



# Corridor Management Plan for SC 46

# What is a Corridor Management Plan?



A Corridor Management Plan is required for all state and national scenic byways.

*All corridor management plans developed for scenic byways must address all 14 points set forth by the Federal Highway Administration who oversee the program.*

To qualify as a national scenic byway, a road system must include at least one intrinsic quality.

# SC 46 possesses all SIX Intrinsic Qualities



Cultural /  
Archaeological



Scenic



Historic



Natural



Recreation



Tourism

# Recommendation for Goals:

- Goal 1: Conserve and enhance the natural and scenic resources that make this area such an important place to protect and a privilege to visit.
- Goal 2: Protect cultural and historic qualities of the region that reflect the way of life.
- Goal 3: Maintain and improve services and facilities, for residents and visitors, that are consistent with small town, rural character and local values.
- Goal 4: Improve safety along the Scenic Byway for all users without jeopardizing intrinsic qualities.
- Goal 5: Continue to build partnerships and foster cooperation among agencies and organizations to ensure that the goals of the Scenic Byway are in harmony with existing programs that protect and enhance the intrinsic qualities along the roadway.
- Goal 6: Promote and interpret important sites (historic/cultural/natural) along the route.

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*Canopy within Old Town*



*Tunnel effect near Tabby's Place*



Live Oaks

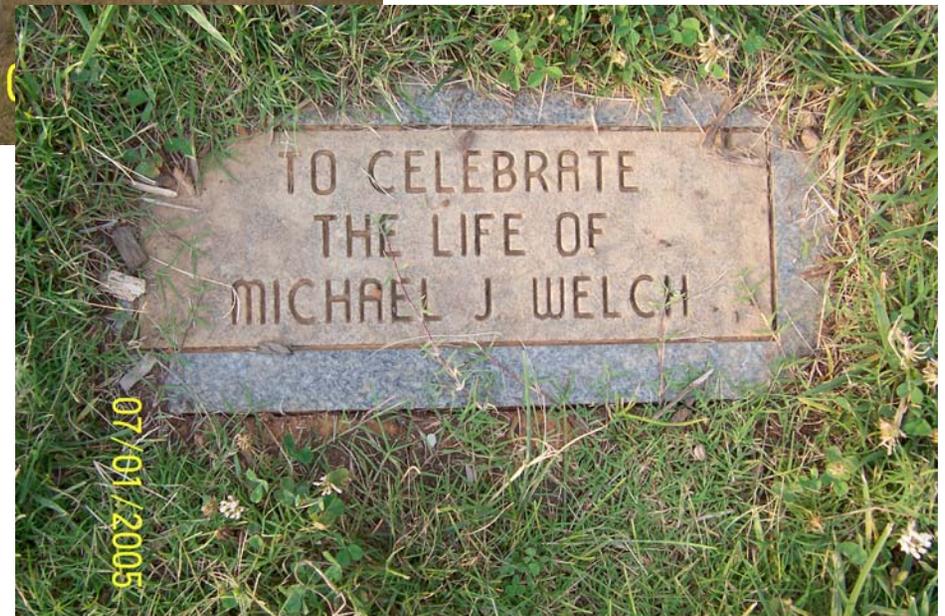


Native Plants

The CMP makes recommendations on how best to protect the natural beauty of the area.



Start a Live Oak  
Memorial Tree  
Planting initiative for  
future generations.



Develop gardens and nature walks along the route that identify trees, plants and wildlife.

*Protect the native species and discourage the planting of exotics.*





*Continue river cleanup and protection of the May River*



*Continue river cleanup of the New River and other watersheds*



*One of the tributaries at Stoney Creek*

**Protect all water sources and encourage practices that improve water quality and water access.**



Do not allow billboards on SC 46 and, where possible, put the electrical wires underground or behind a tree line.

Both detract from the scenic view shed.





Develop a uniform sign program along the corridor itself.



