

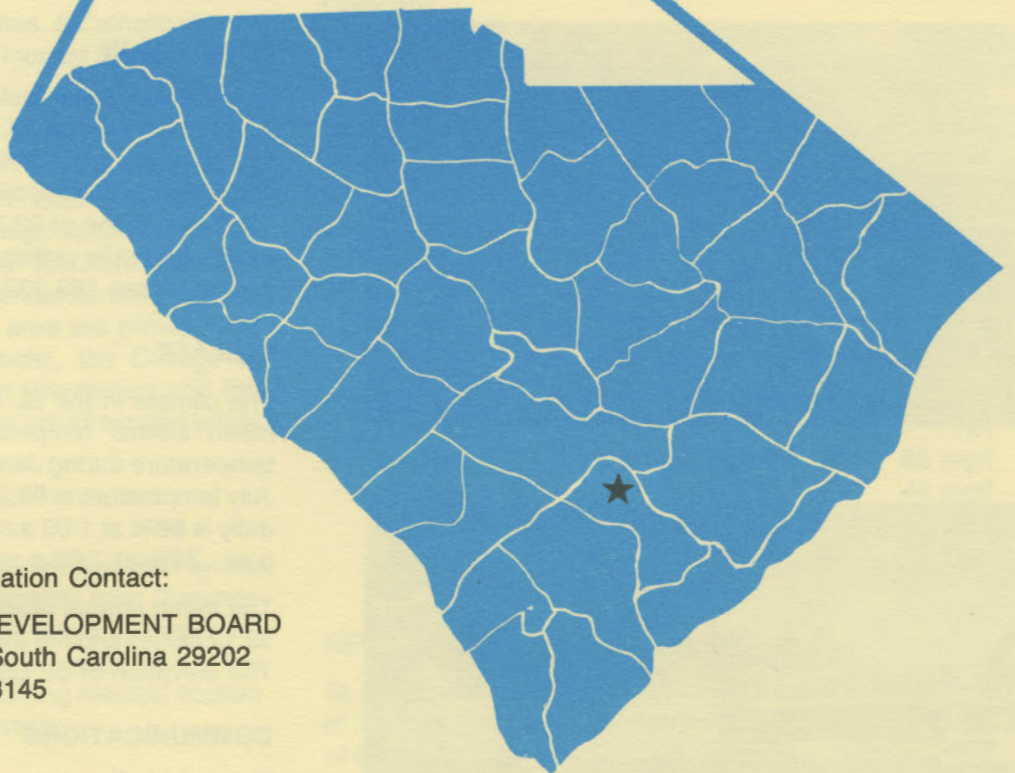
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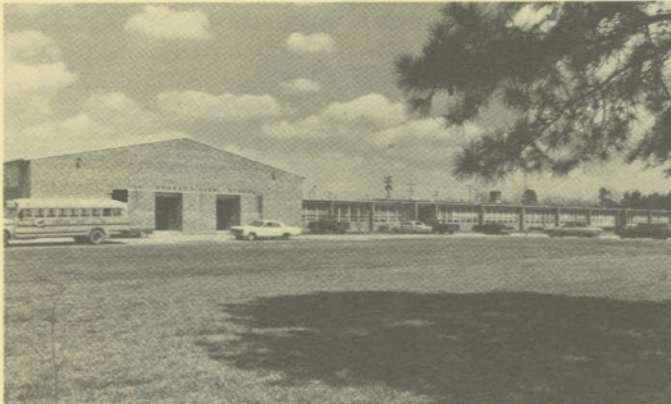
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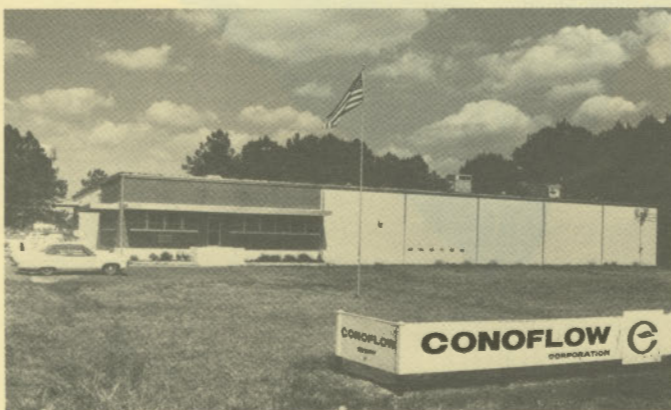
Memorial Baptist Church



Dorchester County Court House



St. George High School



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LOCATION

As depicted on the cover, St. George, seat of Dorchester County, is in the southeastern section of the state. Charleston, South Carolina's busiest port, is 50 miles southeast. Columbia is 68 miles northwest and Greenville is 168 miles northwest. St. George is 250 miles east of Atlanta; 730 miles south of New York; and 2,773 miles east of San Francisco.



POPULATION

The 1980 census population of the city of St. George was 2,134. This was an 18.2% increase from the 1970 census population of 1,806. Dorchester County had a 1980 census population of 58,266, an 80.5% increase over the 1970 population of 32,276. The 1980 census population within a 15-mile radius is 37,347, while a 30-mile radius encompasses 169,232 people.

CLIMATE

The climate in the St. George area is temperate with a mean annual temperature of 64.7° F. The average temperature during January is 48.6° F, while the average July temperature is 80.2° F. The average relative humidity daily is 86% at 1:00 a.m.; 86% at 7:00 a.m.; 56% at 1:00 p.m.; 74% at 7:00 p.m.

