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2017 Annual Report



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Our Mission:

To preserve and enhance water quality, working farms, natural areas, and wildlife through locally-led conservation efforts.

2017 Annual Report

WILLIAM S. SIMPSON, III 40 YEAR RECOGNITION



SCACD President, Kenneth Mullis, presents Bill Simpson with his 40 year service pin.

William S. Simpson, III. Chairman of the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District, was honored at the Conservation Partnership Conference Awards Dinner in Columbia, on February 27th for his 40 years of voluntary service to soil Conservation. water and Mr. Simpson has served on many boards through these past 40 years, and although he retired from **Brothers** Sanders Construction Company in 2012, his leadership as Chairman of the District is stronger than ever!

Mr. Simpson also has an extensive and eclectic history with conserva-

tion of our land and water resources. Over the years, he has served as a Board member for seven career related associations, seven natural resource Councils, and six civic organization positions. He also participates as a Board member for Clemson University's Advisory Board for Civil Engineering and is currently the Chairman of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Land, Water and Conservation Advisory Committee. Bill Simpson's 40 years of dedication and enthusiasm for the conservation of our natural resources is reflected in some of his past honors and activities:

Charleston Agricultural Society / Governor's Wetland Forum (Chairman)
S.C. Association of Conservation Districts - President 1984-85
S.C. Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society / Leadership Award
S.C. Conservation Districts Foundation Trustee 1988-2005 - President
S.C. Land Resources Commission-Chairman
Outstanding District Commissioner for 2006
Goodyear Outstanding District State Award

Not content to limit his tireless energy to the cause of conservation, his record of community service runs the gamut from service to the local Crisis Ministries to the American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars, his service to his Church, and he sings with the Charleston Men's Chorus. **Under Mr. Simpson's Leadership, our District has not only distinguished itself in the past but looks forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Charleston County in all conservation challenges under the leadership of Chairman Bill Simpson! Congratulations Mr. Simpson!**

DISTRICT IN ACTION

2017 CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR-GROWING NEW FARMER'S PROGRAM

Brian Wheat, Director of Sustainable Agriculture, Growing New Farmer's Program, was honored as the 2017 Conservationist of the Year at the District's Annual Conservation Award's Dinner on May 23, 2017.

In 2017, Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District, along with NRCS, partnered with Lowcountry Local First and Growing New Farmers Program to sponsor a High Tunnel Workshop, held at Middleton Place Organic Farms. The workshop offered a hands-on training to construct a portable High Tunnel to extend the growing season and increase productivity for grower's crops.

In addition to the High Tunnel Construction Training, the District also partnered with The Growing New Farmers Program, which provides introductory level classroom and hands-on training in farm production and business planning. It offers optional apprenticeship placement with a mentor farmer that provides extended job-based training proven to be invaluable when



L-R: Lori Bataller, NRCS, Debbie Eckard, District, and Chairman Bill Simpson shown with Brian Wheat.

venturing into the works of small to mid-sized sustainable farming. Since 2010 they have trained over 145 new farmers and food systems leaders in the Lowcountry. Selected participants explore their interest in agriculture as they receive 6 months of experienced, hands-on learning in the field combined with curriculum-based instruction in a traditional classroom setting. The High Tunnel workshop was one of the hands-on-learning activities.

All participants experienced introductory-level training including coursework, field trips, workshops, networking, and regular field days on the 1-acre teaching plot at Middleton Place USDA Certified Organic Farm. Qualified applicants are provided the opportunity to be matched with one of over 20 qualified local farmers or food system business mentors to gain hands-on experience relevant to their interests. Participants receive a minimum of 250 training hours (500+ with apprenticeship) and receive a Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture and Continuing Education Units from the College of Charleston through the School of Professional Studies' Job Bridge Program. Through the help of Brian Wheat and his outreach, past participants have gone on to become active business members in our food system, including Spade and Clover Gardens, Compost in My Shoe, roofing Down Farms, the Green Heart Project, the Johns Island Farmers market, Wit Meets Grit, Sunday Brunch Farmers Market, and Murray's Heirlooms, to name a few!







