



Realtors envision growth

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The Presentations

[Charleston Mayor Joe Riley outlining](#) the city's vision for West Ashley, Johns Island and James Island. - (PDF)

[Coastal Conservation League Project Manager Alex Dadok](#) challenged planners to turn shopping centers dominated by big paved parking lots into mixed-use commercial and residential centers. - (PDF)

[Charleston County Councilman Curtis Bostic](#), Deputy Administrator Kurt Taylor and Director of Transportation Development Jim Armstrong talked about the county's commitment to preserve rural areas and outlined road projects. - (PDF)

Brushing off talk of a slowing economy, local officials and real estate agents gathered Tuesday to talk about how to handle the 85,000 new residents they expect to move into Charleston County over the next 12 years.

Charleston Mayor Joe Riley and Charleston County officials outlined growth plans for West Ashley, Johns Island and James Island, which include preserving thousands of acres of rural land, always a top priority in citizen workshops.

On the home front, Coastal Conservation League Project Manager Alex Dadok challenged planners to turn shopping centers dominated by big paved parking lots into mixed-use commercial and residential centers, with trees and other signs of life.

It was all great news to the 150 or so real estate agents who gathered at James Island County Park for the presentation, which was organized by the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors. The new residents will require 42,000 new houses, according to the county's projections.

"With the economy the way it's been the last couple years, we've seen our industry affected just like everything else," incoming president Gettys Glaze said after the meeting. "But the beauty of it is, people still want to come here, and this outlines how we're going to deal with it."

Tuesday's presentation allowed the public to study the maps in detail.

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