

Frequently Asked Questions:

How did you select the preferred rail alignment?

The Camp Hall Rail project requires, at a minimum, a rail route that meets the following characteristics and criteria:

- Direct connectivity to a single Class I freight carrier main line, accessing the freight carrier's inland/domestic network, as well as the Port of Charleston.
- Sufficient rail access and capacity to serve both phases of the Volvo Cars site.
- Sufficient rail access and capacity to service future growth and needs of additional industrial sites within the remaining portions of Camp Hall Commerce Park, such that the portion of the proposed rail spur located within Camp Hall Commerce Park does not limit access to the site while in use or require grade separation.

The preferred rail alignment would result in less impact on the surrounding environment compared to other alternatives, has the least impacts on property owners with no home relocations, and does not impact known archaeological sites.

If my property is within the 200ft preferred option corridor, how much of my property will be impacted?

Palmetto Railways intends to purchase up to 100ft of right-of-way within the preferred option corridor. The specific location of the right-of-way will be determined as final design of the rail line is completed.

How has the project been progressing since the last meeting?

Over the course of the past year, Palmetto Railways has been conducting environmental studies in the project area to meet regulatory requirements. In late 2016, it was determined that the USACE and STB would serve as joint lead federal agencies for the project. To initiate the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process with the STB and the USACE, Palmetto Railways needed to complete an environmental report including an alternatives analysis with an evaluation of the impacts of each alternative, and determine a preferred alternative for construction of the rail line. The report will be submitted to the STB in July 2017 and will initiate the regulatory review.

How do I stay involved and informed?

Palmetto Railways is committed to collaborating with the USACE and STB, Berkeley County, state and federal officials, landowners, local residents, and other stakeholders to ensure that the community and surrounding areas are included in the project process. The project team will provide a number of opportunities for stakeholders to learn about the project and provide input. You can stay informed by signing up for the project mailing list to ensure you are notified of the next meeting or project details by visiting www.camphallrail.com.

When is the next public meeting?

A formal public hearing will be facilitated by the USACE and STB. Palmetto Railways will notify all project stakeholders when the meeting is scheduled.

Stay involved:

Submit a comment or joining the mailing list:



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Welcome!

Welcome to the Camp Hall Rail project public information open house! On behalf of Palmetto Railways and the South Carolina Department of Commerce, we thank you for participating in today's meeting.

Palmetto Railways has identified a preferred alignment for the Camp Hall Rail project and will be going through an application process with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Surface Transportation Board (STB). USACE and STB will oversee the environmental review process to permit the route for construction while also ensuring that a wide range of stakeholders are involved in the process. Agency, stakeholder, and public input are critical during the environmental review process to provide important insight to Palmetto Railways as it refines which rail alignment alternative is best for the corridor as a whole.

