

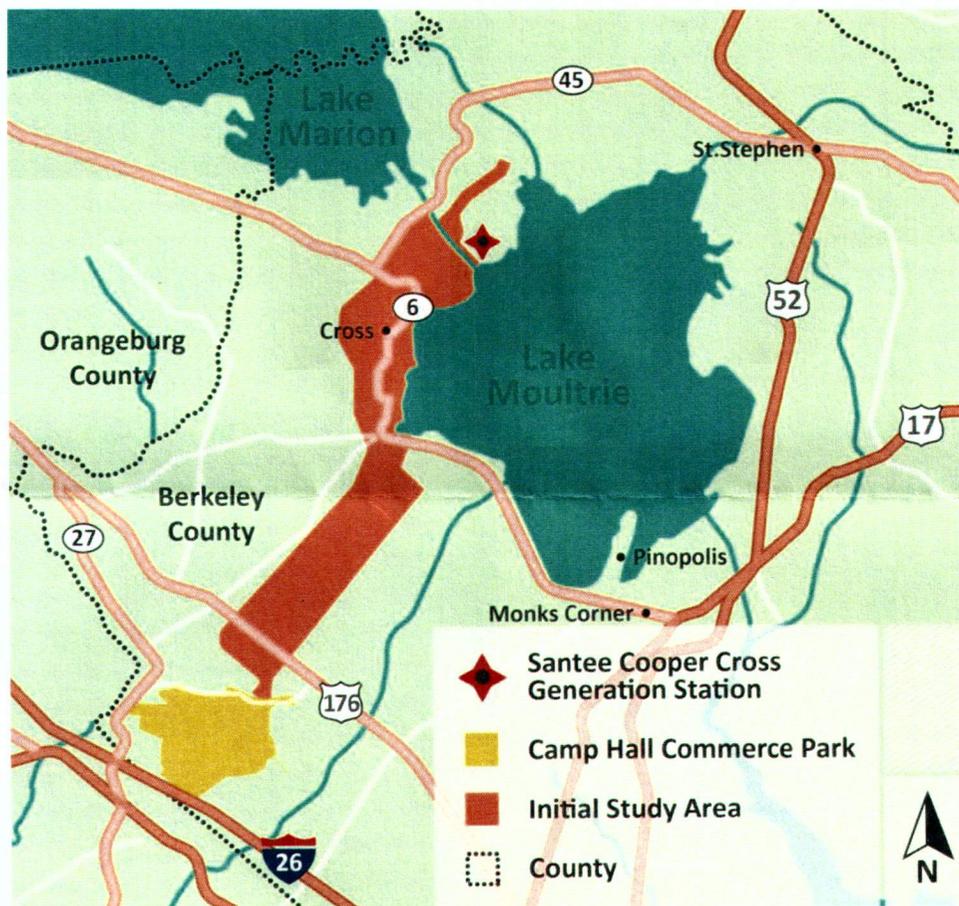
March 11, 2016

Honorable Nikki Haley
State of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton St
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Community kickoff open house to discuss the development of a rail line to serve the Camp Hall Commerce Park

Palmetto Railways announced today that we will hold a community kickoff open house to introduce the public to the proposed development of a new industrial rail line in Berkeley County, SC. This new rail line will connect the Camp Hall Commerce Park to existing railroad right-of-way, near the Santee Cooper Cross Generating Station in Berkeley County.

A map of the initial project study area is included for reference:





We understand that you and your constituents may have questions about the project and we ask that you encourage anyone interested to attend the community kickoff open house to help address issues, opportunities and potential impacts from this project. No formal presentation will be given. Maps showing the initial project study area and a schedule will be available for review. Representatives from the project team will also be available to discuss the project process.

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Time: Anytime between 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Cross Community Center, 1690 Old Highway 6, Cross, SC 29436

If your constituents are unable to attend the open house in person, an online meeting will be available between March 29 and April 19 by visiting www.palmettorailways.com. Individuals can sign up on the website to be notified when the online meeting is available.

We also invite interested stakeholders to join our mailing list or leave a comment for the project team by filling out the online form on the website.

Palmetto Railways will identify a preferred rail route through an application to the US Army Corps of Engineers that will define the need for the project. Palmetto Railways will also perform, under the oversight of the US Army Corps of Engineers, an analysis of the impacts to the environment of the proposed project as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. These studies will identify and evaluate rail alternatives within the study area, evaluate environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, and provide for public and agency involvement. Throughout the development of the Environmental Assessment, Palmetto Railways will engage in a process that encourages communication and cooperation between those who are involved in project-related decision making, including government officials, private businesses and the public.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey McWhorter".

Jeffrey McWhorter
President & Chief Executive Officer
Palmetto Railways