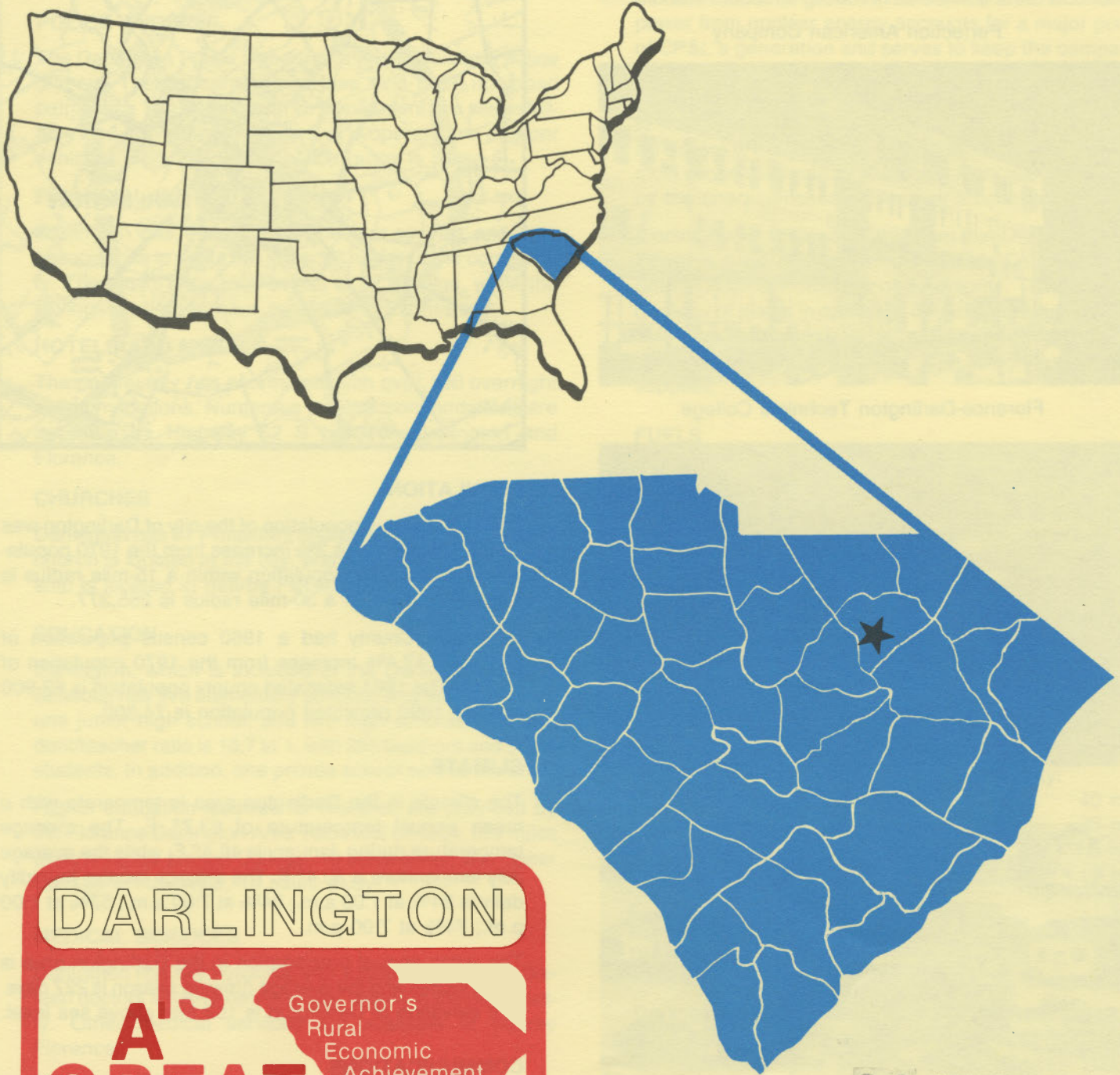


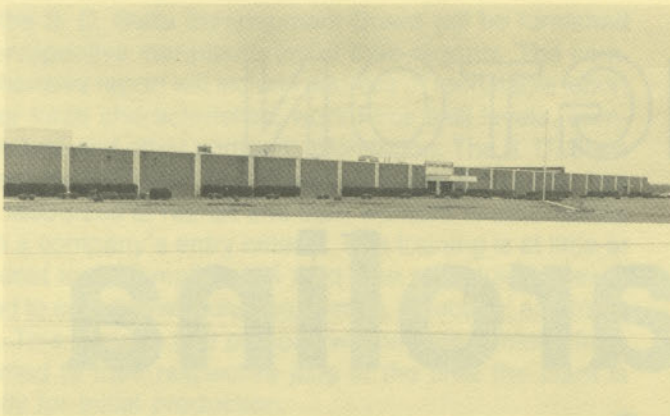
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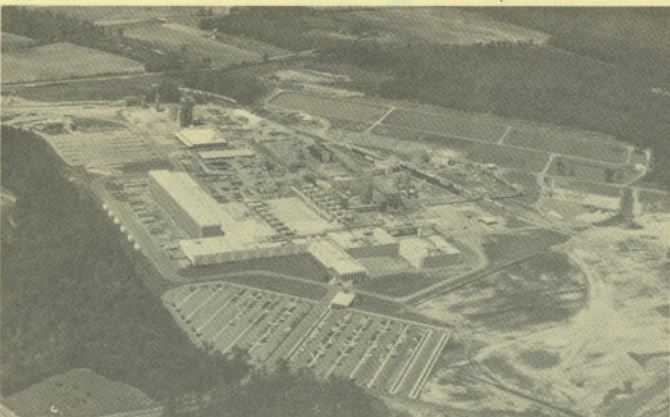
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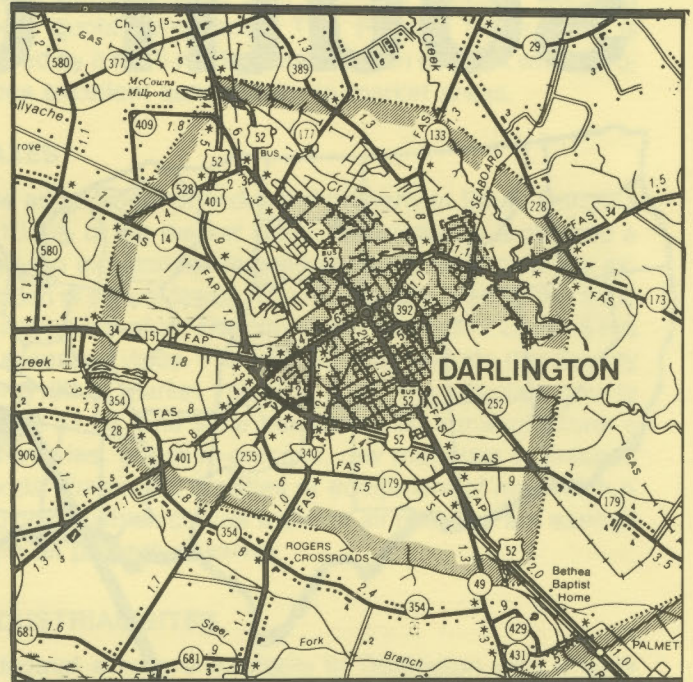
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LOCATION

As depicted on the cover, Darlington, seat of Darlington County, is in the northeastern section of the state. Charleston, South Carolina's busiest port, is 120 miles south. Columbia is 78 miles southwest and Greenville is 174 miles west. Darlington is 292 miles east of Atlanta; 637 miles south of New York; and 2,815 miles east of San Francisco.



POPULATION

The 1980 census population of the city of Darlington was 7,989. This was a 14.3% increase from the 1970 population of 6,990. The population within a 15-mile radius is 106,259 and within a 30-mile radius is 255,377.

Darlington County had a 1980 census population of 62,717, a 17.4% increase from the 1970 population of 53,442. The 1981 estimated county population is 62,900 and the 1990 projected population is 74,300.

CLIMATE

The climate in the Darlington area is temperate with a mean annual temperature of 63.7° F. The average temperature during January is 46.4° F, while the average July temperature is 80.4° F. The average relative humidity daily is 84% at 1:00 a.m.; 84% at 7:00 a.m.; 57% at 1:00 p.m.; 74% at 7:00 p.m.

The mean annual precipitation in the Darlington area is 53.59 inches and the average growing season is 227 days. The elevation of Darlington is 152 feet above sea level.

