



Beaufort County conducted an in-person Community Meeting on July 1, 2021 in conjunction with a Virtual Pathway Public Meeting from July 1, 2021 through July 30, 2021 for the Proposed Alljoy Road Pathway Project. This Public Meeting involves one (1) of the original 24 locations as approved in the 2018 One Cent Sales Tax for Sidewalks and Multi-use Pathways project. Although Alljoy Road was not recognized as one of the 14 priority pathways during the first Pathway Project Virtual Public Meeting held October 19, 2020 through November 20, 2020, based on comments received, it along with 7 other locations was recommended to proceed into design.

Alljoy Road is a SCDOT-owned and maintained roadway. It has a present 37.5' right of way from the centerline of roadway or total 75' width from Burnt Church Road to Thomas Lawton Drive. Around the Alljoy Road "Loop", the right of way varies as based on SCDOT plans File Number 7.271.

## Meeting Summary:

### Time Period:

- Virtual Meeting: July 1, 2021 through July 30, 2021 – 30-day virtual meeting hosted on [www.BeaufortCountyPenny.com](http://www.BeaufortCountyPenny.com)
- Community Meeting: July 1, 2021 at 6 pm at the Bluffton Recreation Center, 61B Ulmer Road, Bluffton, SC - In-person meeting hosted by County Councilmember Mark Lawson. County Administrator Eric Greenway and Capital Projects Coordinator Brittane Fields were present to answer any questions the public may have about the proposed 8' pathway on Alljoy Road.

### Advertisements:

- Press Release for Community Meeting on June 28, 2021
- E-mail Newsletters – sent to: 313 recipients on July 1, 2021; 414 recipients on July 13, 2021; and 448 recipients on July 28, 2021
- 20 Sales Tax "Yard" signs were placed on the project corridor or surrounding corridors on July 2, 2021

**Public Comments:** 208 total comments were received from an online comment form, mail-in comments, and direct emails. The comment form provided a comment field in which participants expressed their concerns and/or opinions on the proposed Alljoy Road Pathway Project.

Highlights from the written comments are:

- **Safety** - The pathway would provide a safer route for families, children, residents walking pets, and the general public.
- **Bike paths** - Those interested in bike riding showed strong support.
- **Changes to the "Loop"** - Citizens were concerned that changes to the "Loop" would lead to congestion and problems for boating traffic.
- **Path specifics** - Commenters had questions about the size of the path and the design of the path.
- **Roadway** - Some felt that shoulder widening and repaving the road was an acceptable alternative.





- **Public Meeting Opposition**

- **Advertising Interference**

- On July 3, 2021, Capital Projects Coordinator Brittane Fields was notified by a resident that multiple signs were spray-painted and/or vandalized. This was confirmed on July 4, 2021, and a police report was completed.
- During the meeting, it was noticed several signs were missing. Upon collection of the signs on July 31, 2021, 8 signs were unable to be located.
- Opposition placed their own “No Path” signs throughout the corridor.

- **Organized Opposition**

- Residents, interested in spreading their own message and not relaying project specifics to the public, would continue to share the comment form but not the virtual public meeting page developed to inform the public of the proposed design. The County and Program Management Team monitored these initiatives and redirected the shared comment form link to the actual project meeting page. This sharing of only the comment form occurred multiple times and the team redirected each time to the project meeting page.
- Residents contacted local media (WSAV) to express their opposition to the pathway and spread their own message.

[Lowcountry community members speak out against Beaufort County bike path proposal | WSAV-TV](#)

- **Submitted Petitions** – A Change.org petition was submitted twice to Beaufort County in response to the proposed pathway design. The petition reflected inaccurate information and revealed biased points-of-view by the petition creator.

The petition has a significant number of responses that cannot be traced back to residents actually residing in the area, and therefore affected by the proposed project. The vast majority of the signatures presented cannot be validated to adhere to basic regulations such as signers should be of legal age to vote, should reside in or have ties to the county or state in which the grievances to redress are being presented to higher parties. The list of signatures has also existed outside of the timeline for public comments to be submitted. The following websites address the validity of petition signatures.

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/laws-governing-petition-circulators.aspx>

<https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/faqs/what-information-needs-be-included-petition-about-each-person-signing-it>

- Many commenters were concerned about other unrelated issues to the pathway project:

- Beach Renourishment
- Boat Ramp and Landing updates
- Drainage Problems
- Conversion to city sewer vs. septic tanks in the Alljoy area
- Excessive speeding and speed control options





## Comment Summary

*Note: Comments are copied as is with no edits.*

- I am strongly in favor of the 8' pathway along Alljoy Road. Alljoy has a considerable amount of traffic and is increasing steadily since the opening of Thomas Lawton Road several years ago. Walking or biking is dangerous at best on Alljoy under the present conditions. Several years ago new legislation allowed golf carts to be used on roads with speed limits under 35 mph which gave those people with golf carts some relief in the use of their alternate means of transportation. Many residents of the area would like to be able to walk in the neighborhood but it can't be done safely, the new pathway would be most helpful.

I agree that the drainage in the area of the boat landing needs to be improved and I am in favor of any help that might be available, I am also in favor of local sewer for the Alljoy area. As to the pathway, I think reversing the traffic flow at the boat landing would make using the landing much easier. The current proposal does not work at all for most boats because there is not enough room available to turn the vehicle and trailer around to back into the water.

**2nd Comment:** Please let's get this pathway done. It's only a matter of time before someone gets killed walking down Alljoy road. We have been trying to get this done for years let's not let this slip away. Thanks

**3rd Comment:** Since the in person meeting in early July I have talked to a number of our neighbors who live in the Alljoy area and are opposed to the pathway project. They seem to all answer questions first with, I don't want it because it is going to make the flooding at the beach area worse." Hopefully the decision makers will look over that kind of response because it simply is not true and putting in the pathway is probably the only chance we have of improving the drainage in this area. The installation of the bike path will demand drainage improvements as a result of the new construction and our own County drainage rules. Second, the bike path will be built in the existing right of way, not in people's yard as many are saying, again I hope those comments will be discounted. Third, many people say the bike path will increase development, What? How do we make that leap of faith? It will increase traffic, again Why? are more cars coming into our neighborhood because of the bike path. The long and short of the opposition to the project is unfounded and based on uneducated reasoning that is wrong and invalid. Most of the opposition should be discounted from the start because all people are really opposed to is change, change which is needed for safety and personal enjoyment of the community. Our neighbors want to stick their head in the sand, they can't argue the merits of the project because they don't understand the project and are denying the rest of us the value of the project in our community. We want the Path, don't be fooled by a small number of people or a petition signed by people from a wide area who say they are opposed to to the project for reasons they cannot support. We want the Path!

- I am not opposed to a "sidewalk" down Alljoy Road. I attended the meeting at the Rec Center July 1st, and it was repeatedly referred to as a pathway. When I questioned why it had to be 8', and could they not use a sidewalk standard with is 5', I was just told "we have to do what SCDOT tells us to do." I feel the whole Brighton Beach area would be made safer for children (particularly) and adult who walk and bike around the area. I do feel, as was mentioned at that meeting, that it is not a busy enough area to require an 8' path





with a 5' buffer between the path and roadway. I think that also, in any construction project in the area, that drainage needs to be taken into consideration always. While I understand that bringing sewer to the area does not fall under this penny tax program, it should be strongly looked at and perhaps addressed simultaneously so as not to install a sidewalk/pathway only to come back through in a couple years and rip it out to install sewer. As far as extending the "path" around the Alljoy Beach area, I would only welcome the proposed changes if it did not negatively impact the ability to maneuver a boat and trailer in and out of the landing. I don't think that that area as it stands now is as dangerous to pedestrians/bikers as people are not generally speeding there.

- My family lives in the Alljoy community and we support of the Alljoy pathway. It will make the road significantly safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Currently Alljoy is not safe for children or adults to walk or bike. The pathway will encourage outdoor activity for the Alljoy community as well as the Bluffton community in general. We do not believe the pathway will take away from the uniqueness or quaintness of the Alljoy community. We believe it will enhance it. There are many concerns that need to be addressed on Alljoy, including the need for sewer lines and safer golf cart options, however those topics need to be separate from the pathway. The pathway is a step in the right direction and will improve the quality of life in our community.
- Thinking back to my years of spending summers walking all the the streets down Alljoy, I can say personally say I know of 4 instances of people being hit walking towards the beach. A pathway would greatly improve the safety of my great friends and neighbors walking on the busy Alljoy Road. I know of many, that take walks with their young children in tow in wagons. We all try to drive the speed limit, but we know there are more speeders and instances of people not paying attention to the road. We need safe ways to leave our homes to visit neighbors. I'll drive to nickel pumpers. I wanna walk the circle. Thanks and Please Support!
- I am in favor of the pathway in any plan proposed. I have been a resident full time for 25 years and starting advocating for a bike trail in 1996. Please proceed with whichever plan is most suitable and acceptable. thank You.
- This project seems to be creating opportunity for the entire community to have a safe access to a walking path, exercise and way to get to the river. The pathway will be a great addition!
- I would LOVE to have a bike path in our area of Bluffton. I attempt to ride my bike near my home, which is off of Alljoy road, but it is too dangerous due to the car traffic. I start on the road and have to move to the grassy areas beside the road. Those areas have holes and rocks which make the ride unpleasant. We built our home in 1989 and I have been waiting for a path for the past 10 years. Thank you for planning this path.
- The path should stop at shad if one is to be built. Ulmer and shad should be the area to have the path if safety is really the reason. Most that actually live in the area do not use Alljoy for walking or biking. It's such a shame that there is an actual need for a path for safety, but because there's not enough monies that





was allocated to our area for what is truly needed, that this idiotic plan has been thrown at us just to not lose this money. Our roads (some not even paved) ones that haven't been maintained in forever get crush and run in holes! Really???? This money should be used to fix real issues that are a problem. Not for making more problems! Roads should come before paths!

- I spoke for a second at the meeting. I walk Alljoy almost everyday. There's absolutely NO need for a 8 foot wide path. 5 or 6 at the most. Just enough for a bike. And this area still has its charm and ANY major disruption would completely ruin what we all love about living here. Many have been here for years. The Town of Bluffton is changing, some are trying desperately to keep that charm as well. No need for anything past Shad. And god forbid don't disrupt the homes on the River by changing the entrance and exit. I think anyone that doesn't truly understand needs to actually take the time to go and sit for awhile. See what we are talking about. Enjoy the ambiance of our corner of the world.

- I agree with sidewalks on Alljoy.

- Beaufort County needs to provide a permeable surface solution to allow runoff. A sidewalk option is preferred. What % of Beaufort County is complaining about all joy traffic patterns? Do not change the traffic near all joy beach, you will cause more issues than help.

- Hello, First, thank you for creating a communication system for this project that circumvents having to yell over each other at a meeting. This will impact a lot of people, and it's nice knowing all opinions are being heard. I've been an Alljoy resident for a decade now, with two young children who LOVE biking. You'll often see me and my son riding to downtown Bluffton or taking the Brighton Beach loop before heading out to Pine Island, with my daughter smiling in her (between the handlebar) seat on my bike waving to everybody. She'll have her own set of wheels soon. I AM 100% IN FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT. My wife and I both voted for this referendum when we read that there was a possibility that our area would be the benefactor of such a program. Fast forward to now, we were elated to hear it was finally in the initial stages and that Alljoy was the new focus! Our neck of the May River is a wonderful casual bike ride for the most part.

HOWEVER, Alljoy Road itself is dangerous for biking! Especially for slower bikers, i.e. children. When our ride takes us onto Alljoy, my son and I use a phrase ""white line"" which reminds him to hug the right (white lined) side of the road. Having surveyed it, I'm sure you know that MUCH of Alljoy has a very soft and sandy shoulder, often with a drop or change in height. My son's taken several hard falls trying to stay on the right side of the road and avoid (BUSY) traffic; only to lose a tire off the edge and take a spill. On a scarier note, many times I've cringed as cars tailgating us have whipped around to pass on the double yellow, somewhat blind portions. I understand there is a contingent of locals who live around the boat launch with strong opinions of this project. In light of it, THAT component may require extra attention, planning, and time to finalize an optimal strategy (if being completed at all) ... but PLEASE do not scrap this entire idea if that part of the project hits a stalemate. I'm pretty sure none of those people have had to walk a crying kid's bike home .9 miles down Alljoy with traffic wizzing by. In discussions with neighbors, I KNOW there are people who are in favor of this pathway at very least ending at Shad. The conceptual diagram posted for that





section looks great to me! I'd gladly settle for that. if it means my family and I can safely ride downtown and back. Thank you again for listening. PRO PATHWAY!