Concept idea for markers designating points of interest along the route.

# Concept idea for directional signage

## BLUFFTON SCENIC BYWAY

- ↑ Scenic Vistas
- ↑ Walking Trails
- ↑ Marshlands
- ↑ Historic Downtown



*On Hwy 46 just as one comes into Beaufort County from Jasper Co.*

## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

- ⇒ Artisans' Row
- ⇒ Art Guild, Café
- ⇒ Churches, Shops
- ⇒ Public Dock



*Corner of SC 46 and Calhoun Street*

## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

- Bluffton Oyster Co
- ↑ Artisans' Row
- ↑ Shops, Theater
- ↑ Restaurants
- ↑ River Access



*Corner of 46 and Wharf Street*



Adopt ordinances that keep unsightly areas out of view through stricter codes and steeper penalties.

# Preserve and promote Bluffton's rich heritage



## And quirky eclectic small town southern charm





*Artisans/Crafters*



*Nature and water-based activities*

Emphasize an economic base that focuses on resource conservation and clean industry such as outdoor recreation and tourism.





Promote “eco-tourism” that attracts those visitors interested in birding, plant and wildlife viewing, day trips, bicycling, hiking and kayaking.



*Signage for historic walking tour*

Expand the historic walking tour to include a historic driving tour along SC 46



*Two historic churches*

A few of the historic buildings along SC 46 which might be preserved, interpreted and included on the tour.



*The Cannery*



*Schoolhouse*



*A Praise House or Church*



*The Post Office*



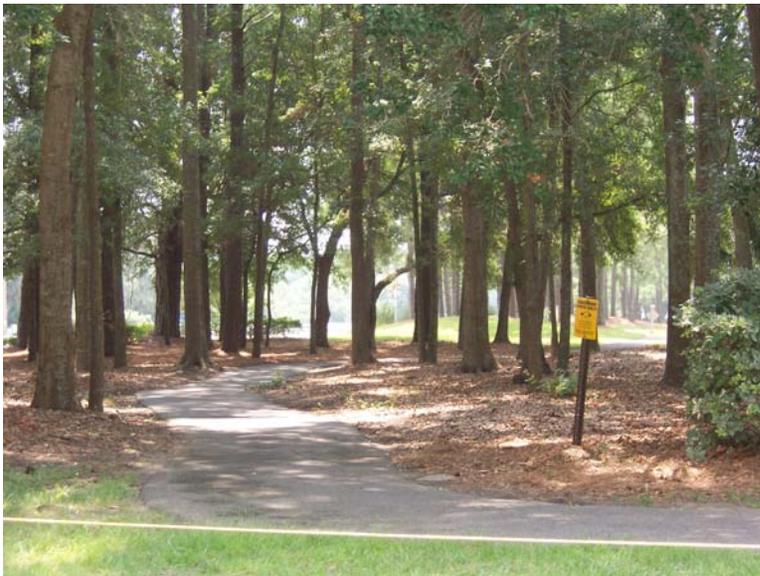
*A few of the homes*



*Three suggested designated “photo ops” include the overlooks at Stoney Creek, Rose Dhu Creek and the linear rails-to-trail site.*



*Also recommend wayside exhibits at these sites*



Develop a  
bike/pedestrian pathway  
along SC 46 from the  
Jasper county line into  
the Town of Bluffton.



*Pathways do not have to be located right beside the road itself.*

Interpretive signs should be added at points of interest along both SC 46 and the pedestrian/bike path



*Restrooms and drinking fountains are suggested along the route.*

For SC 46 to remain a scenic drive, commercial businesses along the route should be discouraged.



Discourage mobile home parks, gas stations, strip malls, etc.

Let people enjoy the scenic natural beauty.

And slow the traffic down and incorporate traffic calming techniques so people can enjoy the drive.



Reduce speed to 40 mph along the entire route of SC 46 then lower it down to 25 mph or less through the Old Town.