Growing New Farmer's Class

High Tunnel Construction

High Tunnel Completion

Congratulations to Brian Wheat , Lowcountry Local First, and the Growing New Farmers Program for their conservation outreach to the local farmers in Charleston County in putting conservation on the ground!

2017 Poster/Essay Contest Winners "Healthy Soils are Full of Life"



Kindergarten Poster Winner Montessori Community School Teacher, Terry Hartnett



1st Grade Poster Winner The Porter –Gaud School Teacher, Meri Stanec



1st Grade Poster Winner Charleston Collegiate School Teacher, Krystie Mueller



2nd Grade Poster Winner – Amy Pontiff, Teacher, Montessori Community School



3rd Grade Poster Winner, Laura Graham, Teacher, Mt. Pleasant Academy



4th Grade winning Poster, Ms. Laura Graham, Teacher, Mt. Pleasant Academey



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HEALTHY SOULS ARE FULL OF LYPE!

Thank you to all the Charleston County
Public and Private Schools that participated in our Healthy Soils Poster and Essay
contest! We had a great time learning
about what lives in Healthy Soils!
We learned that Soils are ALIVE!



2017 ESSAY WINNERS



8th Grade Essay Winner Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science Student: Yahira Gonzalez, Teacher, Erik Hilden



9th Grade Essay Winner Student, Bethany Weeks, Teacher, Kevin Short Charleston County School of the Arts



9th Grade Essay Winner Student: Michael Bueno Teacher, June Lowry Lowcountry Leadership Charter School

2017 CONSERVATION RECOGNITION AWARD'S DINNER



Best Conservation "Healthy Soils" Poster 2nd Grade Class Teacher, Ms. Amy Pontiff Montessori Community School



Best Conservation "Healthy Soils" Essay 9th Grader Bethany Weeks & Principal Dr. Robert Perrineau Charleston County School of the Arts



2017 "Most Creative Healthy Soils Poster" Teacher Ms. Laura Graham 4th Grade Winners Mt. Pleasant Academy



2017 Environmental Science Fair Award Sydni Thomas Senior 1Division Winner



2017 Environmental Science Fair Award Emerson Bain—Junior 2 Division Winner Project Title: "Tidal Energy?"

AWARDS RECOGNITION DINNER

Each year the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District hosts an Environmental Conservation Recognition Awards Dinner to honor the top educators and conservationists in Charleston County.

It is a pleasure to honor our local educators, students, and farmerslandowners who have a passion for the preservation of our natural resources.

TERRY HARTNETT- 2017 OUTSTANDING TEACHER PARTICIPATION AWARD

Terry Hartnett, Kindergarten Teacher at Montessori Community School, has participated in our Poster contests for the last 20 years. Her passion for our Natural Resources has given her kindergarten students (ages 3-6) a fun, hands-on learning experience with our annual poster contests.

It takes a very special teacher who will take the extra time to incorporate these science based poster contest topics into their already busy curriculum.

It's no wonder that her students will miss her, and I would like to thank Terry for her years of participation and commitment to our education outreach contests! We wish Terry the best in her retirement! Congratulations!





Debbie Eckard thanks Terry Hartnett for her years of participation! Happy Retirement Terry!

SOUTH CAROLINA ENVIROTHON

The District is a sponsor of the annual Envirothon competition for high school students. It cultivates a passion for environmental science and conservation policy by testing in the areas of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and this year's topic: "Agricultural Soil & Water Conservation Stewardship." The competition was held Friday, May 5th, 2017 at Sandhill Research Education



Center in Columbia, SC. Jessica Herbert and her 2 Wando High School Teams, placed 3rd in oral competition and 4th overall! Congratulations Wando High HS! We are so proud of you!

