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Committee Recommendation : N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 26-R-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONSERVATION EFFORTS OF THE ACE BASIN TASK FORCE, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR ITS WORK TO PRESERVE THE ACE BASIN, AND COMMITTING TO A CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF THIS IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL ASSET

WHEREAS, the ACE Basin is a nationally recognized coastal landscape encompassing over 128,000 acres of protected wetlands, rivers, forests, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, and historic and cultural resources within and surrounding Colleton County; and

WHEREAS, the ACE Basin supports an extraordinary diversity of plant and animal life and provides important environmental benefits, including wildlife habitat, water-quality protection, flood resilience, and the preservation of natural landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the ACE Basin also reflects the rich cultural heritage of the Lowcountry, including longstanding agricultural, hunting, fishing, forestry, and other traditions that have shaped the character and history of Colleton County; and

WHEREAS, the **ACE Basin Task Force** has worked tirelessly since 1988 to promote responsible conservation, stewardship, research, monitoring, education, cooperation, and public awareness concerning the ACE Basin and its natural and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the ACE Basin Task Force's unique partnership between state government, federal government, and private land owners ensures meaningful long-term preservation of lands and resources that are important to the residents, communities, conservation organizations, wildlife, economy, history, and quality of life in Colleton County; and

WHEREAS, the Colleton County Council wishes to acknowledge and express its appreciation for the dedication and service of the ACE Basin Task Force and all those who have contributed to the conservation and stewardship of this important coastal landscape;

WHEREAS, the Colleton County Council recognizes the importance of continued collaboration with the ACE Basin Task Force and hereby expresses its full support for the ACE Basin Task Force's mission and conservation efforts, and is committed to working in partnership with the ACE Basin Task Force and other stakeholders to advance the long-term protection and stewardship of the ACE Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Colleton County Council acknowledges the **ACE Basin Task Force Working Area Map**, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, as a representation of the geographic area in which the ACE Basin Task Force conducts and supports conservation efforts, and recognizes the importance of protecting the lands, waters, wildlife habitats, and cultural resources within this landscape;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Colleton County Council** hereby recognizes and acknowledges the conservation efforts of the **ACE Basin Task Force** and expresses its sincere appreciation for the ACE Basin Task Force's partnership with Colleton County as we work together to preserve, protect, and promote stewardship of the ACE Basin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colleton County Council fully supports the mission of the ACE Basin Task Force and commits to a continued partnership and collaboration with the ACE Basin Task Force, in support of the conservation and stewardship of the ACE Basin and its ecological and cultural resources.

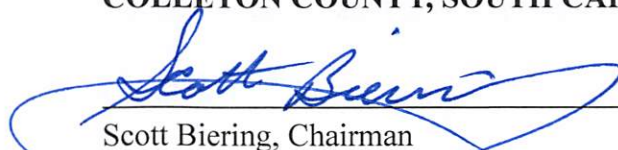
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **ACE Basin Task Force Working Area Map**, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is hereby acknowledged as part of this Resolution and as a representation of the geographic area encompassing the Task Force's conservation work and interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the ACE Basin Task Force as an expression of the County Council's gratitude and recognition.

DONE AND RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 5 day of October, 2026.

COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA





Scott Biering, Chairman
County Council of Colleton County

ATTEST:



Martha Thompson, Clerk to Council

EXHIBIT A

ACE Basin Task Force Working Area Map

