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County Council to Recognize Longtime Greenbelt Advisory Board Chair

Louise Maybank served 10 years as Greenbelt Advisory Board Chair

Louise Maybank, who served as Chair of the [Greenbelt Advisory Board \(GAB\)](#) since 2004, stepped down last month. Maybank will be recognized by Charleston County Council at the Feb. 3, 2015 meeting.

Link to County Council agenda can be found [here](#).

"I've certainly enjoyed my time on the Greenbelt Advisory Board and during these 10 years many special places have been protected for the benefit of the citizens of Charleston County," said Louise Maybank. "I felt this was a time in the life of the program where the leadership could be transferred gracefully and it's important to do that."

The GAB is a 14-member citizen-advisory board initially tasked with crafting the Charleston County Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan. The board now serves to evaluate the Greenbelt Program and makes policy recommendations to County Council.

Greenbelt Program Highlights and Accomplishments:

- Issued \$94 million for the protection of 20,530 acres across Charleston County.
- Allocated funds to 153 projects with 80% of the funds being used to purchase more than 8,000 acres that will be open to the public as urban and rural parks.
- GAB created the Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan, which is based on extensive citizen input; County Council unanimously adopted the plan in 2006.
- The Greenbelt Plan was awarded the S.C. Chapter of the American Planning Associations' 2006 Award for Outstanding Planning Project – Large Jurisdiction.

The current GAB members are:

- Chair: Beezer Molten (recommended by Charleston County Councilman Joe Qualey)
- Vice Chair: Brady Quirk-Garvan (recommended by Charleston County Council member Colleen Condon)
- Raymond H. Anderson, Jr. - City of North Charleston
- Charles Bennett, Jr. (recommended by Charleston County Council member Teddie Pryor)
- Kelly Cousino – Town of Mount Pleasant
- Monte Gaillard (recommended by Charleston County Council member Dickie Schweers)
- Warwick Jones (recommended by Charleston County Council member Henry Darby)
- Nora Kravec (recommended by Charleston County Council member Anna Johnson)
- Gerald Lahm (recommended by Charleston County Council member Elliott Summey)
- Jackie Morrison (recommended by Charleston County Council member Herb Sass)
- Lawrence O. Thompson - City of Charleston

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