

August 14, 2026

General Assembly
Legislative Services Agency
223 Blatt Building
1105 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Members of the South Carolina General Assembly:

As required by Proviso 117.164 (GP: Land Acquisitions) of the Continuing Resolution (R128 S. 769 of 2026), the Executive Budget Office shall prepare a report to the General Assembly of the properties acquired in the prior fiscal year, along with the funding sources for the acquisition, the identification of any reductions in the State's basis in the property including owner agreement to sell below market value and any grants applied to the acquisition, and the intended agency for long-term management of the acquisition. In compliance with this proviso, please find enclosed the Land Acquisitions Report.

Pursuant to SC Code of Laws Section 2-1-230, the Executive Budget Office is submitting this report in electronic format to the Legislative Services Agency for notification to the General Assembly members.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Kevin Etheridge

Enclosure



Proviso 117.164
Land Acquisitinos Completed in FY26
Prepared by the SC Department of Administration

Resource Agency	Property Name	Property Description	Acres	County	Acquisition Date	Funding Source	FMV	SC Investment (excludes due diligence costs)	Reductions in the State's basis in the property (Value to SC = FMV - SC Investment)	Agency Responsible for Long-Term Management
SCDNR	Aiken Gopher Tortoise - Korn	Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve expansion	302	Aiken	12/12/2025	SCCB, SCDNR	\$1,160,000	\$1,090,000	\$70,000	SCDNR
SCDNR	Bunched Arrowhead - Burns	Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve expansion	32	Greenville	9/3/2025	SCCB, SCDNR	\$870,000	\$385,000	\$485,000	SCDNR
SCDNR	Bunched Arrowhead - Spence Pond	Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve expansion	29	Greenville	9/3/2025	SCDNR	\$275,000	\$197,000	\$78,000	SCDNR
SCDNR	Chestnut Ridge - Monroe Sims	Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve / Wildlife Management Area expansion	16	Greenville	9/3/2025	SCCB, SCDNR	\$205,000	\$205,000	\$0	SCDNR
SCDNR	Coosawhatchie Part IV - Gopher Tortoise	Coosawhatchie Heritage Preserve / Wildlife Management Area expansion	332	Jasper	11/4/2025	SCDNR	\$910,000	\$670,000	\$240,000	SCDNR
SCDNR	Forty Acre Rock Farm	Forty Acre Rock Heritage Preserve / Wildlife Management Area expansion	97	Lancaster	2/26/2026	SCCB	\$568,000	\$195,000	\$373,000	SCDNR
SCDNR	Jocassee Gorges - Keasler	Jocassee Gorges Wilderness Area - WMA expansion	159	Pickens	9/29/2025	SCCB, SCDNR	\$680,000	\$680,000	\$0	SCDNR
SCDNR	Jocassee Gorges - Rocky Bottom	Jocassee Gorges Wilderness Area - WMA expansion	61	Pickens	9/29/2025	SCDNR	\$330,000	\$238,000	\$92,000	SCDNR
SCDNR	Jocassee Gorges - Winchester	Jocassee Gorges Wilderness Area - WMA expansion	235	Pickens	1/21/2026	SCCB, SCDNR	\$1,530,000	\$795,000	\$735,000	SCDNR
SCDNR	Stumphouse Mountain - McCorkle	Stumphouse Mountain Heritage Preserve / Wildlife Management Area expansion	17	Oconee	7/10/2025	SCDNR	\$195,000	\$145,000	\$50,000	SCDNR
SCPRT	Black River State Park - Browns Ferry	Black River State Park addition	355	Georgetown	9/19/2025	SCCB, SCPRT	\$1,057,400	\$249,000	\$808,400	SCPRT
SCPRT	Black River State Park - Cold Creek	Black River State Park addition	179	Georgetown	7/11/2025	SCCB, SCPRT	\$650,000	\$221,107	\$428,893	SCPRT
SCPRT	Black River State Park - Mingo Creek	Black River State Park addition	664	Georgetown	7/3/2025	SCCB	\$2,059,392	\$0	\$2,059,392	SCPRT
SCPRT	Catawba - Nisbet Tract	New State Park along Catawba River.	596	Lancaster	9/18/2025	SCCB	\$16,698,000	\$3,800,000	\$12,898,000	SCPRT
SCPRT	Mountain Bridge - Camp Spearhead	State Park within Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	174	Greenville	10/15/2025	SCCB	\$1,750,000	\$1,550,000	\$200,000	SCPRT
SCPRT	Mountain Bridge - Lawton Road	State Park within Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	24	Greenville	10/15/2025	SCPRT	\$205,000	\$200,000	\$5,000	SCPRT
SCPRT	Table Rock State Park - Hutto Tract	Table Rock State Park expansion	5	Pickens	5/21/2026	SCCB	\$160,000	\$78,000	\$82,000	SCPRT
SCPRT	Waites - Merrill Boyce Tracts	New State Park - one of the last large, pristine, unprotected oceanfront islands on the Atlantic coast	107	Horry	8/14/2025	SCOR, SCCB	\$13,100,000	\$4,000,000	\$9,100,000	SCPRT
SCPRT	Waites - Olivia Boyce Tracts	New State Park - one of the last large, pristine, unprotected oceanfront islands on the Atlantic coast	111	Horry	3/31/2026	SCOR, SCCB	\$5,480,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,480,000	SCPRT
SCFC	Beech Hill	New State Forest along headwaters to the Edisto River	1,643	Dorchester	3/16/2026	SCCB, SCFC	\$12,400,000	\$7,350,000	\$5,050,000	SCFC
SCFC	Pee Dee Basin RMS Initiative - Conservation Easement	SCFC held conservation easment (privately owned) to protects wildlife habitat, timber resources, and cultural heritage throughout multiple counties.	61,340	Marion, Williamsburg, Georgetown	9/4/2025	SCOR	\$190,600,000	\$17,500,000	\$173,100,000	Privately Owned - SCFC to ensure conservation easement terms are upheld
SCFC	Pee Dee Basin RMS Initiative - Fee Simple	Wee Tee State Forest Expansion	900	Georgetown	9/4/2025	SCCB	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000	\$0	SCFC
SCFC	Pocotaligo Station State Forest	New State Forest linking nearly 3,000 acres of existing public lands within the Port Royal Sound Watershed.	2,821	Beaufort, Hampton, Jasper	6/15/2026	SCCB, SCOR	\$23,715,000	\$0	\$23,715,000	SCFC
Total							\$277,897,792	\$44,848,107	\$233,049,685	