See Teams1 and 2 on page 9.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING CEREMONIES

The District held a tree planting ceremony at Stiles Point Elementary School on December 1st, 2017. A short program was given to about 110 fourth graders about the value of trees to the environment. Arbor Day is always the first Friday in December for South Carolina. Students at Stiles Point School had fun with "Twiggy" on an Arbor Day/Earth Day! A beautiful Live Oak Tree was donated by "Charleston Green, LLC." A stake was placed by the tree honoring the 4th graders who participated in the dedication of their tree! Students read poems that they wrote about trees for the dedication!





ST. JAMES-SANTEE ELEM-MIDDLE SCHOOL

The District also held a tree planting ceremony at St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School on Dec. 7th. A beautiful Red Oak tree provided by the District was planted with approximately Fifty 4th and 5th graders



who took turns watering their new tree!

Twiggy ended the dedication by reading a poem to honor Arbor Day in South Carolina!

See class photo pg. 10

CONSERVATION AWARDS LUNCHEON

The SC Association of Conservation Districts held its Conservation Awards Luncheon on February 27th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Columbia. Charleston District along with other Conservation Districts around the state gathered to recognize Commissioners and

Conservationists for their efforts in the area of Natural Resource Conservation.

Chairman Bill Simpson was honored along with others for his 40 years of volunteer service!

L-R: District Board Mickey Floyd, Bill Simpson, Lori Bataller, NRCS, Debbie Eckard, John Smoak & Ford Walpole



CATR FARMS EASEMENT REVIEW

Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to hold the Conservation Easement on **CATR Farms**. This easement was signed into place December, 2009. The purpose of this easement is to protect and preserve the Conservation Values; To prevent any use or activity that will impair the Conservation Values; and To allow the continuation of historic and traditional uses and activities as well as limited uses that would not impair or degrade the Conservation Values.

Bill Simpson, Chairman, John Smoak, Vice Chairman, and Debbie Eckerd, District Manager, met with Murray S. Neale, Executive Director, to look at their newly covered Equestrian Center recently constructed to enhance their therapeutic Riding Program. The District was very pleased with this great addition to CATR.

How fortunate we all are to be involved in such a wonderful outreach program as this and at the same time preserving the conservation values that make this property so beautiful to us all! Great Job CATR Farms! Riding lessons are available! *Below: Riding Equestrian Facility*



Murray Neale, Bill Simpson, and John Smoak, admiring the new Riding facility at the annual Easement Review.

LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR



Each year Charleston District proudly judges and sponsors students from all over Charleston and surrounding counties, whose projects demonstrates their knowledge and understanding of the Earth and Environmental Sciences Category of the Lowcountry Science & Engineering Fair.

On April 4th, 2017, Commissioners Bill Simpson, Chairman, and Mickey Floyd, Treasurer, judged and selected the top Conservation winning projects in the Earth and Environmental Sciences Area Category.

Below are the top Junior and Senior Winners:

Junior 1 Division Winner (5th-6th) Mattie Hood

Title: Particle Problems

Junior 2 Division Winner (7th-8th) Emerson Bain

Title: Tidal Energy

Senior 1 Division Winner (9th-10th) -Sydni Thomas

Title: What's in your Water?

Senior 2 Division Winner (11th-12th) -Madison Freedy Title: Diamondback Terrapin Mortality in Crab Traps

Winners were recognized with Gift cards and certificates.

CAMP WILDWOOD SPONSORSHIP

Camp Wildwood is a fun filled week during which students can experience the many aspects of their natural environment. It is a place to discover that we are part of nature and everything we do in some way affects the natural balance. At Camp Wildwood, you acquire the knowledge and appreciation needed for the protection and wise use of our natural resources. Camp Wildwood is a place for learning self reliance, self discipline and independence in an outdoors setting. It is a place to build self confidence in relationships with adults and peers, and a place to learn how to cooperate within a group. It is also a place to learn about the diversity of our natural resources and how many career choices there are in the environmental field.



The District proudly sponsored students, (Rachel Nye, and Kehler Stockamp-Perez), from James Island Charter HS. Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to promote this education outreach conservation program!

Contract Debbie at debbie.eckard@sc.nacdnet.net for Information on the Envirothon for your school!