- I am in favor of the project and have no problem with the path being routed as proposed. I would like to see the path have a pervious surface material to minimize runoff. Thank you.
- I am in favor of the pathway as long as it stops at Shad Avenue and does NOT go around the beach. Also I think it will be better if we could make the path no larger that 5 ft.
- Yes to alljoy bike paths
- Sidewalks are needed ON ALLJOY.
- My family and I have been in, around, or living in this area for over 45 years. My Dad moved here in the 1970s. Before moving here permanently, I lived in Charleston for 26 years. Access to good public pedestrian pathways, walkways, and trails is important. The proposed path should be pervious material to protect the river, it should focus on walkers and runners. Alljoy Rd is only 1.5-2.0 miles which is not enough length for bikers. I feel a 4-5 ft path for walkers and runners is what is needed for this project. Focus on making Bluffton Parkway more enjoyable for bicyclists. Beach renourishment at Alljoy should be the number one priority. Thank you.
- I am in support of this project for either a pathway or sidewalk! We have lived off Aljoy for 23 years and its is a dangerous place to walk, run, or ride a bike...we would have loved to walk our kids to MC Riley, but now that they are all grown up we would love to get exercise and walk to the park, the church or our beautiful downtown Bluffton! We would love to walk to the beach or back from the boat to your house safely. This should be a priority! Thanks for your consideration!
- A bike path in Alljoy Road will be a great addition to Bluffton. Alljoy is already one of the best roads to ride. A bike path will make it safer and easier for both bikes and cars
- As a Bluffton resident and recreational cyclist —and also wife of a serious cyclist and mother of two recreational cyclists -- I support the plan to add a pathway to Alljoy Road. Many cyclists of all ages use this road because the May River at Alljoy Boat Landing is a beautiful destination for a bike ride, and there are many close calls of near collisions bike vs. car on Alljoy Road. It is a narrow road and cars and trucks are often driving fast and pulling boats on trailers, making them less manueverable and wider. The residents of Alljoy Road have a history of opposing a pathway that goes back at least 20 years, I believe because they don't want crowds at the small beach beside the Alljoy Boat Landing. This had some validity when the property owner's association owned and maintained this "beach park," but now that the county has taken





over this responsibility, citizens should be able to safely ride their bikes to enjoy this beautiful park. Because parking is limited, it makes sense to reduce the number of park-goers vehicles as much as possible by encouraging all to safely bike to the May River.

- Yes to Alljoy walkways.
- I will support this project when the county addresses other issues like drainage first. Until then, I will vocally and vehemently oppose it, unless the sidewalks are pervious.
- Please build Alljoy bike paths. I am an avid bike rider and they are needed.
- I visit the Alljoy Landing and have a 6 year old daughter. The paths would allow us to walk and her ride her bike when we are in the area. We are often at the boat landing.
- Having lived in Bluffton over 21 years The need for bike paths is urgent! Alloy road is heavily travelled with cars, golf carts, walkers and bikers. For the safety of our residents and visitors, I urge you to build the bike path on Alljoy Rd
- In support of a bike path!
- I want the pathway on Alljoy. We need a pathway or sidewalk for walkers and bike riders. My concern, and this is not your department, is we need Beaufort County Police to enforce the speed limit. The fines and fees they collect will pay for full time police offer(s) to patrol this area. I am against the beach refurbishment for the sole reason that will bring more traffic given how popular downtown Bluffon has become.
- Paths please
- Walkways will be an improvement to Alljoy.
- Please get sidewalks on Alljoy.
- Alljoy needs sidewalks.please put them in.
- I am writing in support of the Alljoy Path! I see many runners/joggers and people walking their dogs that are almost hit by cars. I also know neighbors that have fallen and injured themselves on the uneven ground





on the side of the road while walking. Providing a safe way for those that are walking/running down Alljoy would improve the quality of life of those that live on Alljoy and even those in nearby neighborhoods. Thank you.

- I feel the pathway would be an improvement for Alljoy Rd but i don't have enough knowledge of the boat - ramp traffic etc to see why it is necessary to change traffic flow i wish government could do one project without over complicating projects by adding other major changes to the job. Give us a bike path 4 to 6 feet wide is big enough. It would be extremely important to our neighborhood if we had more police presence to keep the speeding, litter and vandalism monitored on Alljoy I am always so happy to see a Sheriff car on our street but it is very seldom. Our families and pets are at important to us too.
- I am excited by the prospect of pathways for Alljoy Rd. There is a significant amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic on Alljoy. Pathways would help limit dangerous interaction between motorized vehicular traffic and residents who live in the area, and their children, as they walk and bicycle in their rather densely populated neighborhood. In my experience, pathways also enhanced the sense of community in a neighborhood. A pathway is a safe place to stop and chat with your neighbor, and a far better decision than the middle of the road. Building pathways is a win, win, win situation: it increases pedestrian and bicycle safety, it adds aesthetic value, and enhances a sense of neighborhood community. I strongly urge our decision makers to fund this project.
- Please build the 8' pathway - we've lived off Alljoy Road since 1999. To be able to safely ride a bike, to jog or just walk to school, to church or to one of our many great festivals would be amazing. As an adult being on Alljoy Road currently with anything but a tank or armored car is foolish as the boat traffic, the speeders and heavy traffic is not to be taken lightly. To allow a child on Alljoy Road is insane! Build it please! Aa to the county signage being regarding this project being vandalized by adults - SHAMEFUL BUT NO SURPRISE!
- Please build walking paths on Alljoy
- Bike paths!
- Would love to see a bike path in the Alljoy area!
- I think that the walkway/path could be a good idea but only if changes are made. I reside at Alljoy inside the circle so I see & live with all the cars, boats, and people. My family has owned property here since the fifties. And now, I am "living the dream" as my friends say by living permanently at Alljoy next to my childhood family cottage. This is a boating & fishing community. Traffic & parking is crazy on the weekends. But it is quietly managed by people who love the May River and all that it offers. If you develop walkways down Alljoy, the already boat-car congestion will increase and cause big safety concerns for all who travel on the walkway. If the pathway went down Confederate or Shad, it would provide a much need protection







for all the children who live permanently on these roads and offer a walkway for those who wish to just walk. Many bikers already use Confederate due to Alljoy traffic. I am against the plan as written but with a few adjustments & suggestions from those who actually live here at Alljoy, a much useable & safer walkway could be enjoyed by many. Also, I am against cutting down any of our Palm or Oak trees on the river side. They provide much needed shade. Lowering the speed limits and more patrols to enforce said limits are greatly needed. I do hope you will consider the concerns of those that actually live in the Alljoy area.

- Walkways would make Alljoy safe.
- We need paths
- Please build bike paths all Alljoy
- Yes for Alljoy sidewalks.
- Good afternoon I am in favor of the Alljoy bike path. I have owned my house here since 2003 and would like to help however I can. Thank you
- Our community needs a pathway for bikers and dog walkers. It makes more sense for a pathway to be put in on Shad and Ulmer so all the children who live on Shad have access to the rec center and Michael C. Riley. If the pathway must go in on Alljoy, it should stop at Shad. Trying to go around the loop at the boat ramp and beach will make those areas inaccessible for trucks/boats and I think will ultimately negatively impact the people who live on the loop. I have some concern about people driving to Alljoy to use the pathway who are not. Where will they park? Our landing does not have restroom facilities or trash receptacles. there is no parking for bikers to come in to use the pathway. The beach absolutely needs rejuvenation, it has been in a state of disrepair for as long as I can remember, but a boardwalk is overkill for our small beach; perhaps just put the steps back. There is no parking as it is and bringing more visitors to that area will exacerbate that problem. However, having a clean and kept area that is safe for children and dogs would be great for our community.
- Sidewalks on Alljoy would be a huge improvement-. The street is too dangerous to walk on.
- The path needs to take a left on Shad and continue to the recreation center. It does not need to go around the boat landing or Beach.
- All Joy does need a path to make it a safe place to walk. A five foot sidewalk would be fine. The 8' path is way too large particularly if using an impervious material. I am concerned about drainage and road pollution for both types of construction. We have lived here 50 years and the drainage at the beach area has always





been a problem. The land is low and really unsuitable for septic systems. I worry about compounding existing problems.

- While I agree that a sidewalk is a positive thing for Alljoy Road, I feel that this proposal is way too much. The majority of people who ride bicycles in our area do not use the bike paths that are currently in place. They ride in the street. So, if a path is to be built, let it be the 5'0" walk and 2" space, so as not to severely damage the properties of those homeowners on Alljoy that will lose 13' of their front yards to the currently proposed plan. With the current "bike lanes" on Rt 46 being just painted lines on the road, why would concrete barriers and islands be needed on these small residential streets? By changing the two way section of street that accesses the boat ramp, you will increase the traffic of trucks and trailers through the small "loop" area that now does not have any of that traffic. I hope this plan will be re-worked to lessen the impact that would be done by such an extreme and overly extensive amount of changes and construction.
- I think an 8' path would be an asset to the Alljoy area. I don't know how it will impact the boat ramp area, but I think it can be worked out with a comprehensive plan, study & debate. Alljoy is a great place to reside, but like everywhere we have our problems, speeding, drainage, litter, noise, etc. I'm glad we were able to move here & blend into the Alljoy vibe. We've lived all over the South, Florida, Georgia & South Carolina. Bluffton / Alljoy is one of the coolest places we've lived. It's a state of mind.
- I am for a 6 foot pathway from burnt church to shad street.
- Please build paths so we can walk our dogs
- Please build paths on Alljoy. Paths are important for a quality of life.
- Our vote would be for the 5' sidewalk. It's less impact/concrete while still accomplishing the goal. Please also consider boat trailers when deciding the length of the concrete islands by the landing. If trailers are going to run over them, they will quickly deteriorate and become an eyesore. Thank you
- Yes to Alljoy sidewalks
- In looking at the proposals I feel the 5' pathway would provide residents of the area with a safe walking and biking area. As a resident of the area I see too many residents unable to walk safely during ALL times of the day on the current road. I strongly feel the pathway should end at Shad until such time the Shad/Ulmer project can be completed. I also strongly feel the pathway should be a non-pervious "nature trail" of sorts as to have the least impact on drainage and aesthetics of the area as possible. If a nature trail is not an option due to future upkeep and maintenance, is it possible you use material, similar to what parking lots





use around trees, that are "breathable" brick pavers or pervious concrete. Also along 46 which is a state road as well, why cant' the sides of Alljoy be widened to allow room for walkers and bicyclists with aesthetically changing the entire look of Alljoy Road? Also as said in the meeting 7/1/21 I hope none of the existing trees and vegetation will be removed as the trees on Alljoy serve a far more important purpose than a pathway.

- Yes! Please make the pathways to keep walkers and runners safe from all the traffic, especially the boats.
- I want to see bike paths on Alljoy.
- I'm full support of this project. Alljoy is a dangerous road. We need to offer a safe environment for walkers and bikers. This will be a huge benefit to our community as well.
- Due to traffic increase and speeding, I am for a bike path on Alljoy Road. Some of the comments that I have heard are from residents who think It is to wide and will take up to much space in front of their house. Maybe 6ft would be better. AS FOR ME, I AM FOR BIKE PATH.

