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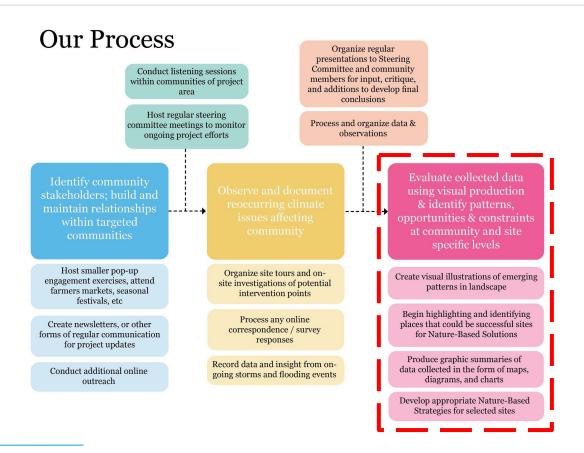
Let's pick up where we left off & review the rest of our agenda.



Today's Agenda

- 1. Welcome | Sherri
- 2. Project Recap: Debrief Phase I Listening Sessions | Sherri & Maggie
- Interactive Experience with Each Community | Thetyka & Maggie
- 4. Vulnerability Assessment with Robinson Design Engineers | Joshua
- 5. Q&A with Communities | Thetyka
- 6. Next Steps | Joshua & Thetyka





Project Recap: Debrief Phase I Listening Sessions

Project Area

Who are the stakeholders within the Project Area?

Project Area includes:

Ten Mile Community

Woodville

Awendaw

Pineland

Buck Hall

Tibwin

McClellanville

Moss Swamp

Germantown

South Santee



Project Area Engagement

8 Listening Sessions

- 1.17 Concerned Citizens of Unincorporated Charleston County, Buckshots Restaurant
- 4.12 Awendaw Town Office
- 4.15 Germantown, Howard AME Church
- 4.22 Bethel AME Church, McClellanville
- 4.26 Ten Mile Community Center
- 5.6 Town of McClellanville, Lincoln Regional Center of SC
- 5.13 Buck Hall, Greater Howard Chapel
- 5.20 South Santee, Mt. Zion AME Church

2 Project Area Tours

- Steering Committee & Consultants Project Area Tour
- Project Area Tour with Community Members & Consultants

2 Front Porch Conversations

- Ms. Debra Garrett (Tibwin)
- Mr. Larry Jenkins (Tibwin)

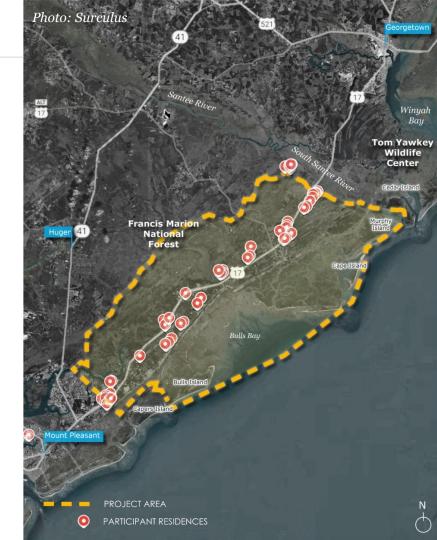
2 Community Event

- Bulls Bay Nature & Cultural Heritage Festival
- Gullah Style Festival



Project Area Participation

This map highlights the project area parameters (yellow), where community outreach and engagement sessions were conducted over the last few months. The red pinpoints represent participant addresses, demonstrating widespread community interaction across the entire study area.



Project Area Participation

Moss Swamp and Pineland were not included in the tour due to a lack of confirmation from community members. To address this, we followed up by conducting Front Porch Conversations with residents to gather their stories and understand how their land has been impacted over time. The insights from these conversations have been incorporated into the report.



Community Outreach & Engagement









Engagement Questions



- 1. What is your favorite thing about where you live?
- 2. What makes your community unique?
- 3. How would you define your community / communities?
- 4. What positive efforts, changes, or experiences are you currently seeing within your community?
- 5. What challenges is your community currently facing?
- 6. What changes or improvements would you like to see?
- 7. What problems do you think are most urgent in your community?
- 8. What in your community do you feel should be protected?
- 9. Are there important things within your community that you feel have been lost?
- 10. How do you interact with water? This can be positive or negative.
- 11. Do you have any fears or frustrations about water?
- 12. Do you notice any particular areas in your community where flooding is a problem?
- 13. When do you usually experience the most flooding or water-related issues?
- 14. How have flooding patterns changed over time in your community?
- 15. Have you observed any changes in other water patterns in your community over the years?
- 16. Does water pollution or poor water quality affect your community? How?
- 17. Have you noticed any other changes to weather or landscape patterns in your lifetime? How have these affected you?

