



# CULTURAL AMENITIES

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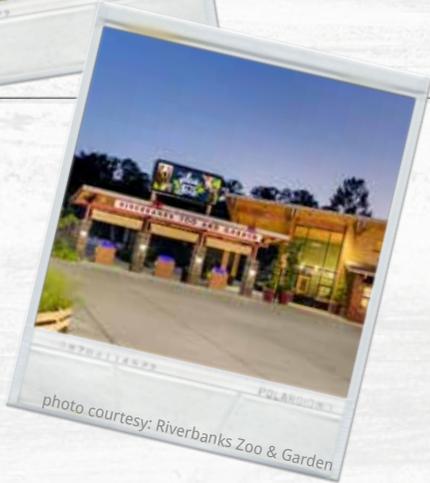


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**PERFORMING ARTS**

**CSCA**

**1 Chapin Theatre Company**



<http://www.chapintheatre.org/>

**LEXINGTON COUNTY**

Offers a variety of stage performance styles performed by an all-volunteer cast.

**2 Columbia Children's Theatre**



<http://www.columbiachildrenstheatre.com/>

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Specializing in theatrical performances for families and young audiences for more than a decade. Classes and educational programs available.

**3 Columbia City Ballet**



<http://columbiacityballet.com/>

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Bringing classical and seasonal ballet performances to the stage for more than 50 years in Columbia, SC.

**4 Columbia Marionette Theatre**



<http://cmtpuppet.org/>

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Puppetry brings entertaining and educational stories to life for children of all ages.

**5 Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County**



<http://www.fineartscenter.org/>

**KERSHAW COUNTY**

Cultural hub of Kershaw County featuring space for theatrical performances, dance studios, rental space, and more.

**6 Harbison Theatre at Midlands Technical College**



<http://www.harbisontheatre.org/>

**LEXINGTON COUNTY**

Presenting stage and film productions appealing to adult and youth audiences. Housed on the Harbison Campus of Midlands Technical College.

**7 Koger Center for the Arts**



<http://www.kogercenterforthearts.com/>

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Hosting locally and globally-recognized performances with theater space for more than 2,500 audience members.

**8 Music Farm Columbia**



<http://www.musicfarm.com/venues/music-farm-columbia/upcoming-shows/>

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Providing full-service concert and event management for musical and stage performances.

**9 New Brookland Tavern**



<http://www.newbrooklandtavern.com/>

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Oldest, continuously running music club and tavern in the Columbia area featuring musical and comedic performances.

**10 Newberry Community Players**



<http://www.theritzonline.com/>

**NEWBERRY COUNTY**

Housed in the former Ritz 1936 movie theater, this theater troop purchased the building in the 1970s. Features stage performances and family film nights.

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The Newberry Opera House is a gothic-style theater that has been part of the county's landscape since the late 1800s. A former multi-purpose government and entertainment venue, it is now solely a home to live performances.

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### South Carolina Philharmonic

<http://www.scphilharmonic.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Offering high-quality, professional musical orchestral performances for over 50 seasons.

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### Township Auditorium

<http://www.thetownship.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY



Historic landmark in downtown Columbia bringing a variety of popular music, theater and comedic performances to the stage.

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### Trustus Theatre

[trustus.org](http://trustus.org)

RICHLAND COUNTY

Pushing the envelope with a wide variety of theatrical styles to suit nearly any theater fan's taste.

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### Weldon Auditorium

<http://www.weldonauditorium.sc.gov/Pages/RentalInfo.aspx>

CLARENDON COUNTY

Entertainment venue providing space for performances, competitions and talent shows, school concerts, and more.

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### Nickelodeon Theatre

<http://nickelodeon.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Focused on community-impacting film works, this theater showcases independent films, special curated series, and one-off screenings.

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### Carolina Children's Garden

<http://www.carolinachildrengarden.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Multi-acre outdoor garden providing educational programs and hands-on-learning to children.

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### Frankie's Fun Park

<http://www.frankiesfunpark.com/columbia/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Enjoy some family-fun time on the race track, in the arcade, or putting on the mini-golf courses.