COMMUNICATIONS

The weekly *News and Press* is published in the city, and the daily *Florence Morning News* is published in Florence, 10 miles away. Four other dailies circulate in the community. Radio station WDAR-AM-FM has broadcast facilities in the city. Television reception is available from three sta-

tions, representing the three major networks and ETV. Cable television service is also available. Telephone service is provided by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

GOVERNMENT

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

POLICE AND FIRE

The Darlington Police Department has 22 full-time police officers. The department operates nine radio equipped patrol cars. The Darlington Fire Department has seven full-time and 21 volunteer firemen who operate five pumper vehicles. Darlington's insurance rating is Class 6.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Darlington has three banks and two savings and loan associations to serve the financial needs of the community. The banks have total assets of \$2.9 billion, while the savings and loans have assets of \$75.0 million.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

The community has two motels with over 100 overnight accommodations. Numerous motel accommodations are available on Highway 52 S between Darlington and Florence.

CHURCHES

Darlington has 31 Protestant churches. A Roman Catholic church is located in the city, and a Jewish house of worship is located in nearby Florence.

EDUCATION

Darlington, which is included in the Darlington County Schools, has five elementary schools; one middle school; one junior high school; and two high schools. The student/teacher ratio is 18.7 to 1, with 295 teachers and 5,386 students. In addition, one private school serves the area.

Higher education facilities for the area are provided by the Florence-Darlington Area Technical College, five miles away; Francis Marion College, 13 miles away; and Coker College in Hartsville, 14 miles away.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Darlington has two hospitals with a total of 102 beds. Sixteen doctors and five dentists have offices in the community. Other medical services are available at nearby Florence.

RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES

Recreation facilities in the community consist of one park, a youth center and three playgrounds with outdoor cooking and game facilities. The city and county have organized recreation programs with full-time directors. The Dar-

lington Country Club has an 18-hole golf course and swimming pool, and annually hosts the Southern 500 Golf Tournament. Seven other private courses are within 15 miles of the city. The Darlington International Raceway and a stock car racing museum are located in the community. Florence, 10 miles away, has museums, theaters and a little theater group.

POWER

Electric power is supplied by Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L). 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 is also available from Pee Dee 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 Carolina Pipeline Company and distributed by People's Natural Gas Company.

WATER

The community obtains its municipal water supply from three deep wells. The system is capable of supplying water at a maximum rate of 2,050,000 gallons per day, with an average daily demand of 1,000,000 gallons. Treated water storage consists of 700,000 gallons in elevated storage and 500,000 gallons in ground reservoirs.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

Total solids	40 mg/L
Alkalinity	33 mg/L
Calcium	1.5 mg/L
Hardness	10 mg/L
Iron	1.1 mg/L
pH	8.4

SEWER

Darlington utilizes a trickling filter wastewater treatment plant. The plant has a daily capacity for 1,500,000 gallons of wastewater. The plant presently handles 700,000 gallons per day.

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

Darlington is served by two interstate highways, I-95 and I-20 (both six miles away), two United States highways, and three South Carolina highways. The community is served by Seaboard Systems Railroad. Darlington is served by 37 authorized motor carriers, 19 of which have terminal facilities in the Florence-Darlington area.

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

The Florence Municipal Airport, 10 miles away, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline service on TransSouthern and Atlantis. The Darlington County Airport, eight miles away, has three 5,000-foot paved runways, one of which is lighted. The county airport offers

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name
APAC Carolina, Inc.
Fiber Industries, Inc.
James River-Dixie Northern
Nucor Steel
Nytronics, Inc.
Perfection-American Co.
Sherman Mfg. Co.

Product or Service	Employees
Asphalt	200
Polyester staple	720
Paper cups, containers	600
Steel angles and channels	550
Inductors, resistors	525
Gears, clutches	265
Ladies' apparel	122

charter service, major airframe and major powerplant repairs, RBn and Abvortac. Other aviation services are available at Florence.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

There is a Foreign Trade Zone located in Charleston, South Carolina, 120 miles away. 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 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 \$8.90 per \$100 of assessed value. The county tax rate is \$12.25 per \$100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per \$100 of market value) is \$.93. The effective county rate is \$1.33. 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 Darlington 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.

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