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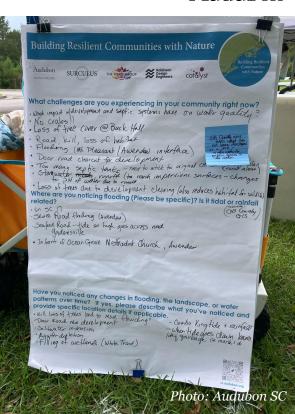




4.22 Bethel AME Church Listening Session



5.6 Town of McClellanville Listening Session



5.17 Bulls Bay Nature & Cultural Heritage Festival

Community Outreach & Engagement Documentation



INITIAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION

Co-Creating Inclusive Community Resilience Projects with Nature-Based Solutions in the Cape Romain Region















BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES WITH NATURE PROJECT AREA TOUR WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS & CONSULTANTS 03,22,25

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Group 1 – Tibwin, McClellanville, Moss Swamp, Germantown, South Santee

* Group 1 did not visit Moss Swamp or South Santee as originally planned. Instead, they traveled to the community of Buck Hall, where they met with Sharon Cash, a community representative, to discuss resilience issues.

- 1. Thetyka Robinson, The Asiko Group
- 2. Sherri Fields, Audubon SC
- 3. Alma Williams, Audubon, SC
- 4. Maggie Williams, Surculus
- 5. Joshua Robinson, Robinson Design Engineers
- 6. Lewis Porcher, Lincoln Regional Center of SC
- 7. Sarah Dawsey, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Group 1 embarked on a comprehensive community tour beginning at the Sewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center, where they received an overview of the day's objectives. The group then visited Tibwin AME Church, the Lincoin Regional Center in McClellanville, and Howard AME Church in Germantown. At each location, they engaged with local leaders and residents to discuss community perspectives and regional issues. The day concluded back at the Sewee Center, marking a productive and insightful tour of the area.

Group 2 - Buck Hall, Pineland, Awendaw, Woodville, Ten Mile

- 1. Bianca LaPaz, The Asiko Group
- 2. Erin Rogers, Audubon SC
- 3. Erin Stevens, Surculus
- 4. Amy Nguyen, Robinson Design Engineers
- 5. Andy Fox, Catalyst
- 6. Tricia Midgett, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Group 2 began their tour at the Sewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center with an introduction to the day's objectives. The group visited key community sites, including an extended walkthrough at the Buck Hall Recreation Area (operated by the National Forestry Service), a drive through Pineland and adjacent forests along Willow Hall (unpaved) road, a stop at Awendaw Senior Clitzens Center (fit was closed and unattended), a drive through Woodville and the Paradise Island community, an extended walking exploration of the Sewee Shell Ring and Clarn Midden, and a final stop at Ten Mile Community Center where we met with Angele Singleton from the Steering Committee and several other community leaders. The day concluded back at the Sewee Center, marking a productive and insightful exploration of the region.

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- It is quiet and peaceful
- · Seeing green and smelling the pine trees
- Rural character
- · Kind, neighborly people
- · Chickens, donkeys, and livestock

2) What positive efforts, changes, or experiences are you currently seeing within your community?

- Larger buffers for development
- Public input
- · Balance for heirs' property and protecting the environment
- Passionate community
 Moratorium in place
- Awareness
- Awdreness
- Communication

3) What challenges is your community currently facing?

- Flooding issues
- Flooding seen on Doar Road and the Sewee Shell Ring
- Blue crab population in decline
- Shrimp and fishing community
- Development
- Drainage
- Water system
- · Shrimp habitat
- Erosion and pollution of barrier islands
- · Effects on community fisheries and communication
- Doar Road flooded between Sewee Shell Ring in the "no name storm"
- Growth development is happening so fast
- · How to mitigate growth with the environment in mind
- · Balance is key; not stopping people from enjoyment

4) What changes or improvements would you like to see?

