

Media Release



bluffton
HEART OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

July 11, 2019

For More Information:

Debbie Szpanka
Public Information Officer
Town of Bluffton
20 Bridge Street
Bluffton, South Carolina 29910
(Office): 843.706.4534
(Cell): 843.540.2274
(Email): dszpanka@townofbluffton.com

Town of Bluffton is Seeking Public Input for Preservation Plan for Squire Pope Carriage House

The Town of Bluffton is seeking public input into the preservation plan of the Squire Pope Carriage House, located on the Wright Family Property. The Town and Beaufort County bought this property at 111 Calhoun Street in 2017 with the purpose of rehabilitating the Squire Pope Carriage House and converting the property into a public park.

As a first step, the Town is working with historic preservation consultants, Meadors, Inc. This Charleston-based firm is seeking input from the Bluffton community about the public's desires for this historic structure. Meadors, Inc. representatives also developed the preservation plan for the Oyster Factory Park's Garvin-Garvey House.

The Town is encouraging the Bluffton community to fill out a quick survey about the Squire Pope Carriage House. The survey can be accessed via this link:

<http://bit.ly/SquirePopeStakeholderSurvey>

The survey is short and is expected to take less than five minutes to complete. Survey responses should be submitted by July 26. Residents are encouraged to share this link with others. The objective is to receive feedback for this project from the Bluffton community.

The survey responses will be shared at the August 8 stakeholders meeting at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

For further information about the preservation process of the Squire Pope Carriage House, please call Katie Peterson, senior planner, at (email) kpeterson@townofbluffton.com or (Office Phone): 843.706.4574.

About Wright Family Property:

The Wright Family Property, situated at the south end of Calhoun Street, on the river adjacent to the Calhoun Street Public Dock and across the street from Church of the Cross, is both historically and culturally significant. The Squire Pope Carriage House, built circa 1850, sits on the property and is one of the very few structures in the Bluffton Historic District to survive the 1863 "Burning of Bluffton" by the Union Army during the Civil War. Future plans for the property involve converting it into a passive park to provide additional public access to the May River for Bluffton residents and visitors. The Town plans to rehabilitate the Squire Pope Carriage House, similar to the Town's Garvin House rehabilitation which is located at nearby Oyster Factory Park.

#####