

Center for Heirs' Property Preservation

Resolving Heirs' Property in Coastal SC



Land is among the most important asset for people.



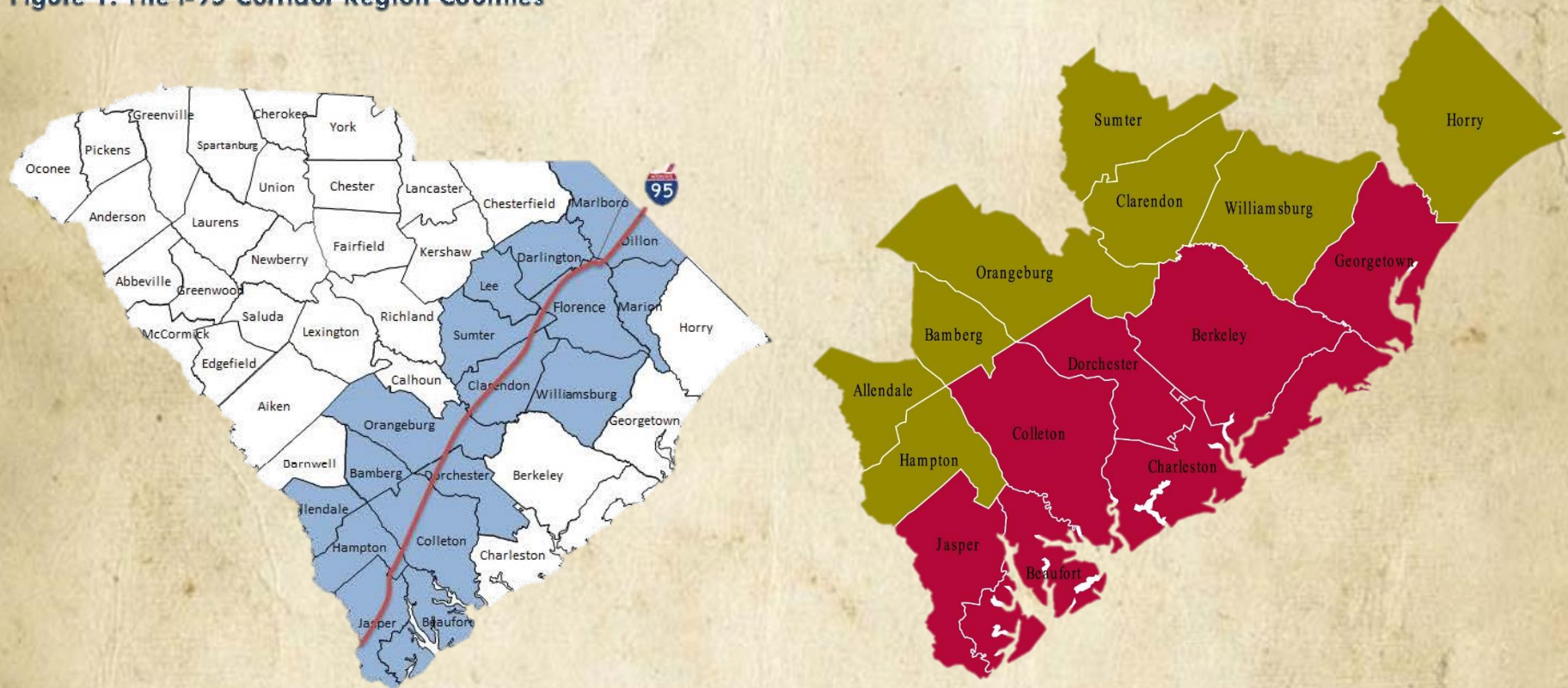
Land...

According to the US Agency for International Development (AID), land can be “a vital part of cultural and social identities, a valuable asset to stimulate economic growth, and a central component to preserving natural resources and building societies that are inclusive, resilient, and sustainable.”



The Center's Service Area

Figure 1: The I-95 Corridor Region Counties



15-County Area Characteristics

- Contains 1/3 of the state's 4.6 M population (1.5M)
- 11 of the 15 counties designated as persistently poor; contained within Congressman Jim Clyburn's I-95 Corridor
- 2 out of every 5 residents are African-American -vs- 1 out of 3 residents in the state



15- County Area Characteristics

- 1 out of every 3 residents are poor
- Contains at least 108K acres of HP
- Contains almost 40% of the states 13.1M forested acres
- Contains some of the best soil for growing pine trees



Challenges & Opportunities

- Lack of Knowledge
- Growth & Development
 - Boeing & Volvo
 - Forestry is a \$21B industry in SC
- Coastal Resiliency/Impact of natural disasters



Empowerment Philosophy



Empowerment Philosophy Strategies

- **Prevention**
 - **Advice & Counsel provided to ~300 annually owning land with tax assessed values (TAV) of \$34.8M**
- **Resolution**
 - **170 titles, TAV \$9.7M**
- **Land Utilization**
 - **Timber harvests, \$1.4M**
 - **EQIP Funding, \$720K**



On the Ground with Our Customers



Liability to Asset



Thank You!

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