- · Landscaping with native plants and grasses
- Improve run-off issues to protect the marshes
- · Protect the barrier islands
- Regulate fertilizers
- Drainage ditches

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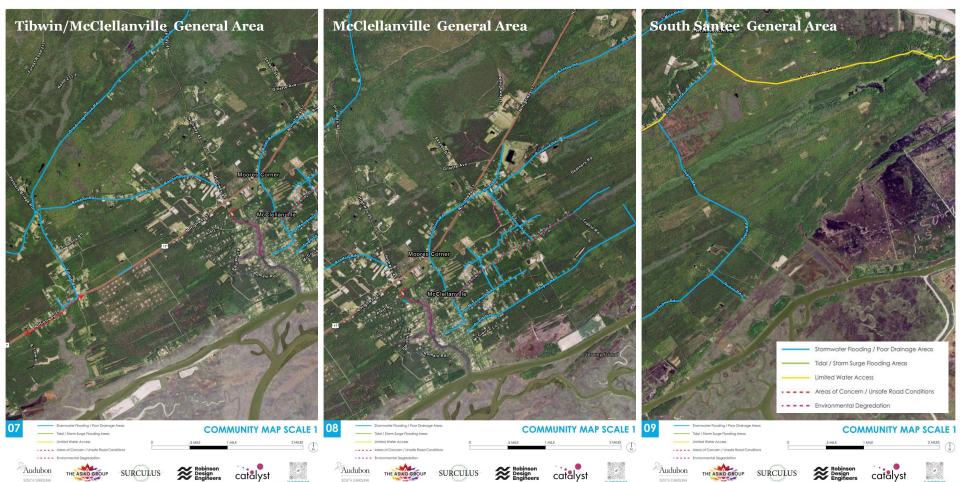
















OVERARCHING THEMES:

Community Connection: A deep appreciation for friends, family, neighbors, and shared history was voiced in every session. These bonds — and the desire to preserve them — are clearly central to life in these communities.

Rural Character and Quality of Life: Many residents expressed how much their communities value the quiet, rural environment — from the ability to hear birds and see the stars at night, to the benefits it brings to your everyday well-being.

Flooding and Infrastructure: We heard many concerns about flooding — from individual properties to key roadways. A common issue raised was inadequate maintenance of drainage ditches, contributing to water challenges in various areas.

Living with Water: Stories of fishing, crabbing, shrimping, and boating in Cape Romain and its connected waterways were powerful. These were balanced by memories of hurricanes, a decline in local marine life, loss of access to familiar waterways, and growing concerns about more frequent flooding and privatization of waterfront areas.

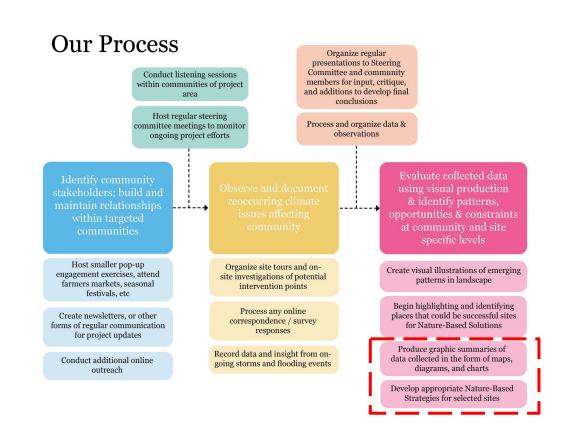


Looking Ahead...

How should we prioritize potential sites for Nature-Based Solutions?

Produce graphic summaries of data collected in the form of maps, diagrams, and charts

Develop appropriate Nature-Based Strategies for selected sites





Questions or Comments? Let's transition into the Interactive Exercise!

Instructions for Interactive Exercise



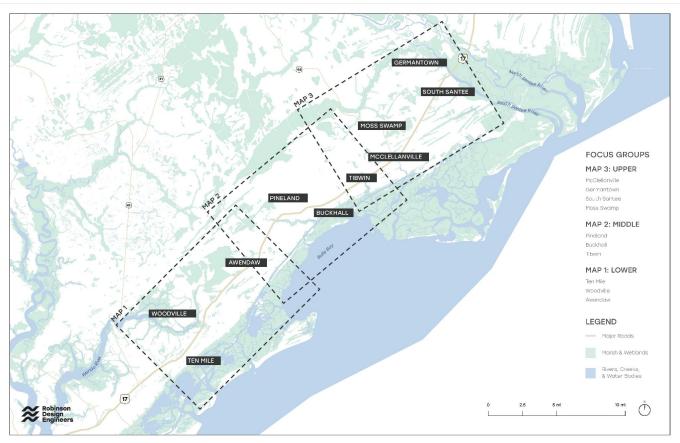
- 1. **REVIEW:** Phase I report reflecting responses from community members in your respective community.
- 2. **READ + COMPLETE**: Read summarized responses from feedback received in Phase I report. Complete Likert scale to confirm if they represent your experiences.
- 3. **VISIT MAPS:** Using the maps for your respective community, note where we missed data and/or confirm the accuracy of the information provided.