**From General Contact Form:** With the increase of speeding traffic on Alljoy Road, I am in favor of the bike path. In order to attract moe people to vote yes I think it should be made smaller than the 8ft

- Please build the Bike paths!!
- Every day Beaufort County residents and children are at high risk of injury or fatality when on foot, pushing a baby stroller, or cycling when traveling up and down Alljoy road. I am a resident of Beaufort county, living off Alljoy road for several years during my time here, and now off of connected Burnt Church Road. Several family members live off of Alljoy, and many, many friends and their children, and elderly relatives. Having a safe pathway on this road is absolutely vital and long overdue. My husband grew up off Alljoy road and as a child and youth traveled by foot and bicycle directly on the two lane road with no shoulder. All these years later there is still no safe pedestrian walkway or pathway. I travel down this road multiple times per day, and how many dangerous situations do I witness daily involving vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists sharing the same roadway? Countless, including residents walking their dogs, parents pushing children in a stroller, residents seeking fresh air and exercise by foot or on bicycle, and families attempting a family bicycle ride. All this, while large SUVs, trucks, commercial work vehicles, and tractor-trailers drive by, sometimes mere inches away from the pedestrians. Beaufort county has an oppportunity to create a safe pathway for residents who have long endured extremely unsafe conditions. Beaufort county has an opportunity to add value to properties, with tax dollars voted, passed, and paid by these very residents for the well-being of all. Beaufort county needs to continue to prioritize this pathway, with an absolute responsibility to the safety of its residents. Do not let this opportunity pass; hear the pleas of the residents in support of this vital pathway. Prioritize life and safe travel on this corridor!





- I absolutely support a pathway along Alljoy Rd. I frequently run and ride my bike along Alljoy Rd and have had some close encounters with the vehicles on that road despite keeping as close to the shoulder as possible. A pathway would hopefully make the pedestrian and bicycle traffic a lot safer and encourage many more people to be active along that route.
- Please build Alljoy bike paths
- I support the path but I feel like an 8 foot path is too invasive, excessive and unnecessary. Maybe a smaller path would be just as effective with less resistance from residents. There needs to be something done to alleviate the parking along all joy road due to limited parking at the boat landing. As for the boat landing area, if the entrance and exit are going to be reversed (meaning the current exit would be the new entrance and the current entrance would be the new exit) and the flow of traffic stays as is, I believe the proposal could work and be more effective. I do have concerns as to how this will affect the residents between Thomas Lawton and the loop. But ultimately the boat landing and beach areas needs to have some improvements done! Thank you
- I am for the 5ft walkways. 8 ft is ridiculous Please leave the boat landing as is currently.
- Bike paths are needed on Alljoy
- Please build Alljoy bike paths
- Good morning, I left the area in 1984 as the first home owner in the Fernlakes area. I returned in 1998 taking a job on staff with a local utility company. There and also my prior job in Charleston I was exposed to budgets, line item changes, project schedules, modifications, deletions and additions. I sat in on your meeting here in Bluffton, not only am I a strong supporter of paths and sidewalks for all the right reasons as safety, easy access, community, etc. but really appreciated the effort and expertise level demonstrated from the county explaining and willingness to modify the project going forward for the local population. Several years ago (around the time of the Burnt Church Road work) I reached out to representatives and asked what I could we do in order to bring a path installation and completion from Burnt Church Rd (Martin's Place) to Old Town Bluffton (Pritchard Street). The response and information was limited and became quiet quickly, I would like to revisit that today. I believe the opportunity is there specially if the dollars are not all used for the Aljoy project. As the president of the Martin's Place POA we are extremely interested in the "how to" to get our small segment done joining into the town. If there is no funds available and we must raise them or ask if overage possibly is available from other areas, etc. - we are asking for the steps going forward to whatever we should do to get it done. Our connection to the community is strong and we have been very fortunate to have local support for years from the county, local mayor Lisa Sulka,





state representatives The Honorable Bill Herbkersman and The Honorable Weston Newton. I look forward to hearing from you

- As a life long member of the All Joy community (from birth 1982), I fully support a pathway along Alljoy Rd. I spent most of my youth dodging boat trailers and fast cars as a runner and biker. As a mother of two young children, we avoid using Alljoy Rd for a number of reasons. First and foremost, the idea of sharing the road is lacking from most of the community. Boat trailers scream by your face. Second, the community loves to cocktail and golf cart. It seems that there is a clear misunderstanding of what operating a vehicle under the influence means. Third, the shoulder of the road angles off sharply. It's dangerous to ride alone as an adult much less with children. I feel it would benefit our community greatly to have a safe space to walk and ride bikes. Activity is paramount to the health of our community. Growing up in an area where bike riding, walking, and running were not safe was a huge impediment to my well being. I was grossly overweight by the age of 10, and remember daring Alljoy Rd from Myrtle Island Rd. to walk to MC Riley. It lasted only one time. Our children should have a better option.
- When I visit the Alljoy area I enjoy walking. It is not possible to walk without the sidewalks. They would be a huge benefit to the community.
- Looks like a good plan. A pathway is definitely need as I see pedestrians, baby strollers, bicycles every day walking down AllJoy past my house that are in danger due to the large pickup trucks speeding up and down Alljoy with their lift kits, big tires and loud exhausts.
- A sidewalk. Ok. Bike path. No way. And nothing needs to be done to the boat ramp. Or beach Or not what was proposed anyway.
- S I D E W A L K S ! No one wants a 13 foot addition to Alljoy. Just put a regular sidewalk that people can use, so they aren't walking in the ditch. Just stop with the 8' path and 5' grass buffer. That is a ridiculous waste of tax money.
- Sidewalks are needed on Alljoy.
- I would like to have a bike path down Alljoy and have it stop at Shad. Keeping the path narrower than the 8 feet discussed and allowing for keeping trees and natural landscaping so that it blends into the environment is my recommendation. Thank you
- I frequent the Alljoy Boat landing and area to visit friends. A bike path would be an improvement to the area.





- As a long time resident of Bluffton, this is an opportunity to bring the positive attention in which Alljoy deserves. Right now with Bluffton growing, we should also share this area with others. I vote yes!
- In addition to riding my bike with my dog around Bluffton, I also train dogs and local volunteers at Palmetto Animal League in Okatie. Weekly we take rescue dogs to different places around Beaufort County. This includes many parts of Bluffton. A side walk / bike path would be an outstanding addition not only for locals (I grew up on North Forest Beach on the south end) but also a safer way for every day folks (visitors and lifers alike) to commute from point A to point B. Many counties are upgrading their trails and sidewalks. Glad to see yall are keeping up with the Joneses.
- I think this would really be an exciting addition to the community!
- We need paths. It is a dangerous road.
- I am in favor of a smaller sidewalk but 8 feet is way too big.
- Bike paths are essential in quality of life. Please build on Alljoy.
- Please build the paths on Alljoy
- Please build paths on Alljoy. They don't have to be 8' wide, but a path would be used.
- I am for the Alljoy path. This will increase the safety of walkers, joggers, and those who walk dogs along this road. It will also be an improvement to the town and those who would like to push a stroller down this beautiful road. Thank you!
- I am for Alljoy sidewalks
- Please build paths that will allow me to walk my dogs
- I am for the path from Burnt Church rd to Shad. I am undecided on the path from shad around the loop until we see what the actual engineered plans are to know what is viable and really able to be proposed. Thank you





- I think this is wonderful and has been needed for a very long time. Without a pathway, Alljoy Rd is just too dangerous to walk/ride a bike on. The boat ramp definitely is in need of an upgrade as well. Thank you!!!
- This is a great idea! While we are at it can we also get the beach fixed up down there? It's becoming overgrown making it difficult to access the water.
- Yes to Alljoy bike paths
- Hello, I am for the path, however I do agree that we need to address the sewer and drainage situation. A path would help the walkers and joggers, I also feel we need to change the speed limit from 35 down to 25- I see many vehicles speeding past my house doing at least 45-50 MPH. If you change it to 25, people will do 30- which is ok and would help with golf carts on the road. The entrance to the boat landing should remain the same, it would be difficult to pull your boat into the first drive and loop around to back down the ramp. My hopes are that the boat landing would be the next upgrade to this area- I use the landing weekly and we need an upgrade- not to mention on low tides there is the chance of your trailer slipping off the end of the boat ramp and getting stuck- the ramp is not long enough under the water for longer trailers. Thank you
- As a 10yr resident I am thrilled at the choice to have a pathway on Alljoy. I walk this route daily with my dogs and recently with my 5yr old grandson as well as attempting to use Alljoy for biking. I can personally attest to the safety issues along this road. The increased boat trailer traffic has only made it worse and walking in the weeds is not a reasonable alternative. I feel many of the opposing neighbors never attempt to utilize this area in a way that is less offensive to the nature they believe they are protecting.
- We use the Boat Landing so much. We enjoy the area and would love to have bike paths to walk.
- Our household welcomes the addition of walking/biking pathways in the Alljoy area. It's been along time coming and we also. look forward to sewer ASAP
- I support the all joy paths. They will add safe way to enjoy our community, and will serve multiple generations. I propose narrowing them to 6ft. But this has long been needed for our area, and allow us to become more walkable.
- comments Strongly in favor as it will provide a long needed improvement for the neighborhood for now and future generations. Our family will use the path often for biking into town and running. All Joy is dangerous to walk on but yet home to so many residents. We are just starting our family and will be in this area for awhile to come. Our child will use this path to visit friends. I will use it to safety run. We should make decisions on betterment of community for the long term and not based on current circumstances and





simply because there is a resistance to change. I support the paths but think they should be made more narrow to 6ft and should not go around the all joy loop.

- Yes for sidewalks on Alljoy!
- I do not mind the sidewalk project but it seems to me that goes against all basic rules of conservation of our environment. This area is notorious for its poor drainage system. Some ditches never rid themselves of water, many lots are saturated with ground water after a normal rain and many septic systems do not work when these events happen. Without correcting this problem before you add more impervious surface such as sidewalks and paving you are adding to an already severe problem. you are putting the cart before the horse. It would be nice to have this walking trail but there are other problems that need to be addressed before before starting such a project. Please do not make the environment worse for those who live here so that others may visit here. You must deal with the storm water first!
- Please act responsibly. Thank you for taking this into consideration.
- Im writing as the owner of multiple pieces of property in the Brighton Beach Area, on Alljoy Rd and Shad Ave. I did vote in favor of the one cent sales tax to improve the communities of Beaufort County and the main reason I voted was the title "Safety to Schools" and the underlying comment to better residential communities, which I consider to be what is best for a community, and the county has blessed the Alljoy Community Zoning area with the Bailey Park and taking control of the Alljoy Beach Swimming area and now trying to improve the swimming conditions for the public, and planning to improve the Boat Ramp, which all can be done with careful consideration of putting these things first along with improving drainage. The Alljoy Community Preservation was formed in 2005 and that time there was much discussion about a pathway and if you look at page 5 of the zoning for Alljoy you will see what at that time and now the majority of the residents requested. The Alljoy Area Zoning runs from the Burnt Church to the Beach and it was formed with all residents in mind and keeping the community Clean, Safe and Environmentally Healthy and as I see it a 8 FOOT PATHWAY is not Environmentally Healthy, especially on Alljoy Rd, I know many people want to walk for their safety and a pathway on Shad and Ulmer Rd or even toward the new Bailey Park would be much better. We all know that this money can only be used for a pathway and That pathway needs to have the school children in mind, to this day in no way has not having a path way keep anyone who wishes to come to the beach or boat ramp from doing so. So if this project does advance I ask that the pathway only be about 4Ft wide and I have a idea about the Boat ramp and Beach I would like to share before the next plans are drawn. Thanks
- I think this is a great idea. I am not aware of any flooding but accept that is an issue. I would like to see golf carts be able to use the path. They are a concern on Alljoy Road. I live on Pine Island and encounter them frequently. However, a path for dog walkers and joggers would be a plus. I had thought of lobbying for one until I found out about the proposal.







- In Favor of 8 foot path, which would allow bikes to use. without this provision, the present alljoy road is scary to ride a bike on. Current motor vehicles pass cyclists very closely. This is especially true around curves. Please make this a safer street. word of mouth comment by homeowners: they do not want their beach accessed by outsiders (non alljoy road residents). Alljoy road is a very beautiful bike ride. I have to travel it very early as less cars travel it then.

**2nd Comment:** I do bike on Alljoy road and would very much welcome a bike lane. It would be so much safer. I have a super safe bike helmet and front and rear lights on my bike. But these are no match for a big old car/truck. Easements are for the city to decide. Please make it safe. It is a beautiful ride along the may river.

