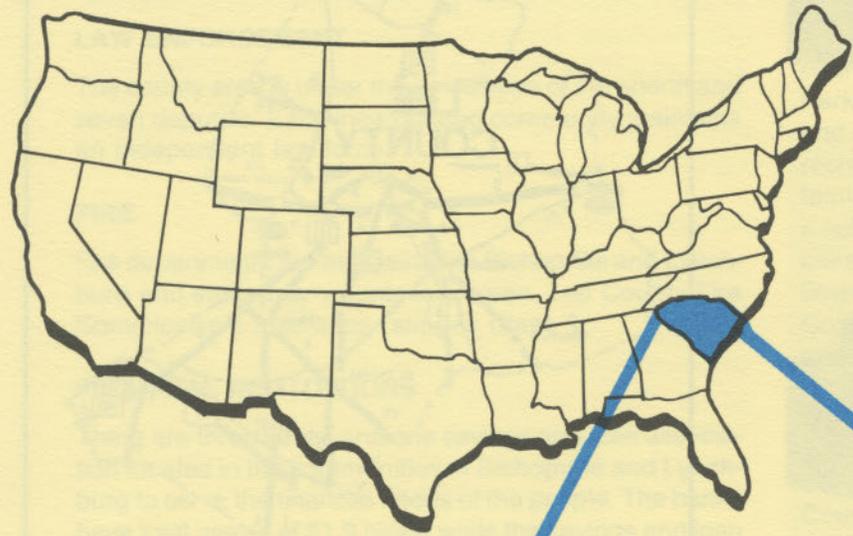


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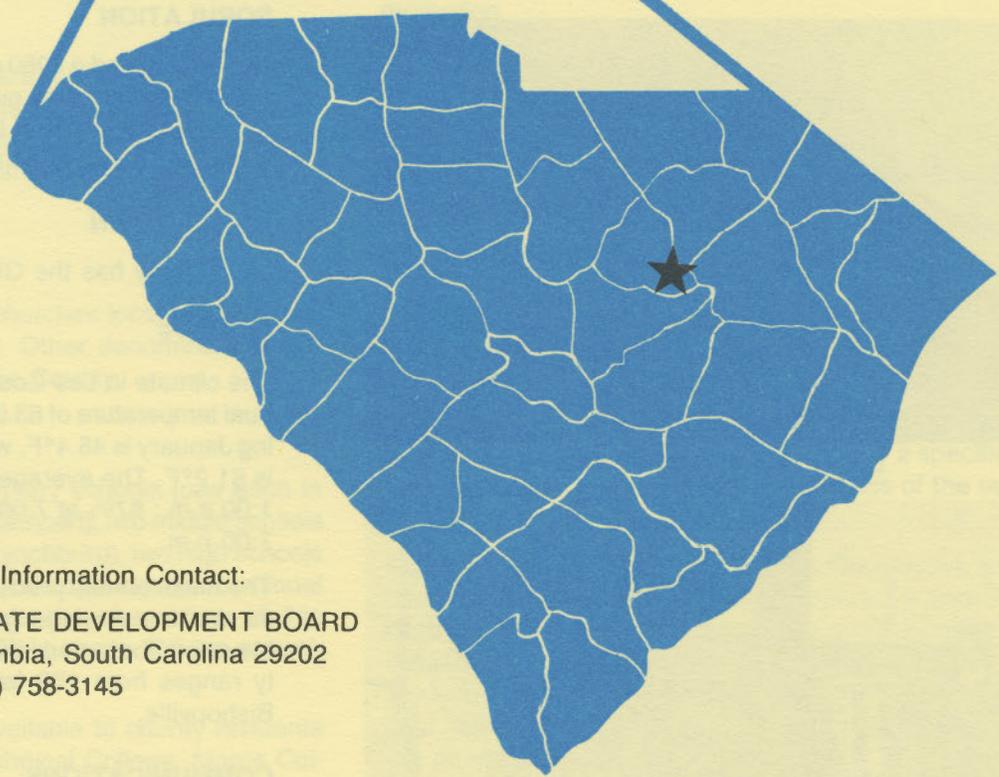
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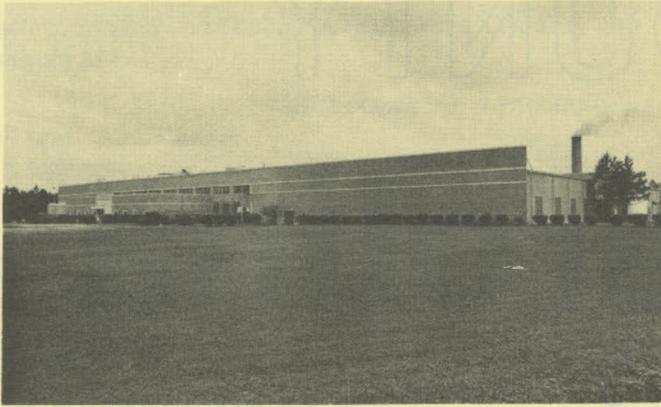
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Bishopville Municipal Building