CHARLESTON COUNTY EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Charleston County hosted it's 17th annual Earth day Festival Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Riverfront Park. This festival attracts as many as 6,000 people each year. The festival is a hands-on science-based interactive experience, designed to encourage participants of all ages to develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues. Earth Day was established in 1970 and is now celebrated by a half-billion people around the world. **This event focuses on environmental Stormwater and Water Quality management practices.** The District set up a coastal watershed Enviroscape for kids of all ages to have a hands-on learning experience about our watershed. Handouts were available to all on septic care, how to keep your water clean handouts, along with plenty of fun for students who took the time to learn more about water quality and our watershed.

Thanks to all who volunteered to make this day a fun day of learning for all who visited our District booth!



Debbie Eckard, District Manager/ Education Coordinator, shares conservation tent with other environmental agencies.

SEWEE FIRE FESTIVAL

Debbie Eckard, Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District and Lori Bataller, USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, attended the Sewee Fire Fest in Awendaw, SC on March 25, 2017. Local firemen gave a brief talk and demonstration on fire safety, and how they control fires. A display table was setup to represent both the District and NRCS, along with several other conservation agencies to promote our education outreach and farm programs. The District was proud to be a sponsor of this event! Fire safety handouts were given out to all who stopped by our booth! *Thanks to Lori Bataller, USDA - NRCS, for partnering with the District!*



NRCS and District shown with Locals—Fire Burning Demonstration This was a great education Outreach for all!

SOUTHEASTERN WILDLIFE EXPO

The annual Southeastern Wildlife Expo was held February 17th-19th at Marion Square in downtown Charleston. The District sponsored a booth to display various resources, both education and technical, to Lowcountry citizens interested in conservation of our natural resources.

This year's display was a Pollinator exhibit that encouraged local conservationists to learn the benefits of pollinators for crops. Pollinator posters, along with many other education handouts were given to interested folks. Charleston District/NRCS staff had an opportunity to interact with fellow conservationists to learn more about our programs!



Commissioner John Smoak welcomes SEWE participant to the District's Conservation Display Booth. Outreach handouts wee provided along with pollinator posters!

RANDY FOWLER, USDA RESOURCE SOIL SCIENTIST RETIRES



Randy's Farewell Luncheon.

Friends and Co-workers gather to thank Randy for his 35 years of Service! We will miss you Randy!

Randy Fowler, Resource Soil Scientist for the Low-Country area retired on Jan 31, 2017 after 35 years of State and Federal service. Randy started his NRCS career in the Orangeburg soil survey in 1982 with stints in several other soil surveys in South Carolina.

Randy also spent 7 years with the Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District in the wetlands regulatory program, prior to returning to NRCS as a resource soil scientist. Randy was stationed in the USDA/NRCS office in Charleston. He's made many long lasting friends through these past 35 years, and both the District and NRCS wish him the best in his future endeavors!

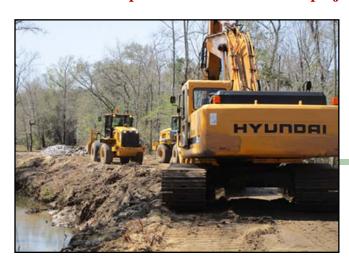
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Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)

A program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Partnership with the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District to help respond to natural disasters.

The EWP Program is designed to help people and conserve natural resources by relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, drought, windstorms, and other natural occurrences. Issues arose from the Flood of 2015 then worsened by the event of Hurricane Matthew we used this as a long-term project to help alleviate hazards to property caused by those heavy rainfall events. Based on the needs and the eligibility of each site the determination was made that 22 sites qualified for the program under NRCS EWP. A grant agreement was awarded July 19, 2017, to Charleston County to repair each of the 22 damaged areas, usually ditch sloughing but also included some repairs to areas around culverts. The amount awarded for repair work was \$2,206,362 from NRCS and the county is responsible for adding to that amount approximately \$668,595.00. Much of the work has been completed by Charleston County, but some subcontractors have been used to get the task complete in the allotted timeframe.