- I wish to express my support for the 8 ft pathway along Alljoy Rd from Burnt Church Rd to Thomas Lawton Dr. I have been a property owner on Trout St for over 20 years of the house my father built in 1954 and is time to address this very serious safety issue!
- I fully support all proposals to construct multi-use pathways as safer routes for pedestrian and bicycle travel - including the Alljoy Proposals.
- I wish to express my support for the 8 ft pathway along Alljoy Rd from Burnt Church Rd to Thomas Lawton Dr. We are currently building our permanent residence in this area and this very serious safety issue need to be addressed.
- I grew up on Myrtle Island Road and rode my bike to friends houses along all joy road in the mid 90's. Being there was no shoulder, let alone a sidewalk, I would ride my bike along the painted edge of the road but dip off into the grass every time a car came up behind me, which wasn't the best because there is a perpetual rut from the tires of the mail delivery car. I always felt it was unsafe as a 13 year old kid and have always wished for a bike path, sidewalk, or at least a 36" paved shoulder. In the 2000's the number of golf carts has increased exponentially. Now carts won't be able to use a sidewalk, but they could use a bike path and certainly use a widened shoulder to let the cars behind them get around. Even the mailman would appreciate a widened shoulder. One time in 1998, I was riding my bike with a 6' leash to my chocolate Labrador Ginger. As i turned left from myrtle island road onto all joy road, a car turned right off all joy road onto Myrtle island road and hit ginger, spinning her in circles on her side across all joy. If there had been a pathway for my bike and leash, she would have been safe. She did survive, but ever since then I have been a hard line proponent of needing the bike paths, sidewalks or shoulder. In response to any arguments that we shouldn't have a path because we don't want carts, joggers, and bicyclists coming into all joy, it is too late - they are already there. Lets make them safe and separate them from the vehicles. All Joy Road is a pretty, Live Oak and Spanish moss laden greenway and something we should all be proud of as beaufort Countians to enhance, not hide.
- I ride my bike along the proposed path often (3-4 times per week) when I am staying in Bluffton. I am always very concerned about vehicle traffic along Alljoy Rd, due to volume and speed of vehicles. I worry





that if drivers are not attentive, I could be run over by the vehicle. I fully support the plan to provide a separate path for bike riding down Alljoy, a very busy road.

- I support having an eight foot pathway for pedestrians and bicycles on Alljoy Road. It will be a great amenity to the County and Town. At present it is totally unsafe for pedestrians and any bicyclists foolish enough to venture on the highway. The shoulder is not improved or clear enough at present for safe foot traffic. I must use Alljoy every day when leaving my house so I am very aware of this. My wife and I would use the path regularly for exercise and a safe way to walk to Olde Town.
- I AM FOR THE BIKE PATH! I hope that we can work to make it happen! The best option in my opinion is to make the path 5-6 feet wide and have it end at Shad Ave. I understand that the boat ramp is going to be updated, but there is no way that boats will be able to maneuver one way and make the swing around the beach on Alljoy, plus I have measured and its not possible to have a bike path on the last stretch of Alljoy past the beach without taking out live oak trees, beautiful palmettos, and my neighbors yards. I measured the boats last weekend and the average boat was 20 feet with quite a few in the 30+ foot range. Its not possible to make the swing out of the ramp and loop the beach. My boat is 20 feet and I can barely do it. The bike/walking path will be a great addition to the area, but change to the loop/beach area will negatively change our small piece of heaven! Thank you for your time! Please let me know if or how I can help make the path happen.
- My family has owned property and have been summer vacationers at Brighten Beach for 67 years. I have been a property and home owner myself since 1997 and a permanent full time resident since 2017. I own 6 rental homes in the brighten beach area. My personal residence and one of my rentals, 45 Alljoy, will be directly impacted. My other 5 rentals are indirectly impacted. Thank you for cleaning up some of the speculation, providing some clarity and hearing our comments both in person and setting up an avenue for more constructive discussion. The Alljoy community in general, and the Brighten Beach area in particular, are Boating communities, not beach, not tennis, not golf, not pickle ball, not bike, and not even retirement : it is a boating community. The primary draw, and history of this community is the May River, boating on it and our beautiful waterways. Anything that negatively the impacts the River and local boating access will rile the community and potentially have a detrimental impact forever. Living on the corner of Alljoy and Shad I am keenly familiar with the traffic issues, both pedestrian and vehicular. Since the opening of Forman Hill Rd, Alljoy and Shad have had a major increase in through-traffic (vehicular). It is a perceived short cut for many and has become a habit for most. Yes, due to the vehicular traffic, I certainly see a safety advantage for a sidewalk running down Aljoy, from Burnt Church down to Shad, then down Shad to Ulmer or possibly the Rec center. This, Shad and Ulmer, are where true pedestrian safety concerns exist. I see it daily. To me, Shad (with no accessible right of way/easement) is a much bigger hazard for pedestrians and the many children, than any of the Burnt Church down Alljoy to Shad, (pre-Shad Alljoy). Continuing after Shad down Alljoy toward the beach, (post-Shad) is primarily local residential traffic, which of course includes boat ramp traffic, and some vehicle, sightseers and golf carts "cutting the water". The existing 15 foot right of way is well maintained by the residents along this route from Shad to the beach. Pedestrians choose the roadway by choice not necessity (on Shad, walking in the roadway is out of necessity). The actual vehicular and golf cart traffic cutting the water is light. Pedestrians access the road surface by choice but easily move





to the right of way when required. I have seen no issues, with the exception of a few people driving too fast. Local Boaters going to and from the ramp are generally courteous, patient and not in a rush until they hit the ramp. A speed bump or two on Alljoy, between the Shad intersection and the boat ramp, as well as a 25 MPH speed limit would be beneficial. Beach refurbishment would be great for us locals, those that can walk, bike or golf cart to the beach from their residence. But to think an 8 foot walking path is going to encourage people to park in old town and walk 2.5 miles to Brighten Beach and back is nuts. There is almost no parking at the beach, plus there are no facilities along the way. Considering this, "the connectivity" of an 8 foot walking trail sounds good and looks good on paper but is useless and a waste. Not to mention it will have to be undone when??? sewer comes. With the undoing and redoing; Property owners will incur an increase in the impact or hook-up connection fees. This alone should stop the post Shad extension. YES, I am for the proposal IF IT addresses the true safety issues: A 4 or 5 foot sidewalk along Alljoy from Burnt Church to Shad, then down Shad from Alljoy to Ulmer in order to separate pedestrians and vehicles. The pathway for Shad is major, with lots of children walking, playing and on bikes, with no right-of-way access, only roadway. Once they hit Alljoy to the beach it is relatively safe. The Shad portion will address a second major safety issue, water shed during rain events. Additional note: "Sun City" Cycle Clubs are in favor, My understanding is they are restricted to the road.

- Please only build a small bike path. No 8 foot wide path, no boardwalk & no concrete barrier
- Please add bike paths to All Joy Road area and any area in Bluffton. I ride my bike all over town and feel very safe when on a bike path. When there is no bike path the roads are too narrow and the cars do not pay attention to bikes and speed. I am treefied that I will be hit - especially sine there are so many drivers that have been drinking alcohol and just do not pay attention.
- Thank you for your consideration of public feedback as you proceed with the proposed pathways for Alljoy. Based on the proposal of a pathway from Burnt Church to Thomas Lawton I find it beneficial to have a designated space for peditricians and cyclists to navigate the roadway. I often walk on the grassy shoulder, and I don't find it the most ideal walking route. I feel the road on that stretch of Alljoy has the girth to accommodate the thirteen total feet for the pathway and barrier while not interrupting the flow of traffic. I understand that at this time the "loop" portion of the project is not part of the discussion, but I feel the necessity to begin addressing concerns for the future of this project. We are on the corner of the Alljoy Loop. It has historically been a favorite spot to rev your engine and speed around the corner. Beaufort County has done a commendable job the last few years enforcing the nine o'clock parking curfew and establishing rules for the public "beach". I believe these diligent efforts and rules have led to a little quieter corner. I am concerned that the "loop" pathways will undo the progress we have seen in these areas. The project requires the two way section of the loop in front of the boat ramp to become one way. The purpose of the two way portion is to divert boat traffic away from the beachfront. Our little corner is a tight turn that would only become tighter with a pathway making it dangerous for inexperienced boaters to navigate with trailers. I fear the increased traffic could lead to injury of the children that enjoy running back and forth to the beach from their front yards or the ice cream truck. I can't imagine how increased traffic into an area that is often littered with beachgoers' cars parked on homeowner's lawns and golf carts blocking portions of the roads on weekend afternoons could be considered positive progress for the community. If





anything this portion of the project should include speed humps to slow down rather than increase traffic. It is not uncommon for visitors to gaze at the beauty of the river as they navigate that portion of the loop paying no attention to those on foot. Creating havoc for boaters trying to enter and exit the boat landing also doesn't appear to make positive progress. The Bluffton area is already deficient for easy water access and boat parking as can be observed at Alljoy and the Oyster Factory any fair weather weekend. As for the beach front for years we had a wooden stairway leading from the grassy area down to the beach. It didn't take long for mother nature to erode away the stairway without constant maintenance to the structure. For a few summers it was a welcomed asset and then it became a hazard as boards with exposed nails had to be dodged when accessing the beach. How does the "loop" plan address ongoing maintenance to a boardwalk that will encounter the effects of the king tides? The draft shows the pathway circling the marshside of our picturesque live oak. This portion of the path would be in the marsh not bordering the marsh. Another great concern of the "loop" project is the effect it will have on our existing fragile drainfields. Lifestyle along Alljoy is less than glamorous when it comes to drainage and sewage, but we take the good with the bad to enjoy the beauty of the May River. In an ideal world we all would have been able to spend the tens of thousands of dollars needed to pay to upgrade to public sewer. For most of the homeowners this wasn't in the budget. The drainage fields become saturated when experiencing king tides or long stretches of rain. If portions of our green spaces become concrete how will this affect these already fragile infrastructures. The trees and grass are important features in making these systems along Alljoy functioning. Once again thank you for your consideration of the residents as you create future plans for our communities.

- We have lived on Alljoy Road for over 60 years and we support the proposed bike path that will extend down the length of the roadway. As a runner, I find it difficult and unsafe to run along Alljoy Road now and welcome this addition. Thank you so much for this consideration.
- My next door neighbor, Dr. J Moultrie Lee, whose parents built on of the first houses on Myrtle Island told me about his relative named Percy Huger, who developed Myrtle Island. Dr Lee said the Mr Huger planted azaleas all the way down Alljoy and continued all the way down Myrtle Island. One of the Coves in Bluffton is Huger Cove. Many of these Azaleas still exist., almost 100 years later. A beautiful patchy lined with gorgeous azaleas could be called the Alljoy Azalea Path. Possibly a local initiative to procure and plant the shrubs. I would prefer the path to be placed on the riverside of Alljoy, where the yards are deeper and the focal point of most homes faces the May River, not the Alljoy road I am in favor of a path for walkers, and families with children on bikes, etc. Thank you for your consideration

**2nd Comment:** I would be in favor of a pathway down Alljoy road but I would prefer it to be scaled back from the proposed 13'. I have lived on Myrtle Island for forty years. For years, when there was no money, I would hear people begging for a bike path. Now that it is within reach, a lot of complaints about taking up people's yards (which it won't), throngs of people from other areas, etc. preserving the unique charm of Alljoy is first and foremost in the minds of those of us who love "Old Bluffton" and the way we have been. Maybe less concrete and Disneyesque style design would be advisable when it comes to the actual landing and beach, as opposed to the style implemented in Wright family park or Oyster factory park. Again, reduced size, I think, is the answer Thank you





- We enjoy walking Alljoy when we visit our friends. Paths are needed.
- I want to see the path. A suggestion would be smaller than 8ft. I like the width of the paths at the Oyster Factory. I would also suggest the path stop at Thomas Lawton and no affect the Alljoy Landing. BUILD THE PATH!
- I am in favor of All Joy Atl Rt 1 option. This would allow better access for walkers & bikers and would still allow smooth access to the boat ramp for launching boats. Thanks!
- These are not solutions to any actual problems that the residence of All Joy face regularly. This addresses nothing - not one thing! Sure, it brings more people to the All Joy area to see and enjoy the sights of the May River; however, those of us that live there don't want this!

