



**PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

**August 17, 2021
4:30 P.M.**

**Oconee County Administrative Offices
Council Chambers
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC**

Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Invocation by County Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

- June 1, 2021

Discussion Items *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*

- Continued discussion regarding Development Standards – Oconee County Planning Commission
- Discussion regarding Quarter 3 Economic Activity Update

Adjourn

Oconee County Council & Committee meeting schedules and agendas are posted at the Oconee County Administration Building and are available on the County Council Website www.oconeesc.com/council.html [All upcoming meetings will be held in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Cain, Chair, District III
Mr. Elliott, District I
Mr. Davis, III, District IV

OCONEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not preempted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

Meeting means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.
- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.

- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
 - (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
 - (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
 - (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
 - (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
 - (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
 - (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
 - (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.
- (d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2021-**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN RELATION TO LIGHTING, SCREENING, AND BUFFERING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, consistent with the powers granted county governments by S.C. Code § 4-9-25 and S.C. Code § 4-9-30, Oconee County (“County”), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through its governing body, the Oconee County Council (“County Council”), has the authority to enact regulations, resolutions, and ordinances, not inconsistent with the Constitution and the general law of the State of South Carolina, including the exercise of such powers in relation to health and order within its boundaries and respecting any subject as appears to it necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of the County or for preserving health, peace, order, and good government therein;

WHEREAS, the County has adopted multiple ordinances for the effective, efficient governance of the County, which, subsequent to adoption, are codified in the Oconee County Code of Ordinances (“Code of Ordinances”), as amended;

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by Section 4-9-30(9) and Chapter 29 of Title 6 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, among other sources, to impose land use restrictions and development standards in the unincorporated areas of the County;

WHEREAS, County Council recognizes that there is a need to revise the law of the County to meet the changing needs of the County and that there is a need to amend, specifically, Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 38-9.6, entitled “Development Standards: Lighting, Screening, and Buffering”;

WHEREAS, County Council has therefore determined to modify Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances and to affirm and preserve all other provisions of the Code of Ordinances not specifically, or by implication, amended hereby.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby revised, rewritten, and amended by adding Section 38-9.6, entitled “Development Standards: Lighting, Screening, and Buffering” as stated on Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. County Council hereby approves and adopts Attachment A as an additional “General Provision” of Chapter 38 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances and directs that the same be codified.

3. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

4. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded. Nothing contained herein, however, or in the attachment hereto, shall cancel, void, or revoke, or shall be interpreted as cancelling, voiding, or revoking, *ex post facto*, in any regard any prior performance standard, zoning or rezoning act, actions, or decisions of the County or County Council based thereon, which were valid and legal at the time in effect and undertaken pursuant thereto, in any regard.

5. All other terms, provisions, and parts of the Code of Ordinances, and specifically, but without exception, the remainder of Chapter 38, not amended hereby, directly or by implication, shall remain in full force.

6. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after third reading, public hearing, and enactment by County Council.

ORDAINED in meeting, duly assembled, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Oconee County Council

John Elliott
Chair, Oconee County Council

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____
Third Reading: _____
Public Hearing: _____

38-9.6 Development Standards: Lighting, Screening, and Buffering.

In order to encourage and maintain a harmonious living and business environment, the following standards shall be applicable to all developments indicated herein.

1. Applicability

The owner or their lawfully designated agent of new, non-residential, multifamily, and mixed use developments being developed adjacent to existing residential, multifamily, agricultural, or forestry uses shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the lighting, buffering, and screening standards set forth below.

The buffer and screening requirements may be waived or modified between adjacent property owners by agreement and pursuant to a special exemption granted by the Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Development means any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate including, but not limited to: new homes, building structures, dredging, filling, grading, paving, or excavation operations.

2. Lighting

- a. Lighting devices for lighting of horizontal development such as roadways, sidewalks, entrances and parking areas, and all other outdoor fixtures installed for the permanent illumination of signs, landscaping, and buildings shall be aimed, located, designed, fitted, and maintained so as not to present a hazard to drivers or pedestrians by impairing their ability to safely traverse and so as not to create a nuisance by projecting or reflecting objectionable light skyward, onto a neighboring property or onto a public roadway. Flashing lights are prohibited.