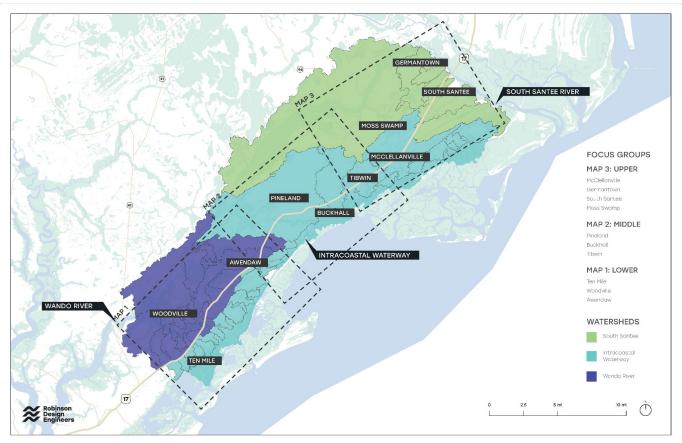
Phase II

- 1. Vulnerability Assessment
- 2. Concept Design
 - a. Four project sites
 - b. Reduce stormwater flooding using NbS
 - c. Improve water access
 - d. Reduce tidal flooding using NbS
 - e. Improve maintenance
- 3. Preliminary Engineering Design















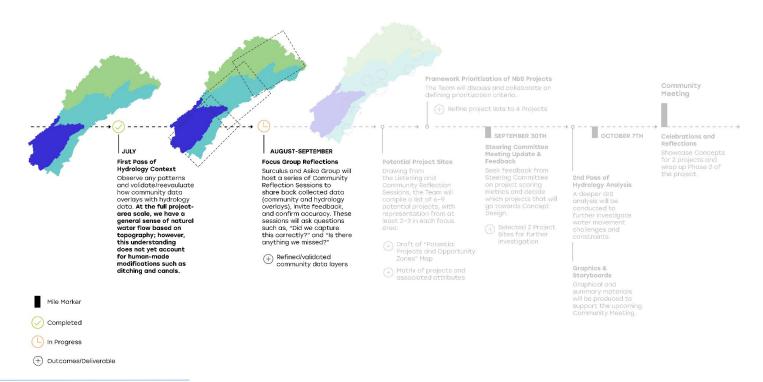






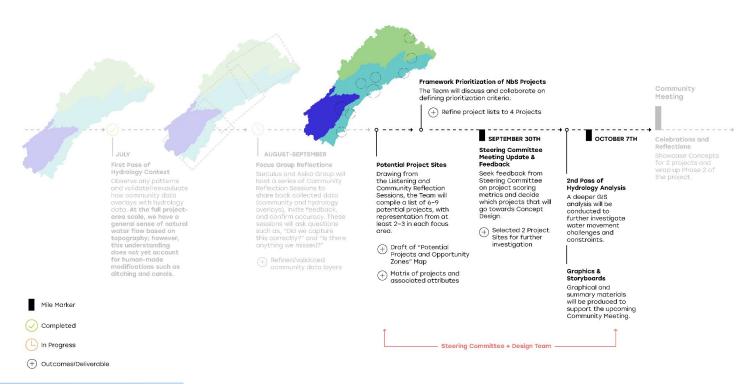


Next Steps & Involvement



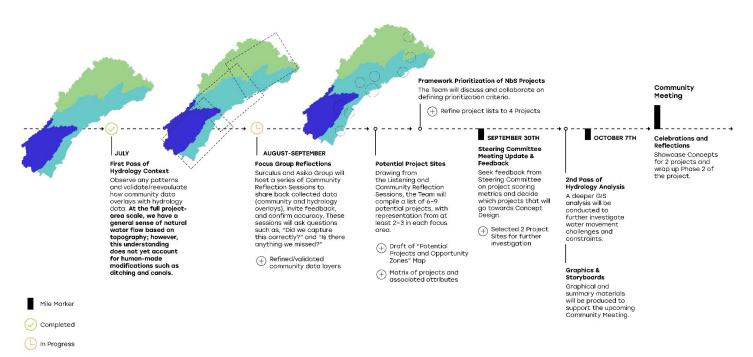


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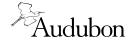
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(+) Outcomes/Deliverable



Questions? What are we missing?



Next Steps

This Fall, we will be hosting one more community meeting:

Communities of Ten Mile, Woodville, and Awendaw

Saturday, September 27, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at Mt Pleasant Library, Community Room (1133 Mathis Ferry Road)

Keep an eye out for announcements via our newsletter about forthcoming community meetings in early 2026! We will also be hosting an end of project event in Summer 2026.

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Thank you for joining us!