This does not address storm water run off which is an issue every time it rains, in more than one way.

1. There is excessive storm water displaced into peoples homes, like mine for example. I reported numerous times to Beaufort County that my neighbors that were building had NO way to displace their water and I was constantly being flooded. The county suggested my new construction neighbors install a rain garden. It's now a fire pit and I am still taking on water. My other neighbors had the county back them for a FEMA grant that no one else is eligible for because they are related to the Mayor of Bluffton... This was relayed to me in a phone conversation with Eric Larson; he said no one else would receive such assistance and it was only given because my neighbor's mother/mother-in-law is the Mayor of Bluffton. HE ACTUALLY SAID THAT. Unbelievable!

2. All Joy/Thomas Lawton Drive are primarily on septic tanks versus sewage. What do you think happens when the drainfields are saturated? Or the fact that the ditches along Thomas Lawton are tidal... which leads to #3 below

3. The May River's have multiple issues with bacteria and ecoli. More people, more pavement isn't the solution to lowering sewage/septic run off that will keep the waters of the May River pristine.

Do we really need to add more pressure to an already senative ecosystem?

Neither plan addresses the parking situation along All Joy Road for boat landing overflow. In fact it will make parking on the shoulder of the road impossible for those that currently park on the shoulder. So where do the people that are enjoying the river, fishing, shrimoing, oystering park?

More people wandering around - means more crime and we already have enough of that that goes unaddressed.

If these plans resolved one of the above issues that would be fantastic; however, it does not even address one of the issues.

If the residents of All Joy wanted a bike and walking path - there would already be one. It's the land of anarchy - if we want it, we will build it.





We don't want to be incorporated.

We don't want more taxes and we don't want more people wandering around down there.

If this is allowed; then All Joy residents should have free reign to wander through every other community, gated included.

- I oppose the AllJoy Pathway Proposal at this time. I also strongly oppose making a one-way street from Thomas Lawton to the landing and changing the Landing entrance. This will create congestion and cause havoc. I was on the AllJoy Community Preservation Committee. The committee as of May 3, 2005 zoned AllJoy for a multi-purpose trail that consist of a paved extended shoulder. The trail and I quote "would start at the intersection of AllJoy Road and Burnt Church Road; proceed east to the intersection of AllJoy Road and Shad Road; proceed north on Shad Road to Ulmer Road; and proceed west along Ulmer Road to the intersection with Burnt Church Road." I would support this route for the pathway once sewage connection with BJWS was in place. I was also on a committee to secure sewage in the AllJoy area. I spoke with a representative last week from BJWS that stated AllJoy is on schedule for 2025 pending funding, or earlier if funding is obtained. I feel we need to work on obtaining funding for sewage and revisit the pathway once that is obtained.
- This area, also known as the Brighton Beach area, has a long history (personally & collectively) of being a boating community where we respect the laid-back way of life of the Low Country & what it has to offer as well as a desire to maintain the health of our May River. This is a community that has invested their lives and livelihood in this area. We are your local ground roots community that loves our neighbors, golf carts and simple way of life, and believe that if it is not broke, don't fix it. As for the pathways, I am in favor of some of the pathways projected by Beaufort County, BUT I am NOT in favor of the Alljoy Road Pathway Project, for reasons listed below.

Prioritizing the need for pathways: I completely understand that the voters voted in the Penny Tax to create pathways in and around the county as needed, but there is not a need on Alljoy Road. The need for a pathway is on Shad Ave/Ulmer Road where there is a larger concentration of children, where it can connect to Burnt Church Road by the Elementary School. Shad Ave also is a hazard for those walking or riding a bike; there is no accessible right of way for them to use, except the roads, which are like a drag strip. That should be part of the consideration for a pathway on Shad/Ulmer. Alljoy Road, from Shad down towards the beach has well maintained easements and is easy for those that walk or ride bikes. The residents take good care of their property by the road, so there is just not a need for a pathway there. And I do understand that the Shad/Ulmer Pathway Project is considerably more expensive than Alljoy Road Pathway Project, and that the \$2,000,000 plus that is needed for the Shad/Ulmer Pathway is not yet available. But that is not a good enough reason to forgo it. Choosing a different pathway that is cheaper, and not desired by the residents that live in that area is not the answer, even though you have the money to do it. That is not smart spending by the County of my hard-earned taxes. Isn't it wiser to save for what you really need, and wait, then to spend the money on something not wanted, and not needed? I realize that there was a problem with the pathway on Ulmer that was mentioned at the meeting, regarding wetlands. As an alternative, could they not build boardwalks over the wetlands, as opposed to impervious concrete? Would that be an answer to the wetlands problem? Also, would it not be advantageous to connect the new





proposed park off of Confederate Ave to the pathway? It seems a better idea to make the pathway on Shad Ave/Ulmer Road where it is need for children to walk to school, and to connect to the future park between Confederate Ave & Ulmer Road. Then people on the southeastern side of Confederate could have a safer way to walk to school and access the park as well.

Protecting the May River: If the county is trying to make the area a better place to live, then they should work together with BJWSA to get sewer systems in place down at the Brighton Beach area. It would be very beneficial to the May River. Putting in the impervious pathway on Alljoy Road would cause more problems with the ever-poor drainage system we currently have/experience. I attended the meeting and recall that the engineer(s) said they would be required to make sure there was no more runoff than what is currently here, and that they would build something (don't recall the term) that would assist with that problem, so it would not add to our terrible drainage situation. After hearing this, a local resident stated that they were approached by the county who wanted to purchase some of their land for \$1 to build this system to assist with runoff. But it was in the marsh – which to me is destroying more of our natural resources. Please do not continue taking albeit small steps, in destroying the May River anymore than it has been. We are hurting our community and our town by not addressing the concerns of the May River. This is another big reason a lot of people come here & live here. We are blessed to have a beautiful estuary in our very own backyard. Let's keep it healthy so it will serve us for the next generations to come; let's leave our grandchildren a river they can still fish in, swim in and enjoy. And that means getting sewer down to the Brighton Beach/Alljoy area as opposed to putting in a Pathway.

Spend wisely & prudently: I do understand that the Alljoy Road Pathway will not cost the residents since it was voted that the Penny Tax be utilized for same. But putting the pathway in BEFORE sewer would result in only those residents that are getting the sewer system (HOPEFULLY in the near future) to pay for it after BJSWA tears it up, & then is required to build back the pathway as required by Beaufort County. We would bear that financial burden, not the county. So, we will be paying for it. Misunderstanding the pathway's function: Beaufort County did not originally propose a pathway for Alljoy Road; it was not one of the original 14 projects. After reading the County's notes from the 1st Public Meeting, I saw that there was a suggestion to put pathways in golf cart "friendly" areas. But I am concerned that those people at this meeting, or those who proposed this suggestion were not even aware that these pathways are/were NOT intended for golf cart use. At the meeting, this question was asked and we were told that golf carts are NOT allowed on the pathways, but must remain on the street, and if they were found on the pathway, they would receive a ticket. So, those that put forth the suggestion for a pathway for Alljoy Road a golf cart community may not have realized it would NOT be beneficial to golf carts at all, therefore, promoting an Alljoy Road Pathway Project in vain.

Maintaining our southern charm: Over the last few years Bluffton has grown as a new "destination" for tourists. The things that draw them to our quaint, charming & eclectic artsy town IS the quaintness, charm & eclectic art of this small southern town nestled on the bluff of the beautiful May River. They are coming to experience "Old Town Bluffton" (something our town boasts of & addresses publicly on signs leading to downtown). When riding down Alljoy in a car, golf cart or a bicycle, you are transported back into another time, where life was more simple, natural & alluring. This is most definitely part of Bluffton's southern





charm. Putting a pathway from down Alljoy from Burnt Church Rd to Thomas Lawton Dr, then around the loop of Alljoy Road definitely detracts from that charm & replaces it with more modern avenues of transport. It takes away from the beauty, appeal, lure & the ability to be carried away to a more genteel time. This is what tourists are coming to experience, yet you want to bring our sleepy little part of Bluffton into the modern, safer age with Pathways (and boardwalks). Please keep our town as small and charming as possible, so we can all enjoy a respite in this hectic world. Isn't that what the town of Bluffton wants to promote, so people will want to come here & enjoy that peace & relaxation as they look out over the river from the new public dock down on Calhoun Street? If we continue to change "Old Town Bluffton", we lose that appeal, for the residents and tourists alike, to enjoy something money cannot buy. So please, don't put a pathway on Alljoy Road—we want to maintain our quaint, peaceful laid-back way of life—we want to be prudent in our choices to help where it is needed, not where it is not needed (waste not, want not)—we want to keep our river clean and safe—we want to be wise in our personal and local spending—we want to continue to feel like we are stepping back in time when we drive down Alljoy—we want to allow our grandchildren to have the opportunity to enjoy what we have here, for years to come. Don't make us another HHI where businesses and people are leaving because they grew too much, losing the beauty of the island to the almighty dollar.

**2nd Comment:** Please excuse the incorrect date of the meeting on my previous comment – it should have read July 1st as opposed to June 12th.

- My family and I are unwavering in our strong opposition to the proposed project involving Brighton Beach and the absurdity of paving the last remaining wild bits of Bluffton. Fix drainage and sewers please. Protect the May from litter and raw sewage that currently flows directly into the river! Fix the flooding issues we endure every time there's a rainstorm! NO to more pavement. No to more development and tourism and profiting off of our quiet, eclectic, residential neighborhood! No to the development-happy engineer who thinks more mosquito-infested retention ponds are a good solution to these problems! We will fight this every step of the way: that is a promise.

Y'all are seriously underestimating the growing opposition here. I have been involved in grassroots activism and fundraising (both personally and professionally) for many years- and I have never seen a community organize so quickly and passionately as these citizens have. We are fundraising. We are having our own strategic planning sessions to oppose this. We are organized and stand in solidarity against this project. And we are interviewing lawyers and environmental justice organizations because we will do whatever needs to be done to stop this project.

If y'all think you can sneak or rush this project through because one wealthy and influential person and a few of her cronies have been very quietly pushing this behind the scenes, you need to be aware that we will march in the streets before we allow you to gentrify the last remaining ecosystem and community in Bluffton. This will negatively impact not only the river, the land and the community, but also my neighbor's livelihoods! I believe it was Brittaney Fields who (SO snidely and condescendingly!) said, "I would jUsT gO tO aNoThEr bOaT LaNdiNg." The loud, instant boos she got from the entire crowd at the town meeting are well deserved, have continued though the meeting has ended, and are indicative of the majority sentiment. Quite frankly, from a marketing and PR standpoint, it was great for organizing in opposition. I believe that







comment sealed the deal, and now this community is fired up! (Someone actually printed t-shirts with the Spongebob meme and her quote, which are proving to be excellent for fundraising! You can try to ruin this place with over-development, but we still have a sense of humor.) So, this is what you'll be up against in the coming months.

Finally, I would also like to say thank you for motivating us to organize and for inspiring this community to come together for preservation. We have phone trees, email lists, and contributions coming in- which means it will be very easy to organize again when it's time for elections. We are taking our inspiration from Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Please leave everything past Shad Rd. alone, and if you do anything at all, fix the drainage and sewers!

- Alljoy Rd is part of the SC Scenic Byway system and is best viewed by car. This area is a private neighborhood and most people travel around on golf carts. There is no destination for pedestrians like a park or businesses to access. The bicycles that do ride down through here are the die hards that won't use a bike path anyway. Extending sewer service has been a debate for a long time. Properly installed and maintained septic systems do not contribute pollution into the environment. The proposed change to the boat ramp exit would be contradictory to improvement. I would be inclined to oppose having additional traffic coming from Bluffton whether it be by foot, bike, or motor vehicle. There are plenty of other ways to use the money.

