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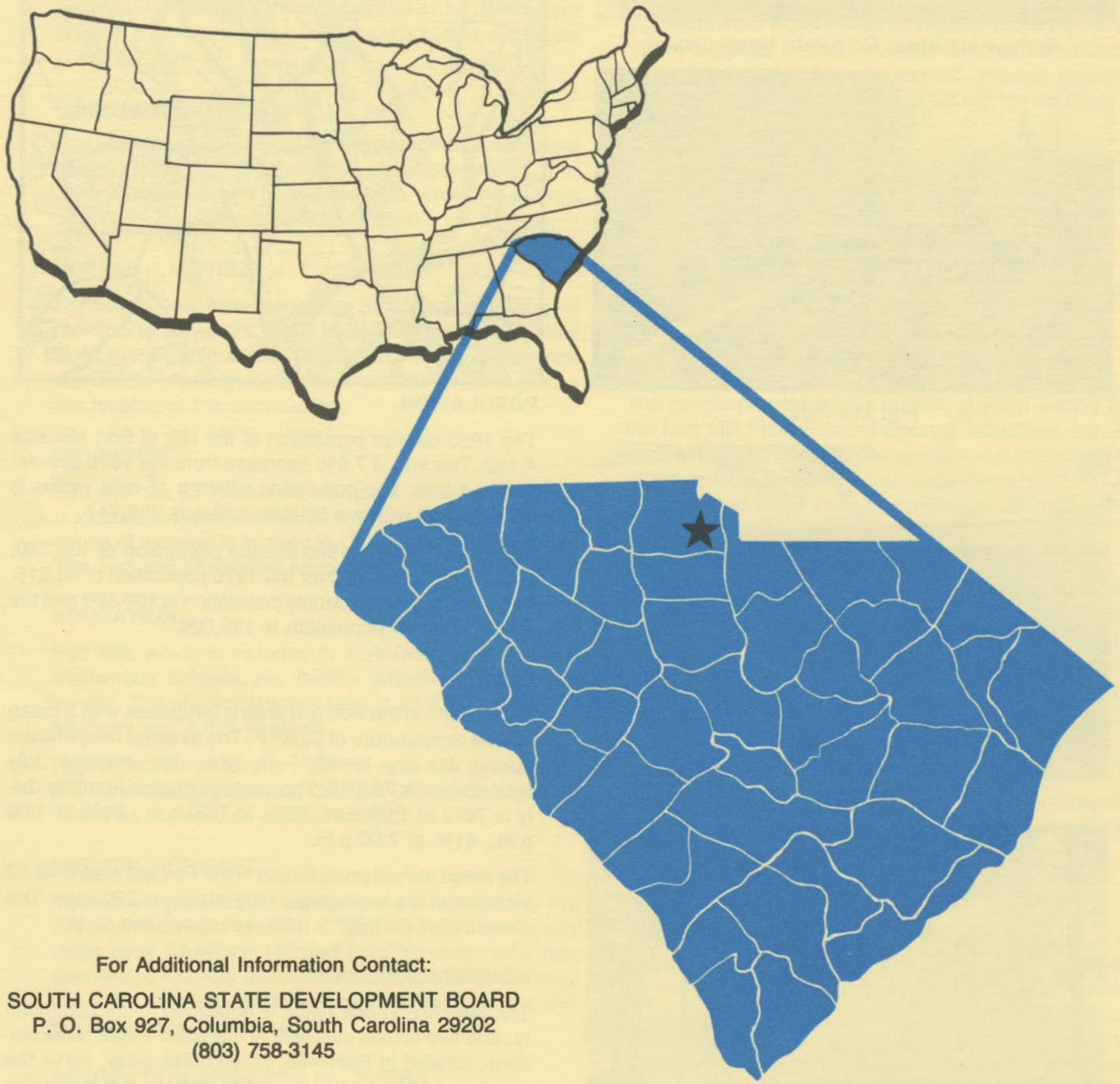
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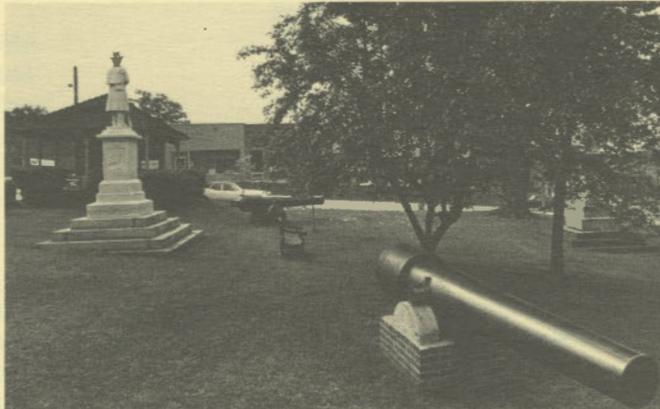
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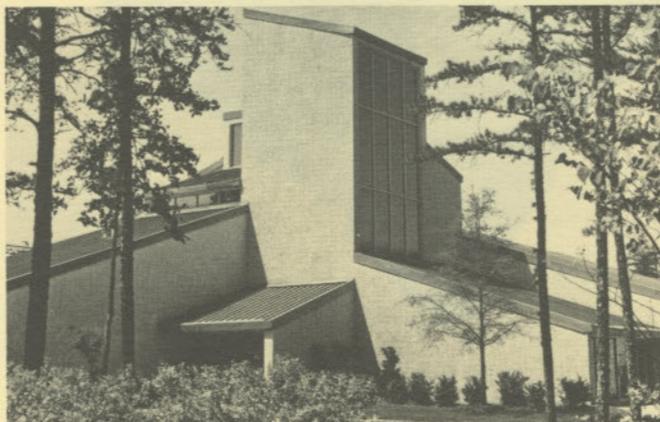
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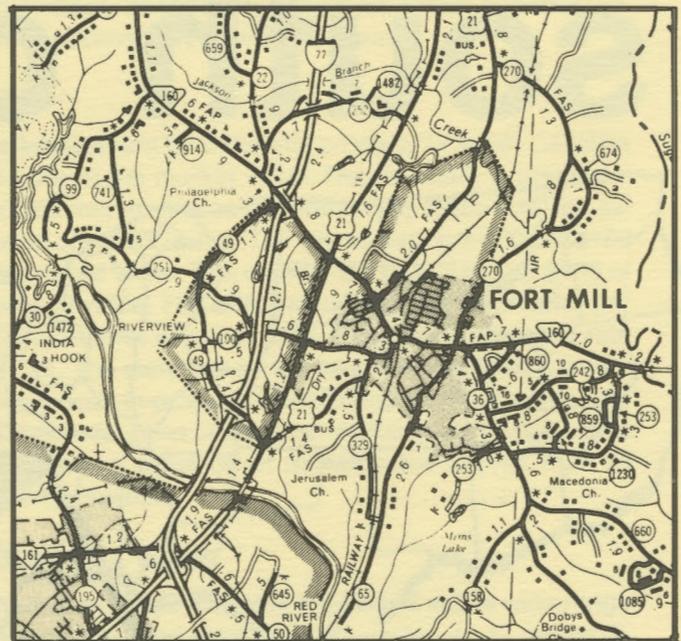
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Leroy Springs Recreation Complex

