



## Charleston County News Release

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### **Sewee Summit Planning Team Focuses on Regional Planning**

*Next meeting to discuss a regional plan for the Sewee-to-Santee area on Wednesday, April 28*

The Sewee Planning Team, created during the Sewee-to-Santee Summit, will hold its next meeting from 2–4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, at Awendaw Town Hall. The meeting, which is open to the public, will focus on the assets and needs of the Sewee-to-Santee region.

The Sewee-to-Santee region includes the mostly rural areas in northern Charleston County between Mount Pleasant, Awendaw and McClellanville.

The Sewee Planning Team was established as a result of the Sewee-to-Santee Summit that was held on Feb. 16 at the Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center. The Summit was initiated by Charleston County Council member [Dickie Schweers](#) and other area representatives.

The purpose of the summit was to determine whether the Sewee-to-Santee area could benefit from regional collaboration in order to meet the conservation, community, economic development, and social needs of the area. The goal is to develop a coordinated strategy in partnership with the major municipalities, public and private utility providers, landowners and interested community partners.

The summit stakeholders agreed that regional collaboration is needed and formed the Sewee Planning Team tasked to determine the following:

- Prepare an assessment of the assets of the region: natural; cultural/historic; human; infrastructure/other manmade; and local commerce
- Define the values of the assets
- Define the needs of the assets
- List elements that could be considered for a regional plan for the area

The team is expected to present its findings to the summit's stakeholders in mid-May 2010.

**For questions concerning the Sewee Planning Team and the upcoming meeting, contact Dickie Schweers at (843) 513-9229.**

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