- **OPPOSED –**

- I am in OPPOSITION to Beaufort County's proposed 8' wide Pathway - CONCRETING of AllJoy Road.
- I am in OPPOSITION to Beaufort County's proposed 4' wide 4" high CONCRETE barriers at the AllJoy Boat Landing, the proposed 8-10' wide multi-path and "flipping the exit/entrances" at the landing.

FOR

I am FOR the Pathway reverting back to Shad Avenue and Ulmer Road.

Shad & Ulmer were the prior focus of this proposed Pathway project. THAT MAKES SENSE - as there are 50+ school aged children on Shad Avenue and their SAFETY needs to be the PRIORITY.

A Pathway would provide them – CONNECTIVITY – to the Bluffton Rec Center on Ulmer, SAFETY and be more \*COST EFFECTIVE.

\*From the start of Shad Avenue to the Bluffton Rec Center = .07 miles opposed to Burnt Church down Alljoy past the landing = 1.6 miles

I would be FOR a Natural Trail on Alljoy, a pervious surface, in consideration of our ecosystem.

I would be FOR an extended shoulder on AllJoy Road per Beaufort County's Comprehensive Plan signed Ordinance (Appendix F, Section 5) - 4/25/05

ALSO -

- I am FOR – Beaufort County cleaning / maintaining ditches that haven't been done in 10+ years.
- I am FOR – Beaufort County encouraging BJWSA to put the AllJoy / Brighton Beach area on the TOP of their Capital Projects list OVER Stoney Creek.

PLEASE - #donotconcretealljoy - AllJoy resident.





- Although a pathway down Alljoy Road to Brighton Beach would be beneficial, I don't think the proposed plan fits the bill. I think it needs to be studied more with input from all of those affected by the plan. Also before any of this takes place, the sewage situation needs to be rectified. In its existing state (septic tanks) the situation is both detrimental to the May River and the homeowners in the Brighton Beach Subdivision. Thank you.
- I am currently opposed to the Alljoy Pathway Proposal and strongly oppose making a one-way street from Thomas Lawton to the landing because it will cause congestion for everyone and havoc for boaters. Sewage connection to Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority should be in place before the Pathway so as to avoid digging up some of the Pathways impervious pavement.

Once Sewage is in place I'm OK with the Pathway going from Burnt Church Rd. and ending at Shad Ave as was originally planned. Consideration should be given to reducing the width. Adding 54912 sq ft (1,3 mi = 6894 ft X 8 ) of impervious pavement cannot be good for the May River since everything drains into it.

- We are not in favor of the pathway down Alljoy Road. The landing is over crowded as it is and this would bring more people to a location which has no facilities!

Focus should be on infrastructure, mainly sewer, drainage and roads. A pathway, before these long avoided county issues, would be very destructive.

- I have been coming to the Alljoy area of Bluffton for 59 years. My grandmother had a house on Alljoy Rd. We have enjoyed the "slow" pace lifestyle down here. We have so many more issues that need to be met than a "pathway". We have been begging for sewage and drainage ditches. The beach needs referbishing before drawing a crowd. Someone from your planning board needs to come spend a Saturday or Sunday at the boat ramp to see the traffic and parking problems we already have. We Do Not need a pathway!! If you want to spend the money on Alljoy, fix the problems we already have and don't add to them!!
- Can we please address our need for sewers and storm runoff first? Our biggest town asset is the May River and protecting its health should be our first priority. We need to better deal with harmful storm runoff and properly treat human waste containing bacteria (sewers) as this continues to damage our May River. Let's use our tax dollars to solve this problem and keep the river safe to swim in and fish from before building an elaborate Alljoy bike path. A simple solution for pedestrian and bike safety would be to widen the Alljoy Road shoulder by 2 feet on both sides while installing sewers.
- I have lived on Confederate Avenue for 20years and lived on Alljoy Road almost 10 years before that. My morning routine starts with walking the Alljoy - Confederate loop before daylight or just after daylight so I'm intimately familiar with both roads. Not once have I thought that it would be better to have a walking path. The bicyclists will not use it and golf carts would not be allowed on it. The bottom line is the residents of Alljoy have made it clear that this pathway is not wanted or needed. Speaking of "need", what is needed





is the pathway on Shad & Ulmer roads, which was part of the original group of pathway projects before it was recommended to swap Alljoy for Shad & Ulmer. The need is much greater on Shad / Ulmer with the amount of students that attend MC Riley and also would provide access to the Rec center.

The residents of Alljoy would rather see money spent toward our drainage issues and eventually sewer, which would not only benefit the homeowners but most importantly the May River. The River is why we are all here to begin with and the Alljoy area is the last bastion of the old Bluffton eccentric "State of Mind". Alljoy is the final frontier, all that is left of the real Bluffton. We need to fight to keep it that way. We don't need to be connected to downtown Bluffton any more that we already are. Connectivity with downtown Bluffton to the Alljoy boat landing / beach has been brought up a lot. We do not need to become another selling point for the Town to market and profit from, sending more tourists to our area. Keep Alljoy the way it is!

- We are against this project.  
PLEASE leave Alljoy Rd alone!!!
- We do not need extra traffic down All Joy Road it will cause more activity which means more crime.
- This would totally destroy the charm and Bluffton State of Mind that remains only in the Alljoy area. Renourish the beach. Improve the boat ramp area. Only.

Concreting the loop and the beach is a horrifying idea. Our beautiful and fragile May River does NOT need more impermeable surfaces.

- I do not believe it is a good idea to make a bike path that intrudes the alljoy beach
- Please focus on the drainage fir the area first... there is so much over congestion in what use to be a wonderful quaint down town area... why would u ruin the bluffton beach to create more congestion in an area that can't withstand! People have loved the eclectic little town feel of Bluffton and that is slowly diminishing! Leave Alljoy the way it is and just fix the drainage!!!!
- I say no to the future bike bath.
- As a 27 year owner on Alljoy rd I do not wish to see a path or sidewalk on Alljoy Rd. If possible to widen a couple fee teach side would be better!

**From Email:** I as a 27 year resident on Alljoy am opposed to any new path. I did like the idea of widening the road 2 ft each side. No path or pier please.





- No path in Alljoy. We do not want this
- Please do NOT do this!!!! As a lifelong resident of bluffton you are absolutely ruining this small town for those of us that live here at the expense of tourist dollars. My parents own a house on Thomas Lawton so this sidewalk will go in their front yard and the last change from paving ulmer was not a positive one. Is this to punish those of us that cant afford to live in fancy gated communities? Because that is what it is. You are basically tearing apart my childhood by messing with all joy. Put in speed bumps if you are so concerned about pedestrians.
- I live in the Alljoy area and feel that spending money on a path before improving the basic infrastructure to support more people is crazy! We need city sewer before anything else. We are at the water Table at high tide and with a good rain our drain fields are flooded - toilets don't flush and our sewer runs into the beautiful May River. If the May becomes polluted, Bluffton will have nothing to offer tourists.
- Greetings, in an effort to be concise I've bulleted my family's thoughts below.
  - We need better infrastructure in our community, this begins with sewer, underground power and fiber optic installation.
  - The money designated for our pathway should not be lost to another location simply because of poor planning.
  - Let's focus on a date at which the needed infrastructure will be put in place and utilize these funds for the pathway once the repairs are being made.
  - If the money must be used then simply re-pave AllJoy and incorporate a bike path or lane.
  - Do not move forward with the originally planned path or other alternative at this time. This will only increase runoff into the May.
  - I am totally opposed to any type of 4' concrete island just based on the description. We need to be focused on the beautification of anything that is disturbed, concrete islands do not lend themselves to that objective.

I suggest the following three options:

1. Do nothing at this time. Wait for the permanent sewer, underground power and fiberoptic wire installation to be in place then use the funds at that time for a pathway.
  2. Repave AllJoy and incorporate a bike path, adjacent to the roadway. Do nothing to the boat landing and its traffic flow, it is not broken, do not try to fix it. It is not perfect but there are no perfect solutions either.
  3. Let the money go towards another part of the county that is ready and deserving of such a pathway.
- If options 1 and 2 aren't feasible then I elect option #3. Peace, Health and Blessings

- Sidewalk from 170 mayriver to old town





- I was raised in the Alljoy community. My parents and many of my relatives live in the Alljoy community. I would encourage the county to consider a design workshop with the Alljoy community.

General feedback is the proposal is an overreach of ideas. Consider changing the 13 foot bike path (5' separation and 8' path) to widened shoulders on both sides.

- We own a lot off of Alljoy & will be building our forever home there this year. The proposed updates will be an eyesore & unwanted by the residents who use the road & boat landing regularly. The only appropriate answer would be to add a small black top bike path, possibly by widening the road slightly. We are not interested in making this a place for tourists, just keeping residents safe.
- As someone who lived in bluffton for 8 years i used this road frequently and it was always dangerous as cars drive fast and recklessly. I still ride this road on occassion with friends who live near by.
- I do not feel you should bring more people to the Alljoy Beach area until you fix the beach area. There is no room to swim because of all the marsh grass. You need to rethink the boat travel on that one way area you have planned. Someone from your planning board needs to actually come and sit to watch the boat traffic on a weekend when the sandbar is out. The parking is insufficient and traffic is tremendous for this small area already. Drawing attention to it is going to make it worse not better. Please come see for yourselves. I'm sure it looks great on paper, but is not feasible at this time.
- It was obvious to me from the hundreds in attendance at the July 1 meeting held at the Ulmer Rd Rec Center that a large majority of Alljoy residents do NOT want this 8' pathway (or, for that matter, the 5' pathway). What we DO want and all we need is a decent shoulder on each side of Alljoy Rd, say 2.5 to 3 feet. There is absolutely no shoulder at this time and the roadway edge is crumbling. Walkers and bike riders have to travel through sand and broken pavement. Please just fix the road and add shoulders.
- This is beautiful. Why would y'all close this?
- Please consider the comments, petitions, and local community's opinions on this matter. Many residents who signed are not dead set against improvement projects, but have a variety of ideas for how to proceed. Many folks are happy to see a sidewalk, but not such a wide swath of impervious concrete. Many are happy to have a bike path, but want the beach area left alone. Many are rightfully concerned about the environmental ramifications of this project, noting that the May River is our most precious resource. What is most important, is that the County Council reps respectfully listen to the will of the citizens who elect them. A

As a 25 year Beaufort County resident, my personal opinion is that a sidewalk for the neighborhood would be beneficial, but the project as presented is over-reaching. What makes Alljoy and Brighton Beach so special is the natural, old-school vibe of the area. Let's compromise on this project in order to maintain the community culture, while improving quality of life for those who live there. Let's compromise to protect





the May River from excessive run-off, keeping it clean, pristine, and functioning as a natural estuary/waterway should. Let's focus on improvements to drainage to further protect the river and improve the quality of life for the Alljoy community. In addition, please uphold your promise to host another meeting for citizens before the final vote.