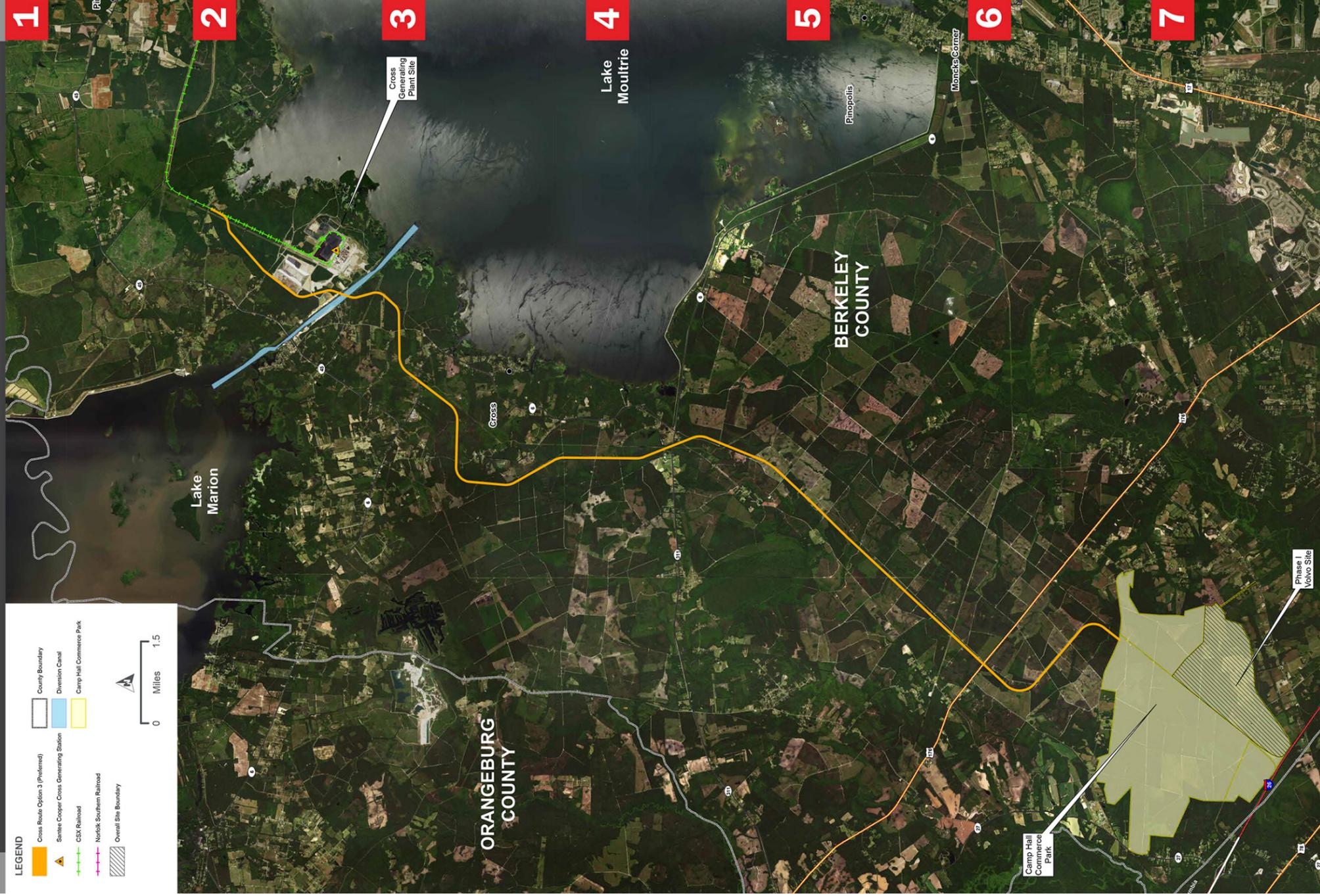
At today's meeting please:

- Start your meeting engagement with the video that will highlight where we are on the project today.
- Explore each of the alignment alternative stations.
- Locate your property within the study area.
- If you received a letter in the mail that your property is directly affected, talk to a land representative about the acquisition process.
- Leave a question or comment for the project team.





Preferred Rail Alignment



Length of Line:
22.7 miles

of Trains:
5
round-trip trains/week
(30 rail cars)

of At-Grade Road Crossings:
9
includes at-grade state and county paved roads

Maximum Operating Speed:
25 mph

Estimated Parcels Affected (within 200' corridor):
38

Potential Relocations:
0

Wetland Impacts:
23.82%

The purpose of the Camp Hall Rail project is to:

Locate, build, own and operate an industrial rail line that will connect to the existing Class 1 rail line with the Camp Hall Commerce Park. The need for the Proposed Project derives from the development within the Camp Hall Commerce Park, which has increased the demand for rail service to interconnect the commerce park with an existing Class 1 rail network, South Carolina, in a manner that is logistically feasible to better serve the need of the future tenants and industry within the Camp Hall Commerce Park for transportation, distribution, and logistics. These tenants include, but are not limited to, Volvo Cars, as well as any associated support industries that might desire to locate in proximity to Volvo Cars in the future.