3. Screening and buffering

Screening and a physical separation (buffer) must be provided for at least the entire length of the proposed development plus twenty-five percent (25%), or up to the entire length of the shared property line, as determined by the planning director or their designee, for the purpose of screening and buffering adjacent activities from view of proposed projects including but not limited to: buildings, solid-waste, parking and drive lanes, outdoor storage, signage, lighting.

a. Screening requirements

The purpose of screening is to provide a visual screen between dissimilar uses. Visual screen shall mean a static barrier which shields the neighboring uses from view at normal ground levels. The visual screen shall extend from the ground to a height of at least six feet (6'). Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the vertical surface shall be open to allow the passage of air, and any such openings shall be designed to obscure visibility.

Unless otherwise required, the following minimum landscaping and screening provisions will apply.

1. A minimum 6-foot-tall wall, fence, berm, evergreen screening plant material, existing vegetation or a combination of wall, fence, berm or evergreen screening plant material, existing vegetation, with a combined minimum height of six feet (6') above grade shall be used for the purposes of screening

2. If evergreen plant material is used, it must be at least four (4) feet in height at the time of planting and capable of forming a continuous opaque screen at least six (6) feet in height, with individual plantings spaced not more than five (5) feet apart.
3. Existing vegetation may be utilized provided it provides the screening required as determined by the Planning Director or their designee.
4. Fences or walls installed for the purposes of screening shall have a “finished” side toward the adjacent or neighboring properties.

b. Buffer requirements

A buffer is a physical separation by distance between the new development and the adjacent property lines. This is not in addition to any underlying zoning district setbacks.

Buffer width

Acreage of proposed use	Minimum size of buffer
Less than 0.5 acres	5 feet
0.5-2 acres	15 feet
More than 2 acres	25 feet

c. Uses permitted in the buffer:

- Vegetation and landscaping
- Storm water drainage easements and any necessary drains, culverts, riprap, etc.
- SCDHEC approved storm water retention/detention areas
- SCDHEC approved septic systems
- Permitted signage
- Sidewalks
- Shared-use driveways/lanes between adjacent property
- Parking lot stub outs (not parking lots) for the purposes of connectivity

Exemptions

1. Agricultural and Forestry uses and activities as defined by S.C. Code § 46-45-10, et seq., sometimes referred to as the South Carolina Right to Farm Act, and S. C. Code § 48-23-205, et seq., sometimes referred to as the South Carolina Right to Practice Forestry Act.
2. The screening and buffering requirements are not required in the following circumstances:
 - Property lines within/adjacent to public or private rights of ways/easements.
 - Property lines within/adjacent to permanent waterbodies.
 - Multi-tenant malls/town centers or Planned Development Districts for internal property lines. Property lines adjacent to properties outside of the development are required to adhere to the standards of this ordinance.
 - Private recreation facilities within a residential subdivision and not adjacent to properties outside of the subdivision.

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The Budget, Finance, & Administration Committee at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates: February 19 [Strategic Planning Retreat] & March 19 [Budget Workshop] and 5:00 p.m. on the following dates: April 13 & May 4, 2021.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

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PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

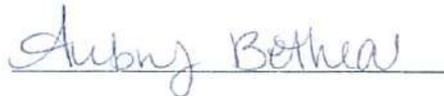
IN RE:

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on 01/08/2021 and the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.



Hal Welch
General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
01/08/2021



Aubry Bethea
Notary Public
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires November 20, 2030





OCONEE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE
OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, USA

Planning & ED

August 17th 2021



WELCOME
TYLER JAMES

POTENTIAL NEW INVESTORS:

