

**Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)**

The CWPP includes a detailed risk assessment utilizing state-of-the-art computer modeling, providing the community with clarity to their wildfire problem and those actions that can be used to mitigate them. The CWPP action plan addresses:

- Wildland Fuel Management,
- Community Outreach and Education,
- Firewise Building Retrofit and Landscaping,
- Policy and Regulation Recommendations, and
- Wildland Fire Response Improvements.



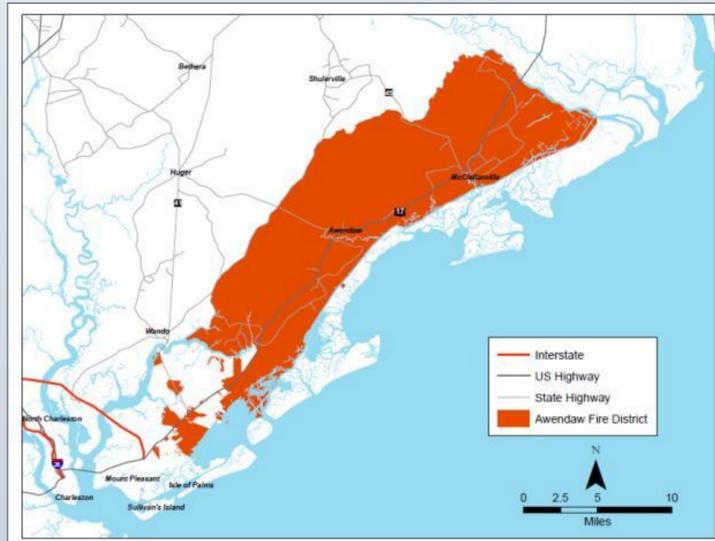
The CWPP is non-regulatory in nature, meaning it does not set forth any new policy, but rather provides a framework of recommendations for communities and stakeholders to pursue to minimize the threat of destructive wildfires. The plan does provide (1) a foundation for coordination and collaboration among agencies and the public within Awendaw Consolidated Fire District's response area, (2) identification and prioritization of areas for hazardous fuel reduction projects and other mitigation activities, and (3) assistance meeting federal and state planning requirements and qualifying for assistance programs.

**CWPP Objectives and actions can help:**

- Enhance public safety
- Improve community sustainability
- Protect ecosystem health
- Raise public awareness of wildfire hazards and wildfire risk
- Educate landowners on how to reduce home ignitability
- Build and improve collaboration at multiple levels

**Awendaw CWPP**

Awendaw Consolidated Fire District encompasses the unincorporated areas of Charleston County north of Mount Pleasant. Stretching from just south of the Isle of Palm Connector (517) and extending north to the Santee River, the District includes the Awendaw area, Boone Hall, McClellanville, Tibwin, South Santee, and Germantown areas. Highway 17, or as many locals call it, "the Ocean Highway" spans the entire length of the Fire District, connecting coastal communities and towns along its way and providing a vital economic link between the City of Charleston and Myrtle Beach for thousands of visitors to the Low Country each year.

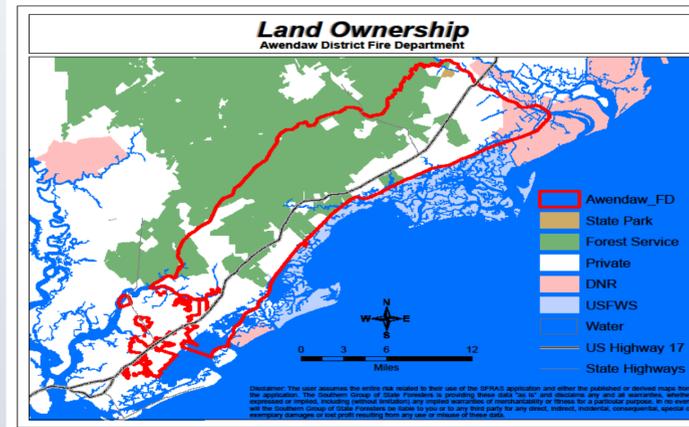


**CWPP Planning Steps**

- Step one: Convene the decision makers
- Step two: Involve state and federal agencies
- Step three: Engage interested parties
- Step four: Establish a community base map
- Step five: Develop a community assessment
- Step six: Establish community hazard reduction priorities and recommendations to reduce structural ignitability
- Step seven: Develop an action plan and assessment strategy
- Step eight: Finalize the Community Wildfire Protection Plan

**CWPP Planning**

The CWPP planning process was a collaborative effort among local, regional, state, and federal government agencies that have a role in protecting the community and residents from wildfire.

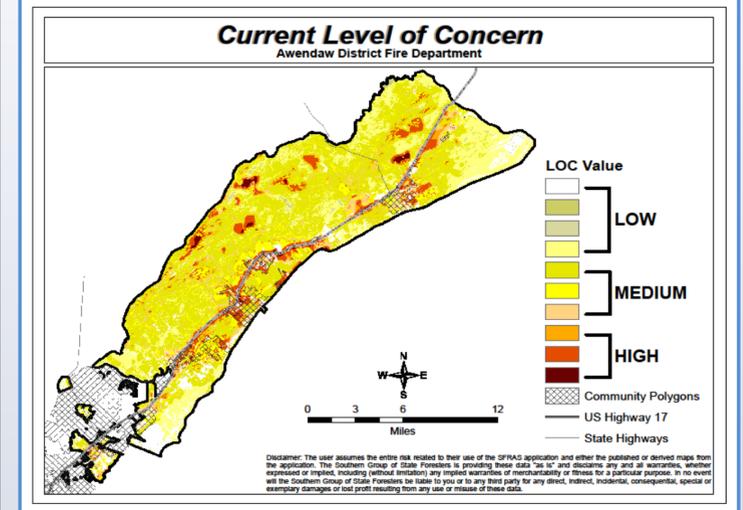


**Existing and Tiered Plans and Policies**

- Charleston County Comprehensive Plan
- Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan (Charleston County)
- Charleston County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Charleston County Emergency Operations Plan
- South Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Francis Marion National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan
- Cape Romaine National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan
- South Carolina Forestry Commission Strategic Plan
- The Nature Conservancy Sewee To Santee Comprehensive Plan

Ownership	Acres	Percentage
Private/Other	65,911	45.95%
Forest Service	66,504	46.36%
Fish and Wildlife Service	274	.19%
DNR	10,458	7.29%
State Park	294	.20%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>144,431</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Example CWPP Outputs**



Charleston County's Emergency Management Department provides an example of an effective emergency management program as based on the Four Phases of Emergency Management:

- ❖ **Mitigation** - efforts to reduce hazards or their impacts
- ❖ **Preparedness** - efforts to prepare for a likely hazard
- ❖ **Response** - actions taken to respond to an emergency or disaster
- ❖ **Recovery** - actions taken to restore the community to pre-disaster condition (Government, Emergency Management Department)

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/epd/index.htm>