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### Orangeburg County Aquatic Park

<http://columbiaymca.org/locations/orangeburg/>

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Beat the summer heat at this park featuring multiple water slides, a lazy river, and more.



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### Orangeburg County Fine Arts Center



<http://www.ocfac.net/>

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Multi-functional facility providing educational opportunities to youth and adults, and artistic exhibitions and activities.

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### Plex Indoor Sports/Plex Indoor Sports & Ice



<https://plexhiwire.com/sandhill/>

<https://plexhiwire.com/irmo/>

RICHLAND & LEXINGTON COUNTIES

Indoor facilities offering HiWire, indoor sports, and trampolines, as well as ice skating at the Irmo location.

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### Owens Field Skate Park



<https://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation>

RICHLAND COUNTY

15,000 square foot outdoor skate park with resources for skate-boarders such as a street plaza, rails, and "pool" bowls. Also features amenities for soccer, t-ball, and more.

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### Riverbanks Zoo & Garden



<https://www.riverbanks.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Home to more than 2,000 magnificent and fascinating animals, and one of the nation's most beautiful and inspiring botanical gardens. Lush 170-acre site featuring dynamic natural habitat exhibits, scenic river views, spectacular valley overlooks and significant historic landmarks.



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### Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center



<http://www.calhouncountymuseumandculturalcenter.org/>

CALHOON COUNTY

Opened in 1959, the center operates today as an exhibition space and venue for community and cultural events.

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### Camden Archives and Museum



<https://www.classicallycarolina.com/what-do/museums-galleries/camden-archives-museum>

KERSHAW COUNTY

Functioning as a museum and archives facility, it offers visitors views of permanent and rotating exhibits, as well as regional artifact collections on display.

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### Cayce Historical Museum



<http://www.cityofcayce-sc.gov/museum.asp>

LEXINGTON COUNTY

Showcasing exhibits on the history of the first European settlements in the region, as well as Native American artifacts dating back thousands of years.

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### 701 Center for Contemporary Art



<http://www.701cca.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Visual arts center in downtown Columbia focused on contemporary art, creative development, and awareness.

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### Clarendon County Historical Society Museum and History Center



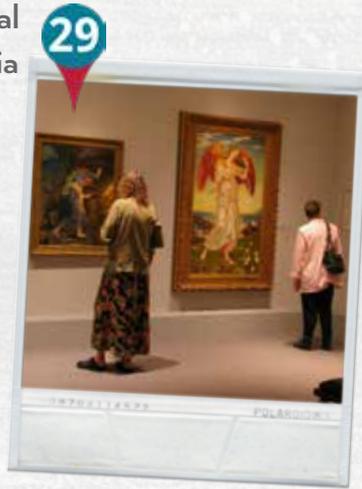
<http://clarendoncountyhistory.org/>

CLARENDON COUNTY

Museum focused on the education and preservation of the history of Clarendon County.

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A cultural anchor of the capital city's downtown, the Columbia Museum of Art attracts more than 135,000 visitors annually with an expansive collection of masterpieces by some of the world's most well-known artists.



### Newberry Arts Center



<http://www.cityofnewberry.com/>

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Focusing on arts and community engagement, this new arts center offers visitors learning opportunities and provides venue space.



### Newberry County Historical Museum



<http://www.newberrycountyhistorical.com/museum.html>

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Located in the long-standing E.S. Coppock house, this museum houses a large collection of mostly local artifacts and displays.



### EdVenture Children's Museum



<http://www.edventure.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

As the largest children's museum in the Southeastern U.S., this educational museum has hands-on exhibits, annual special events, and opportunities for family fun.



### South Carolina State Museum



<http://scmuseum.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

The largest museum in the state, it is also the first in the U.S. to house a museum planetarium, observatory and 4D theater. Located in the historic Columbia Mills building, the building is the museum's largest artifact and dates back to 1894. Exhibits include South Carolina art, natural & cultural history, science and technology spread over 225,000 square feet.



### Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center



<http://www.elloreemuseum.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Explore South Carolina's rural roots through a tour of recreated buildings and a cotton gin.