- Hill Electric
- WCTEL
- Total View Productions
- Hire Dynamics
- Burr Forman

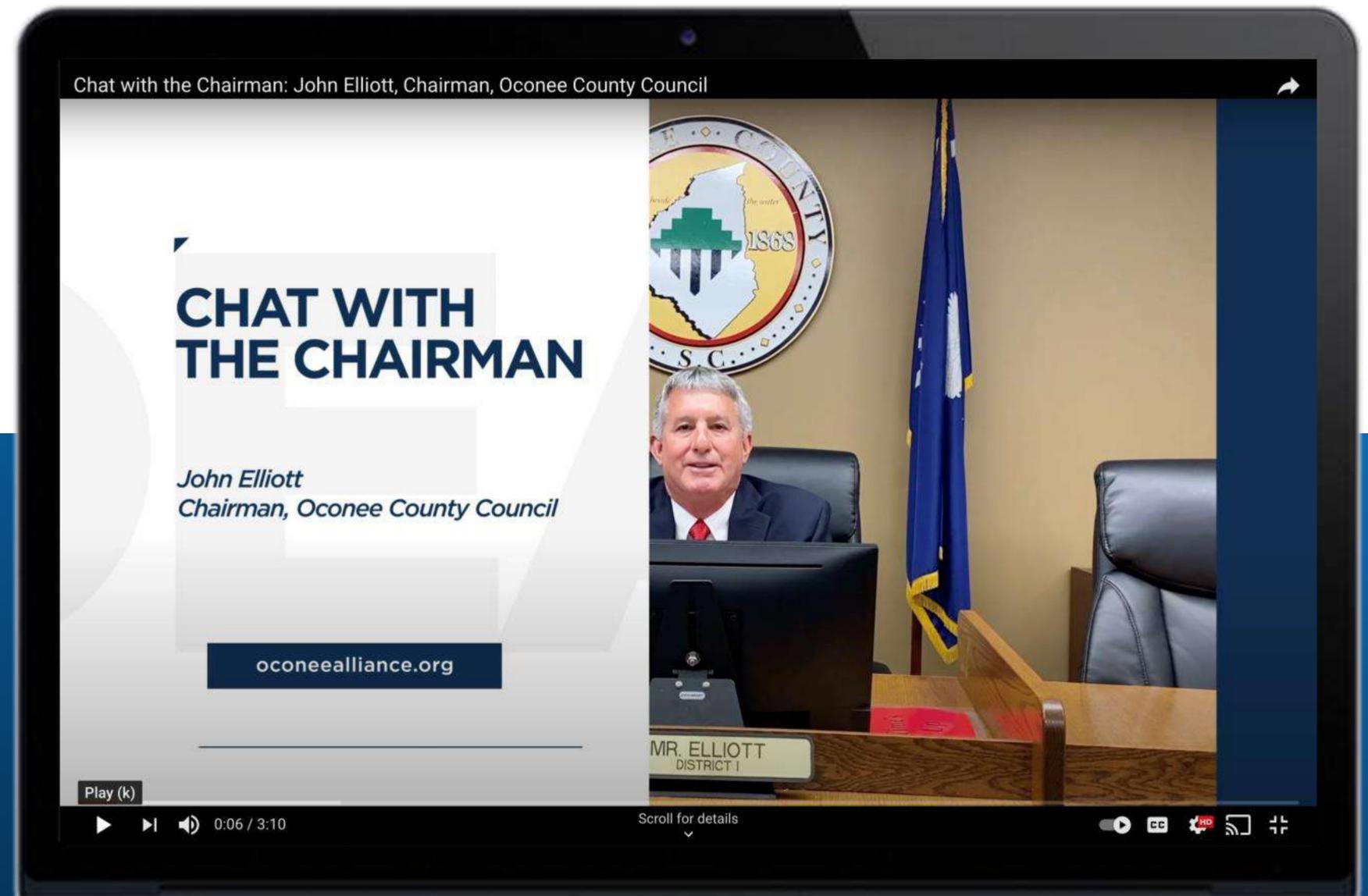
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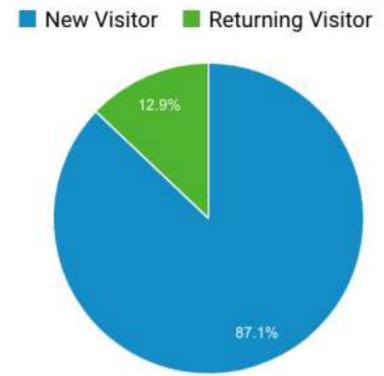
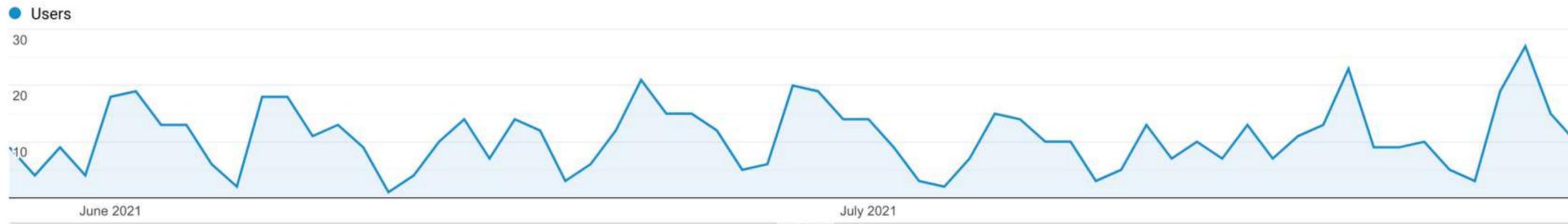
- Chat with the Chairman Episode 2: John Elliott
- Coming soon Episode 3: Paul Cain

