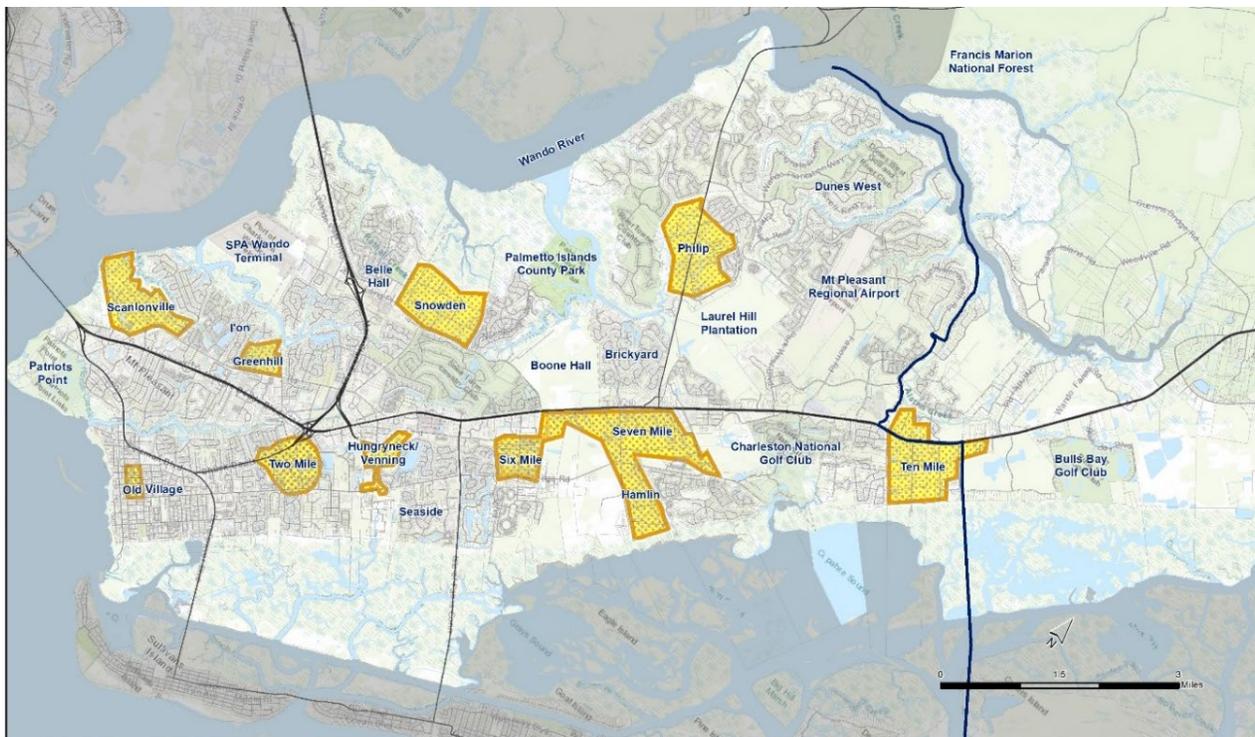


## Community Issues (aka Future Initiatives)

Beyond the umbrella of goals to be accomplished, citizen input and the Plan Forum's discussion led to the identification of several specific issues that must be addressed to protect and enhance the character of the Town in the future. For several of these, the Town is in a position where lack of attention will inevitably lead to lost opportunities; however, immediate attention and commitment to addressing these issues will yield benefits for years to come. These issues address many of the preceding goals and are wide-reaching in their potential impacts on the community.

These Community Issues are:

1. The Urban Corridor Overlay District
2. Housing Diversity & Affordability
3. **Settlement Communities**
4. The Cultural Core
5. The Mount Pleasant Way
6. Financial Health/Resilience
7. Open Space Network



### Settlement Communities



This map does not represent the policies of the Town of Mount Pleasant. This map is solely a general basemap of Town features.

The area shown is the Mount Pleasant Urban Growth Boundary. No distinction has been made between incorporated and unincorporated areas. Only a portion of the 2014 Plan Study area outside the UGB is shown north of the Wando River.

### 3 - Settlement Communities

Historic African-American settlement communities are found throughout the Mount Pleasant planning area and could be considered a case-study of the tremendous change that has occurred in the Mount Pleasant area in recent decades. These communities have deep roots in Mount Pleasant and have managed to maintain their sense of community in the face of encroaching development.

Although many of them are not actually located within the Town limits, the Forum recognized their importance and made recommendations to support these communities. This future initiative will involve working with Charleston County and residents and landowners in the communities themselves to identify local needs and goals, and opportunities to sustain the collective lifestyle of each unique neighborhood.

### Recommendations

1. Coordinate with Charleston County on plans and ordinances designed to address needs and concerns of these communities.
2. Protect the integrity of settlement communities by limiting further encroachment and deterioration of the original development patterns and ensuring any redevelopment is as compatible as possible with community standards.
3. Work with settlement communities, Charleston County, and Mount Pleasant Waterworks to identify and provide opportunities to connect residents to public sewer.
4. Enhance and elevate the support and economic viability of local historic settlement communities by coordinating with the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, the African American Settlement Community Historical Commission, and local settlement communities.
5. Create a system of historical markers, trails and an app to promote the history of these communities (in conjunction with the bicycle and pedestrian network the *Mount Pleasant Way*)
6. Establish a cultural/arts facility to blend the history and culture of Mount Pleasant with the contemporary arts for the enrichment and education of the Mount Pleasant community.

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