The mean annual precipitation in the St. George area is 52.12 inches and the average growing season is 239 days. The elevation of St. George is 102 feet above sea level.

COMMUNICATIONS

The weekly *Dorchester Eagle-Record* is published in the city, and four large dailies circulate in the community. Radio stations WQIZ-AM and WDWQ-FM have broadcast facilities in the community. Television reception is available from six stations, representing the three major networks and educational television. Telephone service

in the community is provided by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

GOVERNMENT

The community has a mayor-council form of municipal government. The six city councilmen and the mayor are elected for four year terms. Dorchester County is governed locally by a seven member council administrator form of government, whose members are elected for four year terms.

POLICE AND FIRE

The St. George Police Department has four full-time and two part-time police officers. The department operates three radio equipped patrol cars. The St. George Fire Department has three full-time and 25 volunteer firemen who operate two pumper trucks. St. George's insurance rating is Class 7.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

St. George has two banks to serve the financial needs of the community. The banks have total assets of \$163 million.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

The community has 3 motels. Numerous other motel accommodations are within 30 miles of the city.

CHURCHES

St. George has 10 Protestant churches. A Catholic church and a Jewish house of worship are located in Walterboro, 21 miles from St. George.

EDUCATION

St. George, which is included in Dorchester District 1, has two elementary schools and one high school. The student/teacher ratio is 18.8 to 1, with 87 teachers and 1,636 students. In addition, one private school serves the area. Higher education facilities for the area are provided by two Technical Colleges. The Citadel, the College of Charleston, the Baptist College at Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina are all located within 45 miles.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services for the community are provided by the 220-bed North Trident Regional Hospital near Summerville, 28 miles away. Specialized medical treatment facilities are located in Charleston, 45 miles away. The community has three privately- practicing medical doctors and three privately- practicing dentists.

RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES

Outdoor recreation facilities in the St. George area are numerous. Nearby Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie provide areas for fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing and camping. Givhans Ferry State Park provides camping,

fishing, swimming and picnic facilities. Several areas nearby are open to the public for hunting quail, dove, duck and deer. Five golf courses are within 21 miles of the city. Charleston, 45 miles away, offers a variety of entertainment and recreation. St. George is within an hour's drive of several resort communities on the coast.

POWER

Electric power is supplied by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. For 1983 SCE&G projects reserve capacity to system coincidental peak of 33%. The company's total generating capacity is 3,359 megawatts. An additional 600 megawatts of nuclear generation will be on line in the fall of 1983 and 550 megawatts of coal fired generation is scheduled for 1989. SCE&G plans to have sufficient reserves to meet immediate and future electrical needs of its service area. In addition SCE&G maintains inter-tie connections with four neighboring utilities.

Electric power is also available from Edisto Cooperative. Power is generated by Central Electric Cooperative and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The generation capacity of plants in operation or under construction totals 3,435 megawatts with 73% produced from coal. Inter-tie connections are maintained with neighboring power supplies.

FUELS

Natural gas is supplied by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

WATER

The community obtains its municipal water supply from two deep wells. The system is capable of supplying water at a maximum rate of 1,072,800 gallons per day, with an average daily demand of 170,000 gallons. Elevated water storage consists of 350,000 gallons. The Dorchester Water Authority, a county agency, operates an industrial water system in connection with its industrial park on 78 east. The system is supplied by one deep well, and has a 150,000-gallon elevated tank.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

Total solids	NA
Alkalinity	85 mg/l
Calcium	44 mg/l
Hardness	10 mg/l
Iron	0.1 mg/l
pH	8.7

SEWER

St. George operates a public sewerage system consisting of a collector system with chlorine treatment. The capacity of the sewer system is 250,000 gallons per day. The plant is operating beyond capacity at this time. Plans for upgrading are in process.

LABOR

Because labor information may change in this area, a cur-

rent 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

St. George is served by two interstate highways, I-26 (8 miles), and I-95 (2 miles), and two United States highways. The community is served by the Norfolk Southern Railway System. St. George has 24 authorized motor carriers, 11 of which have terminal facilities in nearby Charleston.

Freight Delivery Times:

To:	By Rail:	By Truck:
Atlanta	3 days	1 day
Boston	6 days	4 days
Chicago	7 days	3 days
Houston	8 days	2 days
New York	4 days	3 days
St. Louis	5 days	2 days
San Francisco	11 days	5 days

The Charleston Municipal Airport, 40 miles away, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline service on Delta, Eastern, Piedmont, Dolphin and Bankair Airways. Private aircraft utilize the St. George Municipal Airport, eight miles away, which has a paved and lighted 3,200-foot runway. Services available at the local airport are tiedowns,

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major airframe and powerplant repairs & Vortac. Other aircraft services are available at the Charleston Municipal Airport.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

There are two Foreign Trade Zones located in South Carolina, one located in Charleston, 50 miles away, and the other located at the Greenville/Spartanburg Jetport, 168 miles away. These Foreign Trade Zones allow manufacturers to store, manufacture or process goods without paying U. S. Customs duties or worrying about quota compliance. Both Foreign Trade Zones are served by a multi-mode 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 \$4.00 per \$100 of assessed value. The county rate is \$11.85 per \$100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per \$100 of market value) is \$.42. The effective county rate is \$1.24. 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 St. George 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 will be furnished upon request.

Product or Service	Employees
Children's dresses	225
Valves, Regulators, Transducers	79
Vina-Coir Mats, Entrance Mats	24