LOCATION

As depicted on the cover, Fort Mill is in the northern section of the state in York County. Charleston, South Carolina's busiest port, is 186 miles south. Columbia is 76 miles south, and Rock Hill is seven miles south. Fort Mill is 250 miles northeast of Atlanta; 635 miles south of New York; and 2,773 miles east of San Francisco.



POPULATION

The 1980 census population of the city of Fort Mill was 4,162. This was a 7.6% decrease from the 1970 population of 4,505. The population within a 15-mile radius is 264,299 and within a 30-mile radius is 758,717.

York County had a 1980 census population of 106,720, — a 25.2% increase over the 1970 population of 85,216. The 1981 estimated county population is 109,300 and the 1990 projected population is 135,000.

CLIMATE

The climate in the Fort Mill area is temperate with a mean annual temperature of 60.5° F. The average temperature during January is 42.1° F, while the average July temperature is 78.5° F. The average relative humidity daily is 76% at 1:00 a.m.; 83% at 7:00 a.m.; 54% at 1:00 p.m.; 61% at 7:00 p.m.

The mean annual precipitation in the Fort Mill area is 42.72 inches and the average growing season is 220 days. The elevation of Fort Mill is 690 feet above sea level.

COMMUNICATIONS

The weekly *Fort Mill Times* is published in the community, and five dailies circulate in the area. Three radio stations, located in Rock Hill, seven miles away, serve the community. Several AM and FM stations are located in Charlotte, 18 miles away. Television reception is available from 10 stations, representing the three major networks and E.T.V. Cable television is also available. Telephone service in the community is provided by the Fort Mill Telephone Company.

GOVERNMENT

The community has a council form of municipal government. The mayor and the six council members are elected for two-year terms. A professional administrator is employed to manage the day to day operation of the city. The county has a council-manager form of government with seven members elected for two-year terms.

POLICE AND FIRE

The Fort Mill Police Department has nine full-time police officers. The department operates four radio equipped patrol cars. The Fort Mill Fire Department has 19 volunteer firemen who operate four vehicles. Fort Mill's insurance rating is Class 6.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Fort Mill has one bank and two savings and loan associations to serve the financial needs of the community. The bank has total assets of \$18.8 million, while the savings and loans have assets of \$288 million.

HOTELS & MOTELS

Carowinds, four miles away, has 210 rooms with banquet facilities to serve 225. Rock Hill, seven miles away, has eight motels with a total of over 473 overnight accommodations. Meeting and banquet facilities for small groups are located in the community.

CHURCHES

Fort Mill has 13 Protestant churches. A Catholic church is located in Rock Hill, seven miles away, and a Jewish house of worship is located in Charlotte, 18 miles away. The Fort Mill Ministerial Association has 13 members.

