

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

Site No. 0336

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State Historic Preservation Office

South Carolina Department of Archives and History Quadrangle Name: Orangeburg South 8301 Parklane Road

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SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Edisto Memorial Gardens

Common Name:

Address/Location: Russell Street And Riverside Drive

City: Orangeburg

Vicinity of

County: Orangeburg

Ownership: City

Category: Site

Historical Use: Recreation/Culture

Current Use: Recreation/Culture

SHPO National Register

Other:

Determination of Eligibility: Not Eligible

Property Description

Construction Date: Circa 1920 Construction: Historic Core Shape: Exterior

Walls:

Other:

Foundation:

Commercial Form:

Roof Shape:

Other: Roof Material: Stories: Porch Shape:

Other:

Porch Width:

Description /Significant Features:

175-acre garden and wildlife park owned and operated by the City of Orangeburg. The park was constructed starting in 1926 with the planting of a 5-acre azalea garden along the banks of the North Edisto River. While the azaleas proved to be a major tourist attraction when in bloom, the park itself languished somewhat until Park Superintendent Andrew Dribble took over management in 1937. Throughout the 1940s, 1950s, and early 1960s, Dribble worked to establish the expanded and more organized gardens which exist today. Components of the park which date to Dribble's tenure include a rose garden and adjacent water garden, the repurposing and placement of the Lady Fountain (0336.01), the relocation of Albergotti Playground (Resource 0336.02), the original park office, and the picnic shelter located adjacent to a pathway to the North Edisto River (Resource 0336.04).

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Alterations (including date(s), if known):

Multiple. Modern sections of the park include the Angel of Hope statue garden area and the Centennial Park.

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Historical Information

Historical Information:

Source(s) of Information:

Images of America: Orangeburg. Gene Atkinson. 2001.

Digital Photo ID(s)

File Name:

View:

Other:

00336001

Facing North

Contextual

00336002

Facing Southeast

Park office northwest oblique

00336003

Facing North

Sensory garden

00336004

Facing Southwest

Contextual

00336005

Facing South

Rose garden

00336006

Facing West

Contextual with birdhouse

00336007

Facing East

Pond facing lady fountain

Program Management

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