### South Carolina Railroad Museum



<http://www.scrm.org/>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Functional railway and train preservation museum.



### Fairfield County Museum



<http://www.fairfieldsc.com/>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Repository for county artifacts and educational resource for community and students.



### Tapp's Arts Center



<http://www.tappsartscenter.com/>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Housed within the historic Tapp's building in downtown Columbia, it operates as a multi-functional contemporary arts center.



### Lexington County Museum



<http://lexingtoncountymuseum.org/>

LEXINGTON COUNTY

Relive the history of Lexington County residents from the 1770s through the days of the Civil War.



### National Steeplechase Museum



<http://www.steeplechasemuseum.org/>

KERSHAW COUNTY

The only U.S. museum dedicated to the history of steeplechasing. Located in the historic City of Camden, home to multiple major horse races.

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**Adluh Flour**

<http://www.adluh.com/>  
 RICHLAND COUNTY



The oldest operating grain mill in the state, the Adluh Flour has been milling flour, corn meal, grits, and more in downtown Columbia since 1900.

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**Bonds Conway House**

<https://www.classicallycarolina.com/what-do/historic-sites/bonds-conway-house>

KERSHAW COUNTY

Historic home thought to have been built by the first African American in Camden to buy his freedom, Bonds Conway. Now the office for the Kershaw County Historical Society.

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**Calhoun County Courthouse**

<http://www.calhouncounty.sc.gov/>  
 CALHOUN COUNTY

Constructed in 1913 and named after John C. Calhoun.

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**City of Camden Historic District**

<https://www.classicallycarolina.com/what-do/historic-sites/camdens-historic-district>

KERSHAW COUNTY



Features over five dozen historic sites pre-dating the mid-1800s.

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**Clarendon County Archives & History Center**

<http://www.clarendoncountygov.org/index.php/archives1>  
 CLARENDON COUNTY



Clarendon County's repository for local history. Housed inside the historic county library.

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**Colonel J.A. Banks House**

<https://scpictureproject.org/calhoun-county/colonel-j-a-banks-house.html>



CALHOUN COUNTY

Former 1890s residence of South Carolina State Representative and Senator J.A. Banks.

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**Fairfield County Courthouse**

<http://www.fairfieldsc.com/>  
 FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Standing in the heart of downtown Winnsboro, this iconic symbol of Fairfield county was built in 1823 by Robert Mills, designer of the Washington Monument.

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**Governor's Mansion**

<http://www.scgovernorsmansion.org/>  
 RICHLAND COUNTY



The official residence of the South Carolina Governor, it began as part of the Arsenal Military Academy and was converted into a residence in the late 1860s. Over 30 South Carolina governors have occupied the residence.

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**Hampton Preston Mansion & Gardens**

<http://www.historiccolumbia.org/hampton-preston-mansion-and-gardens>



RICHLAND COUNTY

Among the oldest homes in Columbia, the structure has survived hundreds of years and been utilized for numerous purposes. The home is set on four acres of lush antebellum gardens.

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**Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site**

<http://www.kershawcountychamber.org/historic-camden-revolutionary-war-site>



KERSHAW COUNTY

107-acre outdoor museum complex featuring Revolutionary War battling grounds, John Craven house, various original structures, and more. An annual re-enactment is held in November.

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**Kensington Mansion**

<https://www.historiccolumbia.org/Kensington>  
 RICHLAND COUNTY



1850s plantation home constructed using Italian-based architectural design inspiration. The property is often used for event rentals.

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**Kershaw County Courthouse**

<http://www.kershaw.sc.gov/>  
 KERSHAW COUNTY

The courthouse standing today was built in the mid-1960s on a former 1905 courthouse location.

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Starting with a single building in 1856, Newberry College has grown to encompass numerous buildings and serves over 1,000 students annually as an independent institution.

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### Orangeburg Downtown Historic District

<http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/orangeburg/S10817738024/index.htm>

ORANGEBURG COUNTY



Located in the heart of Orangeburg, the Downtown Historic District is made up of dozens of structures dating back to the 1880s that feature varying architectural styles.