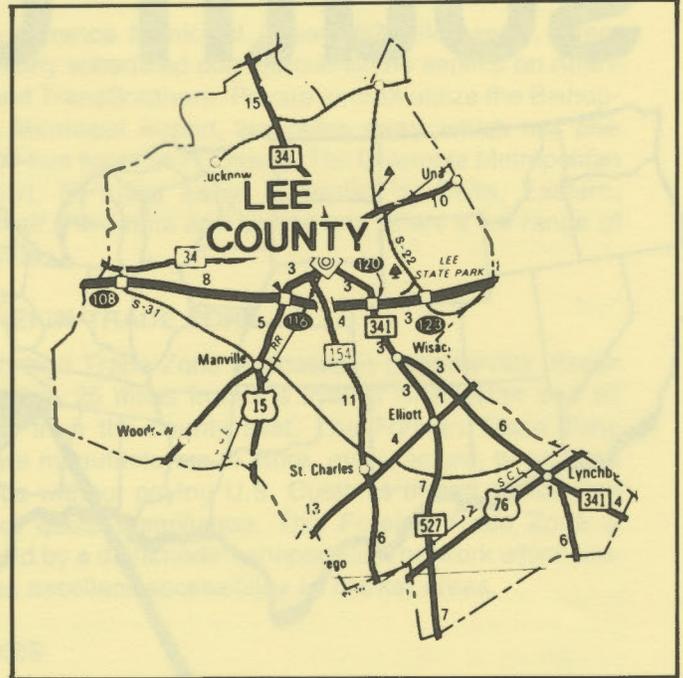
Lee County Memorial Hospital



Woodward Memorial Library

LOCATION

Lee County is located in the northeastern section of the state. It is midway between the metropolitan counties of Richland and Florence and connected to them by I-20 which runs through the middle of Lee County. Bishopville, the county seat, is 54 miles east of the capital, Columbia.



POPULATION

Lee County had a 1980 census population of 18,929 which was a 3.3% increase over the 1970 population of 18,323. Incorporated towns in Lee County in 1980 were Bishopville (3,429) and Lynchburg (534).

GREAT TOWN

Lee County has the GREAT TOWN of Bishopville.

CLIMATE

The climate in Lee County is temperate with a mean annual temperature of 63.5°F. The average temperature during January is 45.4°F, while the average July temperature is 81.2°F. The average relative humidity daily is 83% at 1:00 a.m.; 87% at 7:00 a.m.; 52% at 1:00 p.m.; 65% at 7:00 p.m.

The mean annual precipitation in the county is 46.36 inches and the average growing season is 241 days. The elevation above sea level for the communities in the county ranges from 150 feet for Lynchburg to 225 feet for Bishopville.

COMMUNICATIONS

Several large daily newspapers circulate in the county. In addition, the weekly *Lee County Observer* is published in Bishopville. Television reception of the three major networks, the educational channel and cable television is available throughout the county. Radio station WAGS-AM broadcasts from Bishopville and numerous other radio sta-

tions are located within reception range of the communities. Telephone service is provided by the Farmers Telephone Cooperative and the General Telephone Company of the Southeast.

GOVERNMENT

Lee County is governed by a council-administrator form of government whose seven members are elected for four-year terms. The incorporated communities of Bishopville and Lynchburg have a council and a mayor-council form of municipal government, respectively.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The county area is under the jurisdiction of the sheriff and seven deputies. Each incorporated community maintains an independent law force.

FIRE

Fire departments are maintained in Bishopville and Lynchburg and staffed by volunteer firemen. Lee County Fire Commission's insurance rating is Class 9.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

There are three banks and one savings and loan association located in the communities of Bishopville and Lynchburg to serve the financial needs of the people. The banks have total assets of \$1.9 billion while the savings and loan has assets of \$752 million.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

Overnight accommodations are available in Bishopville and in the surrounding towns of Darlington, Florence, Sumter, Hartsville and Camden. Bishopville has banquet facilities for up to 50 persons and meeting facilities for up to 150 persons.

CHURCHES

There are seven Protestant churches located in Bishopville and three in Lynchburg. Other denominations are located within 30 miles of Lee County.

EDUCATION

Lee County has three elementary schools (one each in Bishopville, St. Charles, and Rembert), two middle schools (one each in Bishopville and Lynchburg), two high schools (one each in Bishopville and Elliott) and one vocational school in Bishopville. The student/teacher ratio is 16.3 to 1, with 226 teachers and 3,690 students. Private schooling is available in Bishopville.