EDUCATION

Fort Mill, which is included in York District #4, has two elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. The student/teacher ratio is 21.5 to 1, with 131 teachers and 2,820 students.

Higher education facilities for the area are provided by the York County Technical College, Clinton College and Winthrop College, all located in Rock Hill.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services for the community are provided by the 273-bed Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, seven miles away. Charlotte, 18 miles from the community, has specialized medical treatment facilities. The community has nine privately-practicing medical doctors and two privately-practicing dentists.

RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES

Recreational programs for people of all ages are available in Fort Mill. The Leroy Springs Recreation Complex east of town provides an indoor-outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, handball courts, softball fields, billiard room, gymnastics, exercise rooms, saunas, whirlpool, locker

facilities, hiking/jogging trails, picnic areas and classes in crafts and in various arts. An 18-hole golf course and full service clubhouse is also available. Lake Wylie, four miles away, provides public boat landings and water sports recreation facilities. Tega Cay, a residential development, has two 18-hole championship golf courses. The Fort Mill Golf Club has an 18-hole course and tennis courts. Nearby Gray Rock Country Club also offers an 18-hole course.

POWER

Electric power is available to the community and surrounding areas from Duke Power Company. Duke Power service is supplied to any industrial customer at utilization voltage from standard equipment without additional charge. Duke's industrial rate is among the lowest in the nation.

Duke Power Company representatives are available to assist industry in its economic application of electricity and in analyzing their electrical needs and usages.

FUELS

Natural gas is supplied by the York County Natural Gas Authority.

WATER

The community obtains its municipal water supply from the Fort Mill Filter Plant of Springs Industries, Inc. The system is capable of supplying water at a maximum rate of two million gpd with an average demand of 337,000 gpd. Treated water storage consists of 200,000-gallons in elevated tanks.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

Total solids	110 mg/L
Alkalinity	26 mg/L
Calcium	3 mg/L
Hardness	15 mg/L
Iron	.7 mg/L
pH	6.2

SEWER

Fort Mill uses aeration to dispose of the community's wastewater. The system has a daily capacity for 750,000 gallons.

LABOR

Because labor information may change in this area, a current labor availability report prepared and kept up to date by the S. C. State Development Board will be furnished to prospective manufacturers at their request. The comprehensive report will include sources of recruitable labor, labor force characteristics, work force skill levels, earnings data and other pertinent information. The S. C. State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has the resources to recruit and train workers in accordance with a company's entry criteria. This training is at little or no cost to the employer. A lead-time schedule is developed to coordinate recruiting, testing, selecting, and

training. This assures that persons will be able to move from training to their respective jobs at the time the plant is ready for initial production.

TRANSPORTATION

Fort Mill is served by one interstate highway, I-77 (two miles away), one United States highway, and five South Carolina highways. The community is served by the Southern Railway System. Fort Mill is served by 72 authorized motor carriers.

Freight Delivery Times:

To:	By Rail:	By Truck:
Atlanta	3 days	1 day
Boston	6 days	4 days
Chicago	6 days	3 days
Houston	9 days	3 days
New York	4 days	3 days
St. Louis	6 days	2 days
San Francisco	12 days	5 days

Charlotte's Douglas Municipal Airport, 18 miles from the community, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline service on Delta, Ozark, Eastern, Piedmont, U.S. Air, United and Wheeler. Private aircraft utilize the Rock Hill Airport, 10 miles away, which has a 5,000-foot paved and lighted runway. Services available at the Rock Hill Airport are charter flights, hangars, RBn, flight instruction, 100 and Jet A1 fuel, Unicom, Vortac and major airframe and major powerplant repairs.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

A Foreign Trade Zone is located in Summerville, South Carolina, 25 miles from the Port of Charleston and 161 miles from the community. The Foreign Trade Zone allows manufacturers to store, manufacture or process goods without paying U. S. Customs duties or worrying about quota compliance. This Foreign Trade Zone is served by a multimode transportation network which provides excellent accessibility to market areas.

TAXES

The assessment on industrial property in South Carolina is 10.5% of the market value. New industry is granted a five-year moratorium on general county taxes (with the exception of school taxes). The city tax rate is \$7.80 per \$100 of assessed value. The county rate is \$12.50 per \$100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per \$100 of market value) is \$.82. The effective county rate is \$1.31. The state has no tax on a manufacturer's inventories, goods-in-process, raw materials or finished goods. Treatment facilities or equipment of manufacturing plants which control water or air pollution are exempt from all property taxation.

INDUSTRIAL SITES

Industrial sites are available in Fort Mill with a wide range of geographic and topographic features. In all probability, a site that will meet the needs of most industries' requirements has been identified, catalogued, and entered into the State Development Board's Computerized Site Selection System. Detailed site information is available and will be furnished upon request.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Employees
Celanese Fibers Oper.	Filament	2,024
Etiket Printing, Inc.	Printing	10
Queen City Plastics, Inc.	Conduit & fittings	30
Springs Industries, Inc.	Sheeting	829

