



## Charleston County News Release

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### **Award Given to Charleston County Council Agricultural Issues Advisory Committee**

*Planning Advocate Award will be presented at the Nov. 20 County Council meeting*

The [Charleston County Council](#) Agricultural Issues Advisory Committee has been awarded the 2012 Planning Advocate Award by the [South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association](#) (SCAPA). The Committee is a joint effort of municipal, county, state and federal governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private sector agricultural and forestry operations whose mission is to identify ways to foster agriculture and agri-business in both Charleston County and across the state.

Curtis Inabinett, Sr., former member of the South Carolina General Assembly and former Charleston County Councilmember, founded the committee while on Council. [He was present to receive the award](#) during SCAPA's annual fall conference in Pawley's Island last month.

"The Agricultural Issues Advisory Committee has been an effective advocate for agriculture and agri-business in both Charleston County and across the state and is a service that has been greatly needed," Inabinett said.

[Charleston County Council](#)'s Agricultural Issues Advisory Committee comprises Charleston County Council members; mayors and staff of local municipalities; local farmers, fisherman, foresters and Sweetgrass Basket makers; and representatives from Clemson Extension, S.C. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Service, Charleston County School District, Lowcountry Local First, the S.C. Coastal Conservation League, MeadWestvaco, Crop Up, LLC., and other nonprofit organizations and private entities.

The award will be presented to [Charleston County Council](#) during a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building (4045 Bridge View Drive; N. Charleston, SC 29405) and is open to the public.

According to SCAPA, the Planning Advocate Award is given in recognition of an individual or a group for an outstanding contribution to the advancement of quality planning in South Carolina and the exhibition of qualities that have led to successful accomplishment of planning goals, programs or projects.

The award was given to the Charleston County Council Agricultural Issues Advisory Committee in recognition of its effective advocacy for agricultural preservation in South Carolina including facilitating the flow of information and ideas between farmers, foresters, nonprofit groups, private entities, government agencies and elected and appointed officials; bringing together agricultural preservation efforts from around the state; and providing links between local producers and consumers.

SCAPA conducts a professional, peer-review awards program every two years. The chapter awards program recognizes outstanding efforts and achievements that advance the art and science of planning in South Carolina. Each of the plans, projects and individuals recognized demonstrate a contribution to the improvement of the quality of life for South Carolinians.

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