- Definitely opposed to cart path! Don't make us secede again!
- As a longtime Bluffton resident & retail shop owner, please no more taxes.
- Seems no one on Alljoy really wants the bike path which is understandable, I think they have other issues with septic, flooding. With that said please take a look @ diverting funds to a nice bike/walking path down Sawmill Creek Rd from 278 to boat landing. Our neighborhood Victoria Bluff has a petition that was started years back with no response from county. Well not that I am aware of, the road is quiet next to national forest with parking mid way. Very promotable. Thats my 2 cents and best of lucky.
- Ask a resident of alljoy my entire life (30+yrs) I truly love and appreciate that alljoy is the only part of Bluffton that is untouched. Bluffton has grown so much that it's disheartening for the true locals. I see this pathway bringing an excessive amount of traffic to our beautiful community. Foreman hill rd was once a quiet dirt road now it's heavily traveled by cars; that do not follow the speed limit and walkers and bikers not to mention the amount of litter we see. Please we the residents of alljoy rd beg you to leave our beautiful River community alone!
- Very disappointed with the decision to attempt to add this pathway to Alljoy Road. I feel that there are other issues/projects in our community that make more sense to address. One of the biggest issues is drainage and ditches for storm water. When we first moved into the community over a decade ago the ditches were on the agenda. At some point that was never addressed. The second issue on my list would be the road itself. the road is very narrow and needs repaving. With the boat traffic, trailered boats can barely fit in their own lane. Thirdly, the boat ramp and floating dock would be a worthy project that would benefit our waterway community. The floating dock especially could use an upgrade. It was damaged I'm the hurricanes and never repaired. Also, it is impossible to tie up a boat on the upstream side of the dock due to its design. These are just some of the things I feel are needed in our community over the pathway. I'm sure there are others.
- No pathway please! Alljoy is the only whats left of old Bluffton. No need to change.
- As a lifelong Lowcountry resident, here are my thoughts regarding the bike path. My family moved to Hilton Head in 1960 and our home was the 8th house in Sea Pines. When the island changed with homes being built on every square inch of land I began searching for a place that still retained the true Lowcountry feel. Quiet, neighborly and by chance found the house I have now lived in for 25 years. Most homes in the Alljoy area are family owned and passed down from generation to generation. Most everyone here remains





committed to keeping their property and the lifestyle that goes with it. Then, in the last few years, Bluffton proper is exploding with little regard for the Bluffton lifestyle that was the initial draw. Along Alljoy we have very few bike riders while golf carts are the means of transportation. Also, having the path will only compound our drainage problems and continuing it around the boat landing and beach is unacceptable. At present, every weekend boat trailers are parked along the road from the landing all the way to the first entrance of Oyster Street. They even park in front of my house ignoring the "Do Not Park" signs. With that said, the last thing we need is more people in our area. We cherish that we have managed to keep our unique way of life and rather than a bike path, address our drainage problems and conditions of our streets. I know I speak for most everyone in our Oyster Street community when I say NO! to the bike path.

- I oppose the AllJoy Pathway Proposal and I also am against making a one-way street from Thomas Lawton to the Landing. I am against changing the landing entrance. This will create Havoc and congestion.
- I have lived here for 20 years. I am opposed the the proposed pathway. Trash, congestion, safety, use of the boat landing, and crime.
- No, this is not wanted or needed by the people that live in Alljoy area. They want to be left alone. Spend our money on something helpful and worthwhile.
- I would only like the sidewalk to be from shad all the way to ulmer and to burnt church roads
- I totally oppose this project. I have lived here for years and don't want to see it ruined. Too many people, trash, runoff.
- Leave Alljoy alone. This town has been ruined by developers. You will continue to ruin it by continually destroying wetlands and nature.
- The people on the All Joy beach have given land 2 times. Don't you think that is enough? People I see riding bicycles, ride in the road even if there is a path.

Burnt church road is the one in need of work. If you have ever been caught in school traffic and try to get out of the way for the fire truck and rescue squad you would know what I am talking about

- I am 100% against the proposed pathway on Alljoy Toad. There are more than enough areas where people can ride their bikes. The overwhelming majority of residents in the Alljoy area do not want or need this pathway.
- The area already gets damaged and litter from visitors. We don't need a path to make it easier for them to ruin the natural beauty of the place.
- I think a 5' sidewalk (not the 8' path) between burnt church and the intersection of Alljoy and Shad would be great. In my opinion, the sidewalk should be installed on Ulmer and Shad, not Alljoy. We were told that





route is too expensive but were not told how it was estimated. Was the estimate based on the 8' path or the 5' sidewalk?

I don't think the path or sidewalk should extend past Thomas Lawton Drive on Alljoy.

- I am totally opposed to this pathway. To make it short, runoff, trash, change to the entry and exit to the boat landing, safety issues and traffic.  
A terrible idea.
- As a resident of Alljoy we do not want a pathway to bring more traffic and congestion to our once quiet area! We do not want more construction and progression. Leave our last bit of untouched lowcountry heaven alone! More traffic and more people lead to more trash/litter and trouble
- No path in Alljoy, No bike path at Alljoy. The run off into the River, traffic, lack of parking and making the landing unusable are unacceptable. Use the money to put a path somewhere else in the county.
- As a resident of Alljoy Road who lives in Brighton Oaks, I simply say NO! It's enough already building on every parcel of land in Old Town Bluffton, but working your way down Alljoy road is unacceptable.
- This project would only contribute to more water runoff, contribute to more trash in the beach area, almost prohibit the use of the boat ramp, make it very restrictive for emergency vehicles to use the area around the beach area and add to more congestion. I am totally against this project.  
**From General Comment Form:** I am against the Alljoy pathway. This would only create more runoff, more trash, congestion and interfere with any emergency vehicles in the Brighton beach area. Spend the money somewhere else.
- Do not make the pathway on alljoy
- I do not approve of any of the changes proposed to Alljoy Rd. , the Alljoy Boat Ramp or Brighton Beach.
- No to the Alljoy bike path. Stop ruining our little town.
- I own property off of all joy down Fairfax Street. I was not happy when they made my street a one-way and I certainly do not want the county to make Thomas Lawton drive a one-way. There are better ways to spend these funds. What we really need is a sidewalk feature that runs from the All Joy area all the way to MC Riley so our children can walk and ride their bikes to school not some tourist attraction. I VOTE NO!
- We are Totally against this proposal!!!!







- My family and I have lived in the Alljoy area for 40 years. I am also a walker and a boater that uses Alljoy landing.
- The place that really needs a walk path is Shad Ave and Ulmer Rd. All those kids on Shad that go to school at MCRiley and that walk to the Rec Center. Also a path down Ulmer to the Rec Center draws more attention to this county facility to utilize it better. If there must be a path down Alljoy, stop it at Shad but make it a walking path, not a bike path. This prevents the issues with it coming close to homes along Alljoy between Shad and Mullet as well as interfering with the parking problem for the landing.

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST ANY PATH!

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST ANY CHANGES TO THE LANDING!. It works now with the land we have to work with. There is NO way to get a larger boat and /or pontoon through there with any path and no way to make a right hand turn onto Thomas Lawton with any kind of path. You Definitely do not want to route the landing traffic around the beach and bring all the boats and trailers around the population there. That's a safety hazard.

The beach area needs renourished, nothing fancy.

Please do not ruin the last of old Bluffton. The Alljoy area is just about all that is left untouched and true Bluffton. Those of us that have been here so long will fight to save it. Use the money somewhere else where it is needed!

- We do not want the path past Shad Ave  
If you can build a boardwalk around the beach. You can use that to continue around Shad to the 5ft path on Ulmer. Bring speed humps like these on Foreman Hill Rd. Down Alljoy and Shad. Leave our boat landing and the residents homes past Shad alone.
- I am not against a pathway from Burnt Church Road to Shad Avenue. The proposal to go beyond Shad Avenue around the loop is only asking for problems and will be detrimental to the ALLJOY community.
- The "pathway" is not needed in our neighborhood. I think a natural walkway would be sufficient from Confederate to Shad so as not to extend into the city limits as we do not want "connectivity" . I was fine with a pedestrian route on Shad and Ulmer which would connect to the new passive park , the rec center and would be a school route for the abundance of children that live there. This route could also be further removed from the roadside so it would be safer and more pleasurable to walk. If cost is an issue just wait until the money is available
- I do not support the proposed sidewalk/pathway to the Alljoy Rd/Brighton Beach area.

I grew up in this neighborhood and revisit it every few months or so (I work on Hilton head), and love feeling the nostalgia of it all. Already disappointed by the fact that the beach itself is disappearing, being re taken





over by the natural sea grass, but it's still beautiful and part of the nostalgia is the walk there. Most tourists don't know of the place, and most locals don't need the pathway to enjoy the beauty of the neighborhood/beach.

Plus it will make the boat ramp just unnecessarily awkward and cumbersome to maneuver.

- The pathway down Alljoy road and changes to boat landing traffic would create more congestion than is needed. A pathway down Ulmer road from Burnt Church to Malphrus rd would be better suited for cycling, and down Malphrus rd to Bluffton parkway.
- I oppose the pathway project. AllJoy doesn't need any major changes. I'm happy with the way it is now. Leave AllJoy Road and the Loop alone.

Money should be better spent on improving conditions at the landing.

- My comments about Alljoy Rd Pathway 1) I do not want a pathway on Alljoy Rd. 2) I observe only 4-5 walkers a day compared to about 20 golf carts a day which effects the traffic more than walkers and the bikers use the road sometime there are no individual bikers 3) The drainage at this location is also bad and I think more payment will make the drainage worst. 4) The Boat Ramp needs to stay as is and the beach needs to be renourished but no boardwalk. I have lived on Alljoy Rd for 61 years and there has been a lot of wrecks on the curve and the Alljoy Road maintenance and obeying the speed is needed more than pathways. I suggest the pathway be built on Shad and Ulmer.
- Please No more development in the AllJoy area, we don't need it.
- I am against the proposed Alljoy pathway.  
My following statement shows very good reasons why the pathway should not be realized. Why change an area that doesn't want to be changed? Change is not always good even if you have the money to make a change. Change doesn't always make things better and neither does money. I think we all have realized that in our lives at some point in time.

Improvements for those that have lived in the Alljoy area for years is something that makes sense like city sewage. You have to remember those that actually live on Alljoy and in that area are the ones keeping up their property and paying taxes. Some of these homes on Alljoy have been in families for many generations and they have kept it that way because of the laid-back atmosphere, and the untouched modernization of this area. Why would you want to ruin an area that has always been a relaxing place to live? The improvements we desperately need like city sewage somehow just keeps being put on the back burner which makes no sense when this affects our environment. The city sewage issue should be of utmost concern because of how septic tanks and water runoffs affects our environment and our most precious May River. We all know that May River has had a problem from time to time with pollution. Keeping the river safe should be a main priority, not a pathway on Alljoy rd. I live on Alljoy road and there is no way on earth





there is a fraction of enough people walking or riding bikes to warrant the use of a pathway. It would be such a waste of money. I emphasize A waste of money.

Another problem I have with this pathway is it would be in the front yards of most of the home owners on Alljoy Road. I have looked and looked and have not seen a pathway like you are proposing in the front yards of homeowners. Take A look all the way down Alljoy road and around the circle by the boat ramp on May River and notice the front doors and parking of the home owners. Many of us are very close to the road. A pathway would cause problems with entering and exiting our homes and affecting our parking greatly. It could also be very hazardous to the homeowners and the pedestrians. The pathway would also cause rainwater runoff to flood our yards and increase issues with drain ditches which already have problems on high tides which all of these affects our septic tanks which in turn increases the chance of them polluting the May River.

The proposed Alljoy pathway would also cause grave problems with our boat ramp for loading and unloading boats. Many people use the boat ramp for loading and unloading their boats for work transportation to other islands, fishing, and recreation. The boat ramp parking area is a vital part of Alljoy area residence for parking boat trailers. This area must not be reduced in size. This area is much more important than a pathway for bikers. Again, this boat ramp and parking is plays a vital part in making a living for some. The parking at this boat ramp needs to accommodate all size boats and trailers and as many as possible. On Alljoy there are many residents with large boats and have used this boat ramp for many years. There should not be any interference with them continuing to use this close proximity boat ramp.

Brighton Beach is the name of a small area where some people can cool off and enjoy some leisure time. It is not a real beach where hundreds can spend a day and enjoy the water. Again face it, not even 100 can enjoy it at one time. It's a small area for small families or groups that can enjoy the water on mid to high tide only. This area is also very limited in parking. The only improvement needed here is the removal of seagrass that is taking over what little swim area that is left. That's the type improvement needed so that those that live here and visit here can continue to enjoy this small Brighton Beach area. Like I said this is a very small area. The proposed all joy pathway would reduce this area even further.

Put yourself in one of our homes in this quaint area. Would you want it modernized and busier taking away your comfort?

Please don't ruin our area with a pathway.

Thank you.

- I am against the current plan. It's too big!

I suggest making the road wider on each side by 3 feet. That would not ruin the area!