Below are some photos of the construction projects.









THE YEAR



Wando High School Envirothon-Team 1



 $Wando\ High\ School\ Envirothon\ \hbox{-} Team\ 2$



Mattie Hood, Jr. 1 Division Winner



Legislative Dinner—Conservation event to lobby and address local Conservation concerns in Counties in South Carolina



Commissioner Mickey Floyd shown judging student's Science Project, Student is given the opportunity to explain their projects.



Emerson Bain – Jr. 2 Division Science Fair Winner "Tidal Energy"



District Board Meeting, Top L-R: Bill Simpson, Mickey Floyd, John Smoak, Hal Hanvey, Bottom L: Lori Bataller, Debbie Eckard & Hope Watson



Randy Fowler, NRCS, Soil Scientist, shown out in the field taking soil samples!



Sydni Thomas, Sr. 1 Division Winner Title: What's in your Water?



Fencing and pasture management



Live Oak Tree donated and planted at Stiles Point Elementary School by District Commissioner John Smoak, Charleston Green



Madison Freedy, Sr. 2 Division Winner Title: "Diamondback Terrapin,

IN PICTURES



W. H. "Hal" Hanvey, took the Oath of Office from Chairman Bill Simpson, to serve as Commissioner on the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District Board. Hal is a Clemson Graduate, and the Farm Manager at Clemson Research Center, and is a great addition to our board!



Arbor Day Program at St. James-Santee Elementary— Middle School, Twiggy the Tree with 4th grade Class



Students getting ready to water their New Arbor day tree! Each 4th grade class was given a watering pitcher to



A District Local Soil Health Day Planning Meeting was held Nov. 13th at the Tomato Shed Café. Committee Members L-R: John Smoak, Lori Bataller, Debbie Eckard, Hal Hanvey and Zack Snipes. Clemson Extension. Great Committee!



2017 District Christmas Dinner! The District held it's December Board Meeting and Dinner at the Crab Shack Restaurant. 2017 was a great year!



God's Creation is Beautiful! "Just Hanging Out!"

The Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank our County, State, Federal Partners, and 2017 Affiliate Members for your ongoing financial and technical support. Your gift helps us to educate the public about natural resource conservation. THANK YOU!

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Affiliate Membership Levels:

Corporate Sponsorship—\$500 or above Advertising Membership—\$250-\$499 Sustaining Membership \$100 Associate Membership—\$50 Contributing Membership-\$25

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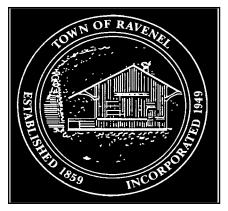


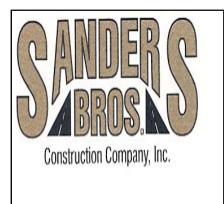
















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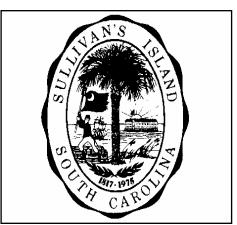
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Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District would like to welcome Dottie's Pharmacy, located on James Island, as our first Corporate Conservationist Sponsor!

Corporate Sponsors receive a full advertising page about their business. Thank you Scott Farfone and Dottie's Pharmacy for your support of our conservation outreach for Charleston County residents. We hope you will support Dottie's Pharmacy! See what is special about Dottie's Pharmacy below:

<u>Dottie's Pharmacy</u>, <u>Specialty & Compounding is a local, family owned and operated Pharmacy</u>. We offer compounding with our in-house compounding lab and are a URAC accredited Specialty Pharmacy as well as a traditional pharmacy. Dottie's takes all insurances and believes good customer service comes before everything! We are located at 354 Folly Road, Charleston, SC 29412 and can be reached at 843-501-9500.

