

2022 Accomplishments



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Clemson
SOUTH CAROLINA

- Worked with Duke Energy to develop an overhead to underground utility conversion program. Since July 2022 we have had over 70 submissions to the program.
- The City hired a full time Tourism and Community Events Coordinator to promote Clemson as a destination through events and community engagement.
- The City underwent a complete rebrand.
- The Police Department was awarded a grant for DUI and traffic enforcement.
- The 13U baseball team won the 2022 Dixie Youth State Tournament and World Series Championship, and the 8U co-ed soccer team won the the SCAP State Championship.
- The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded the Class 2 SC Athletic Department of the Year.
- The Pump Track was completed at Clemson Park.
- The City was awarded Tree City USA for the 9th year in a row and received Monarch City USA designation.
- The Clemson Area African American Museum partnered with the Brooks Center Drumfolk/Stono Rebellion program to host STEP AFRIKA.
- The Arts Center of Clemson hosted many events including Hispanic Heritage Month, Pumpkin Palooza, and the Holiday Market. The Art Center was also a participant in Artisphere in Greenville.
- Received \$2.6 million dollars in Congressional Directed Funding from Lindsey Graham to purchase land and provide infrastructure for the creation of affordable housing.
- Clemson Area Transit received a \$3.9 million dollar grant to purchase electric buses.
- Received a grant to do a tree canopy map of the City and created a Tree Canopy Map
- Provide infrastructure to allow Pickens County Habitat for Humanity to build homes in Clemson.
- Start the Downtown Improvement project.
- Work with a Master Developer to create value added development opportunities in the Uptown area.
- Launch a new, more accessible City website.
- Begin working on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue planning current and future Green Crescent Trail phases.
- Begin work on many infrastructure (water, wastewater, and stormwater) projects.
- Complete the Dawson Park shelter and restroom project.
- Begin work at Nettles Park. Project will include adding additional parking and pickleball courts.
- Begin working on the Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan.
- Begin construction on the final build out of Clemson Park.
- Continue working with Clemson University and the City of Seneca on the Black Heritage Trail.
- The Arts Center will be planning and hosting new community events, one being Pop in the Park.
- Continue applying for Community Development Grants, Infrastructure Grants, and Economic Development Grants.
- Improve the City's marketing and communication to residents and visitors.
- Make Clemson the best place to live, work, and play.

2023 Goals

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- City Council approved the FY 24 annual operating budget in June. The new budget went into effect on July 1st.
- The budget includes impactful investments in staff, infrastructure, equipment and vehicles, and transit. For an overview of the approved budget check out our '[Budget at a Glance](#)' document by scanning the QR Code.
- Due to rising operating and personnel costs, partnered with a rise in the cost of infrastructure projects, the City raised water and sewer rates a combined 17.5%, resulting in a \$6.72 increase in the average household bill. The stormwater fee also increased from \$3 to \$6 per month. This is the first increase since the fee's inception.

Scan the QR code to view the FY24 Budget at a Glance.



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- 'On the Ave' Downtown Concert series has been a huge hit this summer resulting in the addition of two dates in July.
- The City partnered with the City of Seneca and Clemson University to host a wonderful Juneteenth Celebration.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has been busy this spring with events including Movies on the Green, VIP + Me, Senior Bingo, Nettles Park Garage Sale, Yoga for You, Picnic in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt (modified due to weather), Tech Time, and Camp Clemson. The 'Mobile Rec' trailer also made its debut this Spring, allowing the team to bring the fun into the community.
- Pop in the Park, a craft show featuring local artists, is a new, free event hosted at Gateway Park by the Arts Center.
- With the help of artist Patro Ulmer, members of the Clemson community came together to paint a beautiful mural on the side of the Calhoun Bridge Center.

- Reuse the Refuse. The City's Public Works Department collects organic refuse in the City. The refuse is then ground, cooked, and used to mulch areas around the city.
- The City kicked off a tree planting campaign, #growagreenerclemson, in January. With support from Trees Upstate, Duke Energy, and Clemson Downs the City has hosted a tree giveaway event at Nettles Park and a tree planting event at Clemson Downs.
- The City is nearing the completion of Phase 1 of the Green Crescent Trail. This portion of the trail will be 1.5 miles long and will connect Gateway Park to Clemson Elementary.
- The City submitted an application to the EPA for funding through the 'Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling' Grant program to create an additional recycling drop-off facility in the City. Award notification is expected this fall.

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BY THE NUMBERS

#5

Truly Underrated Towns In South Carolina That Deserve To Be Explored
(Ranked by [The Travel](#))

12

Graduates of Leadership Clemson this spring

192

Full-time City of Clemson Employees

#2

Cutest Small Town in South Carolina
(Ranked by [World Atlas](#))

362

Trees given away so far this year

2,726

Business licenses issued in fiscal year 23.

2,500

Pounds of clay used in classes taught at the Art Center.

1,172,000

Pounds of recyclables collected at the recycle center at Public Works.

1,236

Collegiate players and coaches competed in Rowing Training at 12-Mile Park.

\$3,400,000

Grant awarded to the City of Clemson, City of Seneca and Clemson University from the Mellon Foundation to preserve Black history with the creation of Black Heritage Trail.

\$10,890

Dollars saved by using mulch generated by the City's 'Reuse the Refuse' program to mulch the median of U.S. HWY 76

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REVIEW