Higher education facilities available to county residents include the Sumter Area Technical College, Morris College and the Sumter Extension of the University of South Carolina, all in Sumter, 22 miles away. Coker College is located in Hartsville, 18 miles from Bishopville.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services are provided by the 35-bed Lee County

Memorial Hospital located in Bishopville. Additional services and facilities are available at the 235-bed Tuomey Hospital in Sumter and the three hospitals in Florence. Six privately-practicing doctors and three privately-practicing dentists are located in Bishopville and Lynchburg.

RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES

A broad range of recreation facilities are located both within Lee County and within easy driving distance of both Lynchburg and Bishopville. Each community enjoys a number of recreation and playground areas. Golf facilities are available at the Bishopville Country Club and two courses are within 12 miles of Lynchburg. The Lee State Park, located on the Lynches River between Bishopville and Lynchburg, offers extensive opportunities for outdoor recreation, including swimming, camping, fishing and family recreation. Other major recreation facilities within a half-hour drive of either Bishopville or Lynchburg include Lake Robinson, the Goodall State Park, Lynches River State Park, and Woods Bay State Park. Moreover, Lee County is located close to two of South Carolina's major recreation centers — the Myrtle Beach-Grand Strand area and the Santee-Cooper lakes. The Grand Strand, with its extensive beaches, golf and other recreation facilities, is a major resort area for the eastern United States. The Santee-Cooper lakes, only a one-hour drive from Lee County, includes over 170,000 acres of fresh water area for nationally renown fishing. The recreation area also has extensive facilities for hunting, golfing, camping and water recreation.

POWER

Electric power is available to the communities and county from Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) and Black River Electric Cooperative. CP&L has firm generation capacity of 8000 megawatts and forecasts sufficient reserves to accommodate industrial growth in its service area. Economical power from nuclear energy accounts for a major portion of CP&L's generation and serves to keep the company's rates below the national average. Usually CP&L will install, at no cost to the customer, the necessary equipment to supply the electrical requirements. Alternative rate schedules are available to the industrial customer with the most economical rate for a specific application determined by the characteristics of the user's consumption.

Electric power for Black River Electric Cooperative is supplied by Central Electric Power Cooperative and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The generation capacity of plants in operation or under construction totals over 3,000 megawatts with approximately 73% produced from coal. Inter-tie connections are maintained with neighboring power supplies.

FUELS

Natural gas is supplied by Carolina Pipeline and is available throughout the county. Company representatives are available to advise industrial prospects on natural gas applications for industrial use.

WATER

Each community is supplied by deep wells. Capacity and analysis are:

	Bishopville	Lynchburg
Mil. gpd		
Capacity	1.4	.75
Demand	.9	.056
Excess	.5	.7
mg/L		
Total solids	52	110
Alkalinity	25	43
Calcium	1	20
Hardness	3	39
Iron	.7	.5
pH	6.4	7.0

SEWER

Bishopville's wastewater treatment plant has a design capacity of 750,000 gallons per day with an average daily flow of 1,200,000 gallons.

Lynchburg will permit industry to use oxidation and mechanical systems provided the industrial site has access to a stream with sufficient size and flow to meet pollution standards. The community uses septic tanks to treat its municipal wastewater.

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

Lee County is served by one interstate highway, I-20, three United States highways and four South Carolina highways. The county is served by the Seaboard System Railroad. Lee County is served by 45 authorized motor carriers, one of which has terminal facilities in Bishopville.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Location	Product or Service	Employees
Bishopville Finishing Division	Bishopville	Dyeing and finishing fabric	418
Bishopville Mfg. Co.	Bishopville	Ladies' apparel	112
Burlington Menswear Div.	Bishopville	Worsted yarn	200
National Can Corporation	Bishopville	Beverage containers	126
Palmetto Oil Co.	Bishopville	Cottonseed oil, meal	47
South Atlantic Cannery, Inc.	Bishopville	Carbonated beverages	67

Freight Delivery Times:

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

The Florence Municipal Airport, 32 miles away, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline service on Atlantis and TransSouthern. Private aircraft utilize the Bishopville Municipal Airport, two miles away, which has one 2,400-foot lighted turf runway. The Columbia Metropolitan Airport, 65 miles away, is served by Delta, Eastern, Bankair, Piedmont and United and offers a full range of services.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

A Foreign Trade Zone is located in Summerville, South Carolina, 25 miles from the Port of Charleston and 92 miles from the county seat. 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). Tax rates per \$100 of assessed value are \$13.60 for the county, \$10.60 for Bishopville, and \$7.50 for Lynchburg. The effective rates per \$100 of market value are \$1.43 for the county, \$1.11 for Bishopville, and \$.79 for Lynchburg. The state has no tax on a manufacturers' 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 Lee County 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.