<u>Outlie's Pharmacy is excited to announce their recent accreditation as a Specialty Pharmacy through URAC</u> (<u>Utilization Review Accreditation Commission</u>). URAC has been the leader in promoting health care quality through accreditation, education and measurement for the last 25 years. This accreditation is not only a major accomplishment (2 years in the making), but it is great for the Lowcountry as Dottie's Pharmacy is the first and only URAC accredited Independent Specialty Pharmacy 3.0 located in Charleston. Upon conclusion of the on site review it was determined that they scored a 100% on every aspect of the 3.0 Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation.

What is Specialty Pharmacy? Specialty Pharmacy is the future of medications. 80% of the new drugs coming to market will be classified as "Specialty"; these drugs are very disease specific, requiring additional training on use and follow up to ensure their effectiveness. These "Specialty" drugs also typically require prior authorizations and additional medical information from the patient for the insurance companies. This accreditation ensures "white glove" service throughout the entire prescription process in dealing with the patient, provider (prescriber) and payer (insurance company).

"It's necessary for Specialty Pharmacies to provide a higher level of treatment for patients so desired outcomes are achieved." Dottie's Pharmacy shows a dedication to patient education and safety through the recognition of quality it received with URAC's independent accreditation," said URAC President and CEO Kylanne Green. "With URAC accreditation, people know that Dottie's Pharmacy strives to adhere to industry best practices."

Dottie's Pharmacy is a local, family owned and operated pharmacy located at 354 Folly Road in Charleston and can be reached at 843-501-9500. In addition to being a traditional and Specialty Pharmacy. Dottie's Pharmacy also has an in-house compounding lab to service patient's compounding needs.

Thanks so much, Scott

Scott Farfone

Scott W. Farfone Proprietor Dottie's Pharmacy, Specialty & Compounding 354 Folly Road Charleston, SC 29412





Dottie and Scott Farfone

Come check out Dottie's Pharmacy!

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Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District would like to welcome Garden &Gun Magazine, and Rebecca Wesson Darwin, President and CEO, as a new Corporate Conservationist Sponsor! Corporate Sponsors receive a full advertising page about their business. Thank you for your support of our conservation outreach for Charleston County residents.

See below what is special about Garden & Gun!

Garden & Gun, is a multiplatform media company that celebrates stories of the American South through powerful journalism, bold photography, exquisite design, and finely curated retail and experiential journeys. The Southern lifestyle magazine features lush photography and award-winning editorial, as well as delivers a unique view of art and culture, sporting, food and drink, and travel destinations across the region.

Rebecca Wesson Darwin is cofounder & CEO of *Garden and Gun*. Darwin launched the magazine in the Spring of 2007, after realizing there was not a publication that really spoke to the soul of the South.



Thank you Garden & Gun for sharing the best of the Lowcountry and the South through your beautiful Magazine!
Shown above: January, 2018 Issue



Under Darwin's leadership, *Garden & Gun* has become a multiplatform media company anchored by its award-winning national magazine that covers the best of the South, including the sporting culture, the food, the music, the art, the

literature, the people, and their ideas.

When asked about the title of the publication, Darwin remarks, "The simplest explanation that I can offer is that it is a metaphor for the Southits land, the people, their lifestyle, and their heritage."

With the use of exceptional photography and quality editorial, the magazine offiers a conscious connection to and conservation of the Southern environment as well as reflects a respect for traditions, while allowing the south's adaptation and modern lifestyle to shine through.

See contact information above to subscribe to G&G!

MEET AND WELCOME CHARLESTON GREEN, LLC 2017 CORPORATE CONSERVATION SPONSOR



Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank Charleston Green, LLC, for their Corporate Affiliate Conservation Sponsorship!

Corporate Sponsors receive a full advertising page about their business. Thank you John H. Smoak, Owner of Charleston Green, for your support of our conservation outreach for Charleston County residents. See what is special about Charleston Green below:

<u>Charleston Green</u>, owned and operated by John H. Smoak, is an organization that primarily operates in the "Earthwork Services business/industry" within the Agricultural Services sector. This organization has been operating for approximately 14 years.

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