

2023 Bamberg County Priorities

Goal: Continue to develop rail-served Wolf Industrial Site near Denmark

A major concern related to this site is the perception of the drinking water in Denmark. Denmark proposes to build an elevated storage tank to stabilize and modernize the existing water system as well as create expansion opportunities for economic development. A well is currently in design to be installed on the Wolf Site to supply this elevated storage tank.

Additionally, Denmark's sewer service does not have the necessary capacity to support the current population or prospective projects for the Wolf Site. Denmark proposes modernization improvements to the existing wastewater system including a New BiLo Pump Station and Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades.

The priorities are:

- **Modernize the existing Denmark water system and construct a new elevated tank to provide adequate system pressures for industrial users: \$3.8M (applied for South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program funds)**
- **Replace the Denmark Sewer Treatment Plant: \$29.5M (need funding)**

Goal: Construct second speculative building at CrossRhodes Industrial Park near Bamberg

CrossRhodes Industrial Park is a 427-acre site located near Bamberg. The current speculative building on site has seen a great deal of interest in the past six months and is expected to be sold or leased soon. The construction of a second industrial speculative building in the CrossRhodes Industrial Park is a critical step in creating inventory to recruit and secure another industry that can provide needed jobs to Bamberg County residents and encourage economic growth in one of the state's poorest counties. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increased need for speculative space for manufacturing, warehousing and distribution. The addition of this speculative building would position CrossRhodes Industrial Park for quicker company recruitment, occupancy, and production, which would create a positive economic impact for Bamberg County.



- **Construct a new 50,000 square foot speculative building: Need additional \$750,000 (to supplement \$4M from SRS Litigation Settlement Fund)**



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Bamberg County 2023

Recent Successes

Phoenix Completes \$6.2 million Expansion

Phoenix Specialty Manufacturing Company in Bamberg celebrated the completion of a \$6.2 million expansion of its manufacturing plant on December 8, 2022. Phoenix recently hired 18 new employees, bringing its total to about 124. The expansion also included the enlargement of the company's breakroom and parking lot to serve 150 people.



Established Feb. 26, 1907, in New York, N.Y., the manufacturing operations of Phoenix Southern Washer and Gasket were relocated to Bamberg in 1976.

Specializing in unique washers, shims and stamped machine parts, Phoenix serves multiple industry sectors including agriculture, medicine, nuclear, electric motors and aviation. Phoenix has manufactured parts for the space shuttle, the Mars Rover and the Apollo Moon landing, as well as the U.S. Olympic Bobsled Team and

NASCAR racing teams. Now under third-generation family leadership, Phoenix ships more than 9,000 different parts to more than 2,000 clients worldwide each year.

Bamberg Barrel Maker Partners with Low Country Bourbon Distillery

South Carolina Oak to Barrel

South Carolina Oak to Barrel in Bamberg and Burnt Church Distillery in Bluffton are working together to create a unique bourbon. The partnership with Burnt Church Distillery started with one barrel. South Carolina Oak to Barrel crafted and charred a 53-gallon barrel and presented it to Peter Thompson, the distiller for Burnt Church

Distillery. He filled the barrel with their recipe, tested it and had excellent taste ratings for the product.



South Carolina Oak to Barrel now has an annual contract and both companies enjoy providing truly South Carolina products. South Carolina Oak to Barrel currently employs 19 people and produces between 64 and 80 barrels a day. The company is projected to create a total of 122 jobs within their first five years of operation.

Wolf Site Purchased as Industrial Rail Site

The 158-acre Wolf Industrial site located near Denmark has been identified as a prime location for development as a rail-served property. It was recently acquired and is under public control through coordination with Bamberg County, SCA and SCDOC. Due diligence is underway. A comprehensive water and wastewater evaluation and sustainability plan for the City of Denmark has been completed.

