

# Best Practices in Permitting

## What?

### ✈ The Scenario:

An aircraft manufacturer seeks to build new facilities to accommodate future growth.

### ✈ The Challenge:

The company needs to expand onto an additional **468 acres, 150 of which are wetlands.**

### ✈ The Result:

The company's air and wetlands permits are approved **6 months** after submission, and **4,000 acres are now protected.**

## How?

### PLAN.

Engage early with key stakeholders.  
Take advantage of pre-application meetings.  
Create a permit target schedule.

### COMMUNICATE.

Identify needs (requirements, priorities, uncertainties) and solutions.

### BE FLEXIBLE.

Be willing to change course to overcome barriers.

### COLLABORATE.

Work together to achieve the best outcomes.

## Who benefits?

### COMMUNITY

The wetlands mitigation plan protects **4,000 acres**, expanding the green belt around Charleston – terrific for future hiking, biking, bird watching, and enjoying nature.

### ENVIRONMENT

The plan improves water quality, protects wildlife, and restores the long-leaf pine ecosystem.  
**Note:** wetlands projects do not have to be large; it is more about functional ecological gain than acreage.

### ECONOMY

Streamlined permitting supports business development, adding direct and indirect jobs to the local economy, as well as around the state through the supply chain.

**A streamlined permitting process is good for the economy and good for the environment.**

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