- So, you've got some money to spend in our beloved All Joy area! Well, the majority of people living here DO NOT WANT a bike path or a sidewalk created! Leadership has assured us that the power of the people will be adhered to and we have spoken and continue to speak! The money allocated toward "change" can be better spent on minimal speed bumps along the way and perhaps a caution light at the intersection of Thomas Lawton and All Joy. Traffic on the road and around the loop along Brighton Beach is very often too fast! Don't create an Avenue for intensifying traffic and people which will only overcrowd and destroy the





environment. This area is accommodating what is present now while maintaining the integrity of this cherished piece of Bluffton. If you must place a sidewalk somewhere put it where it will serve the community best, accommodating school students and their families! The majority of those citizens do not live on All Joy! Build a sidewalk, not on the All Joy road but starting at Shad, going along Ulmer and ending at the school! That would even compliment the recreation field/center! A sidewalk/bike path on that stretch of road will do a better job offering community safety as well as inclusiveness within our diverse population!

Drainage remains a problem in our area and demands attention! I understand that this work falls under a different funding resource! Quite unfortunate! This community need has long been ignored to the detriment of the environment!

Thank you for an opportunity to comment.

- We are not in favor of making the pathway extending past Shad Street, one way street from Lawton Street and Alljoy Road to the landing, and cutting/removing oak and palm trees.
- Because I have not received a response in 3 weeks, I am unsure that my comments were received. I am re-submitting. I have also sent these comments to all listed town and county representatives. The proposed Alljoy Pathway should not extend beyond Shad Street because:  
Safety: Boats having to travel the entire circle would endanger children running between cars back and forth to their homes in Alljoy circle and beyond.

Safety: Getting area children safely to and from Michael C Riley Elementary should be a first priority. Wouldn't the pathway from Burnt Church to the end of Shad Street be safer if it followed Ulmer and Shad Street, as was first proposed? How did only a few comments move the proposed pathway to Alljoy Road? The penny tax passed in order to provide safety-not endanger area children.

Feasibility: Could 3-axle boats even make the turn at the curve near the lone oak of the swimming area? This turn is too sharp for boat trailers and emergency vehicles and the trees would be damaged. Also, residents would be cut off and/or delayed going to and from their homes by the boat and car traffic following the proposed one way loop.

Historical preservation: There simply is not enough roadway or right of way for this project to extend beyond Shad Street and still provide safety. This area is historic and should retain its unique and quaint quality for the residents who own these properties. To extend the pathway beyond Shad Street would drastically change the quality of life for those who live here. Many families, such as ours, are generations old.

Long range results: BJWSA would have to dig up and repair the walkway to provide sewage which is desperately needed to reverse the current rate of pollution of the May River. Can residents please see an environmental impact report for this project?





'Alljoy' was the name given to the hotel built by my husband's grandmother in 1923-24. It was situated on the property now housing the homes inside the circle of the Alljoy loop. (See article in "The Bluffton Breeze, November, 2004). Later a 2nd hotel was built. Both hotels burned in 1935 and Antoinette Bailey All purchased the property, now identified as 263 Alljoy Road. Her 5th generation grandchildren now stay with her grandson, JHC All, jr, and myself, current owners. They enjoy the quaint circle to the small swimming/marsh grass area.

Point: This is an historical area. In the 1923 Brighton Beach map by Tomlinson Engineering Co, the lot beside the boat landing, now owned by Forrest Baughman, was granted to the residents of Alljoy circle as their common area. The common area language at that time gave residents of Alljoy Circle the option to close traffic to the circle, like Palmetto and Crystal Beach do today. On 10/18/1944, SC Hwy Dept sold 15' right of way along Alljoy Rd, then called Oyster Street, back to residents between Lawton Drive and Mullet Street. The current SCHED right of way is less than 15' in this area. DB62/PG124

'Alljoy', our home's name since Antoinette's 1925 hotel, was an old Paris Island army barrack elevated and placed nearly to the edge of the property line in 1944/1945. No setbacks were required for these 30' deep lots at that time. Therefore any pathway or sidewalk would nearly touch the stairs into our house, severely de-valuing our property. This would be the case for 4 properties between Lawton and Mullet streets. To compensate these owners, repair and build drainage ditches that currently flood in heavy rain and many high tides, and build the pathway in this area alone would exceed the \$750,000 budget allocated for the entire project. Then BJWSA would have to dig up and repair the walkway to provide sewage which is desperately needed to reverse the current rate of pollution of the May River. (Can residents please see an environmental impact report for this project?)

This pathway project should not extend beyond Shad Street because:

1. Safety: Boats having to travel the entire circle would endanger children running from the swimming area back and forth to their homes in Alljoy circle and beyond. Currently the boat landing can be avoided by walkers and bikers (and golf carts for that matter) by traveling the dirt roads inside the circle.
2. Feasibility: Could 3 axle boats even make the turn at the curve near the lone oak of the swimming area? This turn is too sharp and the trees would be damaged. Also, residents would be cut off and/or delayed to and from their homes by boat and car traffic following the proposed one-way loop.
3. Safety: Getting area children safely to and from Michael C Riley Elementary should be a first priority. Wouldn't the pathway from Burnt Church to the end of Shad Street be safer if it followed Confederate and Shad Streets?
4. Historical Preservation: There simply is not enough roadway or right of way for this project to extend beyond Shad Street. This area is historic and should retain its unique and quaint quality for the residents who own these properties. To extend this pathway project beyond Shad would drastically change the quality of life for those who live here. Many families, such as ours, are generations old.





**From Email:** I am against the proposed 8' pathway on Alljoy Road past Shad Street. As a tax paying retired engineer and a 3rd generation owner of this property, I am impacted by this project, I would have appreciated a review prior to the planning of this project or at least a courtesy notification. Our only parking at 263 Alljoy Rd has been in the right of way since 1945. The 3 lots between our house and Lawton Dr are in a similar situation. This project should be reviewed by the South Carolina State Historical Preservation Office, a safety engineer, an environmental impact team and a close review by the SCDOT engineers. There is unacceptable risk associated with the project and the existing congestion which creates an obvious liability for the state and the county. My wife and I stress our desire to keep the Alljoy/Brighton Beach loop as it is now to protect our extended family of 13. I am the grandson of Sara Antoinette All, who built the Alljoy Hotel here in 1921.

- We have property in the Town of Bluffton. We do not have property on All Joy but feel that it should be left the way it is. Hasn't Bluffton been destroyed enough. It's so shocking to see what it has become. So darn sad!! Leave All Joy the way it is. Ask all the people on All Joy what they want. Ultimately they are the ones that have to live with this planned mess!!
- 1. Eric Greenway stated, "if you, the people of the community, don't want it...we will be glad to take that \$750,000 and spend it somewhere else." Then the people of the Alljoy community CHEERED, and said, "TAKE IT! We don't want it!"

I also heard a lot of, "comment on the penny website and make the comment online." This is simply a way to get us to hush.

After this meeting, I feel much stronger against the pathway than I felt going into the meeting. This is NOT WANTED, and it's being forced on us for greed. I feel all of the answers given by Eric Greenway were vague, dismissive, and when the question was specific, he just said, "post your comment online." This meeting was simply to try to quiet those of us who live in Alljoy. The QUESTION I have, is who, specifically, makes this decision? If the citizens who live in the area DO NOT want it, then why can it be decided to be done despite the wishes of the people who live in the area? WHO is the person who can decide that????

2. WHY does the path HAVE to be 8' wide? The answer tonight was, "SCDOT code is 8' wide." But when I looked it up, it says 5'. Why can't we pave the smallest sidewalk possible, and use the money saved to continue the sidewalk down Shad, Ulmer, to the rec center?

- I have been reviewing the material on the Alljoy project and find that the link you have for the "Meeting 1 Summary and Recommendations" is entirely for Lady's Island Project. Alljoy is not mentioned in these meeting notes. We really need to see the Meeting notes where the Alljoy project was defined and Ulmer/Shad project removed.

Other concerns are the Proposed Alternate 1 and 2 for the Loop/Landing/Beach area.





Proposed Alternate 1: Looks to me like you have created a 3 way stop at Alljoy/Thomas Lawton and Loop road. At this intersection you have created a change in the Pathway from the recommended 8' pathway to a smaller pathway on the remainder of Alljoy and the Loop around the Beach back to Alljoy. A pedestrian/biker will need to cross at this intersection Thomas Lawton and then immediately cross Alljoy to get to the right hand side of the proposed one way street. Very dangerous. It then appears as the pedestrian/biker would need to cross on the first CURVE at the Alljoy and Mullet Street intersection. This is also putting the pedestrian/biker on the same side as the public landing. right at the proposed entrance and exit of vehicle/boat trailers. Again, not a safe situation. This is also an area where houses on that first curve do not have ways to enter/exit their property without backing into oncoming traffic. Now lets get to the Beach area. On the drawings the proposed pathway completely disappears from the drawings. One can only assume that the pedestrian/biker is back in the road way that you have now made the only way that vehicles/trailers can exit the boat landing. So lets see how much more traffic and congestion we can put in this small area. Wait, we still have the question of parking for people at the Beach. These folks will now be backing out in the vehicle/trailer oncoming traffic and running over pedestrian/biker that is now in the road.

Proposed Alternate 2: Again the same issue at the 3 way stop for pedestrian/biker crossing. Same problem on the first Curve at the landing. And same issue with the Beach - no shown walkway.

I find both of the proposed alternates to be lacking in judgement and safety concerns. You profess to have made this project a priority based on safety and you are creating a serious problem.

Now let me address the landing. With Alternate 2 the proposed entrance is at the current entrance to the landing with the exit as it has been. Main concern is the continued parking of vehicles in the landing that do not have trailers, thereby limiting the number of vehicles with trailers that can park. And, again, this brings all the vehicle/trailer traffic on the Loop/Beach road along with people walking and riding bikes.

Alternate 1 would reverse the entrance and exit of the landing. If you look at the aerial photo you are using for the proposals you can clearly see the traffic pattern in the landing. This photo also shows only a few smaller vehicles/trailers. The entrance angle would not allow for the average person to make the necessary turn and back their boat to the water. Normally there are 5-7 vehicles/with trailers parked in the areas facing the Loop road and if a large trailer is sticking out in the middle that faces the Baughman property it will be nearly impossible.

Lets talk about the covered drainage. Where will this be and where will the water go. You mentioned a couple of things that actually raise more questions - retention pond and swales. We need to see proposed plans for either or both of those as part of this project.

I have several other concerns that I am researching and will address later in comments. Let me finish by saying I would like to see these plans reviewed by our Emergency/Fire personnel and strongly believe that the Sheriff's department needs to look at the issues created as you so emphatically stated at the 7/1/21 public meeting with the Alljoy residents, "That is not my problem. It is the Sheriff's Departments problem." Well, Mr. Greenway, where does the Sheriff's budget come from? Tax Payers and I think we do have a say in this. As you and your staff said we will just have to call the Sheriff's office to complain when people are parked on the side of the road and in the pathway. Trust me, we will as we have in the past. Just anticipate the need for additional personnel to be able to monitor all these issues you are creating.





I am not in favor of any formal pathways past Shad Ave. And, still question what happened to the Ulmer/Shad proposal. If Burnt Church was removed, those funds saved could have been added to the Ulmer/Shad. This area desperately needs at a minimum sidewalks. This is where most of the children are in the road.

- I would like to say that the path is a nice idea, but it isn't fit for the Alljoy circle. It is a small area of a wonderful town. This small area needs updating (drainage, beach upkeep), but a bike path would only hurt the area because of the traffic. Traffic is getting out of control as it is and adding path and changing the flow of the boating area is not a good idea. If anything, we need speed bumps to slow down the traffic. I sit on my porch (corner of Alljoy and Lawton) and these cars (some with boat trailers) fly down the road heading around the circle. Bike paths won't help this, it will only crowd the area.
- It's time to take our long-term residents, the true locals, into consideration. This project expansion is ill-advised.
- I am definitely opposed to the AllJoy pathway project. It's totally unnecessary. Leave AllJoy as is. It makes no sense to make major changes down AllJoy Road and around the loop. Bike path, sidewalk or whatever is not needed. It will detract from the natural beauty of the AllJoy community, and it will create more traffic which will lead to the busy, noisy atmosphere we want to avoid. It will open up to more tourists, outsiders, invading our quaint area. Ask AllJoy residents for their suggestions on how to spend the \$750,000 more wisely in order to keep people happy. I feel this money should go towards addressing drainage problems, improving the landing, and refurbishing the beach area. Please leave AllJoy Road and the loop alone.