SPONSORSHIPS:

- Oconee Job Fair Sponsor
 - Thursday, August 26th
 - 4pm to 7pm

MARKETING:





Country	Users	% Users
1. 🇺🇸 United States	534	89.90%
2. 🇨🇳 China	29	4.88%
3. 🇮🇪 Ireland	7	1.18%
4. 🇮🇳 India	5	0.84%
5. 🇵🇭 Philippines	3	0.51%
6. 🇧🇷 Brazil	2	0.34%
7. 🇨🇦 Canada	2	0.34%
8. 🇩🇪 Germany	2	0.34%
9. 🇬🇧 United Kingdom	2	0.34%
10. 🇨🇱 Chile	1	0.17%

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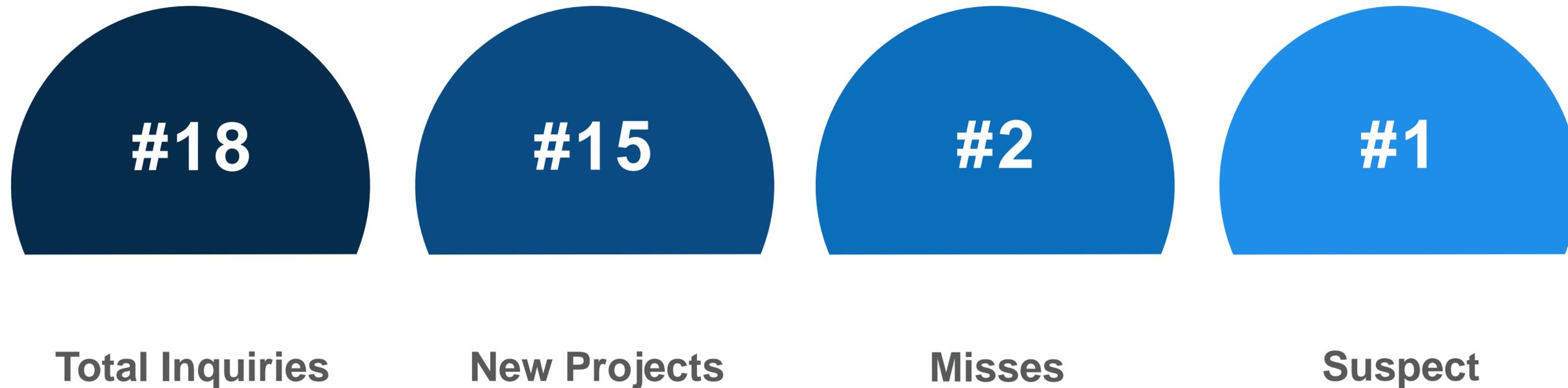
- Consultant Connect, Dallas, TX:
- Area Development Consultants Forum, Detroit, MI



MARKETING:

Project Activity

May 28th to date



Property Submissions

- *Jacobs Chuck: 3*
- *Golden Corner: 6*
- *OITP: 1*
- *Seneca Rail: 4*

2019

January 1 to July 30

21 inquiries

- All New
- 14 Greenfield / 7 Building
- 5 Suspects / 6 misses / 10 projects
- None active

2020

January 1 to July 30

23 inquiries

- 21 New / 2 Expansion
- 10 Greenfield / 12 Building
- 4 misses / 19 projects
 - 1 active

2021

January 1 to July 30

39 inquiries

- 38 New / 1 Expansion
- 25 Greenfield / 14 Building
- 4 suspects / 8 misses / 36 projects
 - 30 active



IMPORTANT DATES!

OEA ANNUAL MEETING:

- September 2nd Crown & Crest, Seneca

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

- November 18th @ Cross Creek Golf Course

HOLIDAY HELLO:

- December 10th Lakeside Lodge, Seneca



**OCONEE
ECONOMIC
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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, USA