coalition* about how you can take an active part in this process. Getting the *National Scenic Byway* designation for Highway 174 will be a powerful tool for insuring that Edisto's tomorrow will remain "rural and scenic," and not become "urban and hectic."



Tomorrow - Urban and Hectic?

YOUR LAND TRUST IS GROWING

Addition to Land Trust Staff

We are pleased to announce that Beverly Sandifer has joined the Land Trust staff part-time as an Administrative Assistant. Beverly has a strong commitment to protecting Edisto's environment and excellent business skills. Beverly and husband, Bob, live on Edisto Beach and have two daughters, Jennifer, mother of their two grandchildren, and Caroline.

Land Trust Moves into New Offices

To better serve our members and the Edisto community, the Land Trust has relocated to a larger space! We have moved to the Edisto Center, upstairs above the book store, right next door to the Edisto post office. Our phone number, email and mailing address have NOT changed:

Phone 843-869-9004

Mailing address — P. O. Box 1, Edisto Island, SC 29438

Email — eiolt@bellsouth.net

NEW LOCATION: Edisto Center, 547 Highway 174, Suite 7, Edisto Island

Our staff - Ida Tipton, Office Manager, Beverly Sandifer, Administrative Assistant, and Marian Brailsford, Executive Director, invite everyone to come by to visit our expanded work space.

Wish List

We are in need of a few items for our new offices. If you would like to donate any of the following, we would be happy to send you a letter acknowledging your gift.

File cabinets

Printer with USB cable

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Mission Statement:

to preserve and protect the scenic vistas and natural resources of Edisto Island through:
(1) conservation easements, gifts
(2) purchases of strategic land;
(3) stewarding this land into perpetuity; and
(4) elevating community awareness of our fragile island environment.

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Event Sponsors for Edisto Beach Dream Homes Tour



On Saturday, November 11, the first *EIOLT Edisto Beach Dream Homes Tour* fundraising event will be held to raise money for the Land Trust's Revolving Acquisition Fund. The Key Sponsor for this fundraising event is Coldwell Banker Sea Island Realty and the Supporting Sponsor is Lowcountry ReMax/Atwood Vacation

Coldwell Banker Sea Island Realty, Key Sponsor for the event, is a long-time business member and supporter of the EIOLT. The company was established on Edisto Island in 1984, and in 1994 became affiliated with Coldwell Banker and moved to larger offices on Edisto Beach, where they have achieved the Coldwell Banker "Premier Office" award every year since. Al McCormack, broker-in-charge, said, "Our firm is founded upon the principle of unfailing service to our clients. With a strong knowledge of historical

properties, we have the distinction of having sold the most plantations on Edisto." For more information, contact Al McCormack 843-869-3163, or email edistois@seaislandrealty.com.

Lowcountry ReMax Real Estate/Atwood Vacations, is a Supporting Sponsor for the Edisto Beach Dream Homes Tour and a loyal business supporter of the Land Trust. The company has recently moved their ReMax Lowcountry Real Estate offices to 114 Jungle Road Palmetto Plaza, telephone 843-868-0063. Their Atwood Vacations office is located at 495 Highway 174, telephone 843-869-2151. For more information, you can visit their websites (www.atwoodvacations.com or www.remaxlowcountry.com) or email them Info@atwoodvacations.com or info@remaxlowcountry.com

Charleston Art Gallery Supports EIOLT



The Ann Long Fine Art Gallery in Charleston has announced an exhibit of the works of British painter, Antony Bream. The artist spent some time last winter on Edisto Island capturing images of the marsh-lined creek landscapes, as well as Edisto rural scenes of abandoned farm equipment, working tractors, and the ubiquitous pickup truck.

Members of the Land Trust are invited to a special opening to meet the artist on Friday, September 15, 2006, from 6:00-8:00 at Ann Long Fine Art — 177 King Street in Charleston. *A portion of the proceeds from exhibit sales will be donated to support the Edisto Island Open Land Trust.* For more information call the gallery at 843-577-0447.

Memorials to EIOLT Create a Lasting Legacy

Recently, two families honored their departed loved ones with an obituary request for memorials to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust. Remembering friends and loved ones through memorials to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust creates a legacy that will last forever in the permanent preservation of open space and scenic vistas. We thank the families of Danny A. Newton and Robert G. Stockton for remembering your loved ones in such a meaningful way, and extend our deepest sympathy for your loss.

DANNY A. NEWTON

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EIOLT Planned Giving Program

The EIOLT Development Committee met recently to discuss a proposal to develop a Planned Giving program. Lynn Bagnal, committee member, said, "We all want to leave a legacy behind, and the Land Trust will offer a plan for those who want to be remembered as having left a living memorial on Edisto Island." This planned giving program would allow someone to leave assets in their will to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust for land preservation. She added, "This type of program makes it easy for someone who loves Edisto to give back to the island something that could make a lasting difference to its future as a tural paradise." Lynn would like to encourage other EIOLT