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### Richardson Cemetery

<http://discoversouthcarolina.com/products/28123>

CLARENDON COUNTY

As Clarendon County's oldest cemetery, Richardson Cemetery is the final resting place for a number of generations of local families.

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### Ridgeway Historic District

<http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/fairfield/S10817720032/index.htm>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY



This district showcases buildings constructed in the late 1800s and early 1900s during the boom of cotton production in the County.

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### Robert Mills House & Gardens

<http://www.historiccolumbia.org/robert-mills-house-and-gardens>

RICHLAND COUNTY



A Classical Revival townhouse constructed in 1823 and located in downtown Columbia. It is one of five national historic landmarks in the city.

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### SC Archives & History Center

<https://scdah.sc.gov/>

RICHLAND COUNTY



Home to more than three centuries of South Carolina history, it is comprised of one of the biggest state archival collections in the nation.

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### SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum

<https://www.crr.sc.gov/>

RICHLAND COUNTY



Focusing on the state's military history, this museum provides visitors a glimpse into the days of the Revolutionary war through today.

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### SC State House & African American History Monument

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/>

RICHLAND COUNTY



Located in the heart of the capital city and state, the South Carolina State House has been part of the state's history for hundreds of years. It first dwelled along the coastline in Charleston, but was relocated to Columbia in 1790. Monuments on the grounds and building display the state's profound history, including the African American History Monument which was the first of its kind constructed on state house grounds in the U.S.

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### Santee Indian Mound and Fort Watson Site

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/santee/>

CLARENDON COUNTY

The site, once occupied by the Santee Indian tribe, was re-purposed by European settlers as a military fort in the late 1800s.

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### Supreme Court of South Carolina

<https://www.sccourts.org/index.cfm>

RICHLAND COUNTY



The highest court in South Carolina, the Supreme Court, holds appellate and original jurisdictions.

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### University of South Carolina Horseshoe

[http://www.sc.edu/about/our\\_history/](http://www.sc.edu/about/our_history/)

RICHLAND COUNTY



Designed in 1905 with the aid of well-known architect Robert Mills, the horseshoe and its buildings are the site of USC's original campus, dating back to the early 1800's.

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### Winnsboro Historic District

<http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/fairfield/S10817720043/index.htm>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY



Chartered in 1785, Wynnsborough, later renamed to Winnsboro, became Fairfield County's seat. The Historic District is comprised of structures dating back to some of the town's earliest days.

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**Winnsboro Town Clock**

<https://www.oldeenglishdistrict.com/points-of-interest/winnsboro-town-clock>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY



Part of the Winnsboro Historic District, the clock was constructed in the 1830s and is famed as the longest continuously running clock in the nation.

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**Winnsboro Town Hall**

<http://www.townofwinnsboro.com/>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY



Also recognized as the Williford House, this structure is included in the Winnsboro Historic District.

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**Woodrow Wilson Family Home**

<http://www.historiccolumbia.org/woodrow-wilson-family-home>

RICHLAND COUNTY



The childhood home of the United States' 28th President Woodrow Wilson is located in Columbia and has been preserved as a museum and historic site.

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**Carter & Holmes Orchids**

<https://carter-and-holmes.com/>



NEWBERRY COUNTY

A family-run business dedicated to supplying quality orchids and houseplants around the globe.

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**Colonial Life Arena**

<http://www.coloniallifearena.com/>



RICHLAND COUNTY

The largest arena in South Carolina, it provides multi-purpose space for concerts, graduations, family-friendly entertainment, and sporting events.

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**Enoree River Winery**

<http://enoreeriverwinery.com/>



NEWBERRY COUNTY

The sole vineyard and winery in Newberry County. The 8-acre farm is planted with muscadines and grapevines, and it is open to the public for tastings and tours.

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**Gasthaus Zur Elli**

<http://www.gasthauszurelli.com/>



NEWBERRY COUNTY

A repeat Top 10 winner for Best German Restaurant in America, this family-run restaurant serves up authentic German dishes.

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**Wells Japanese Garden**

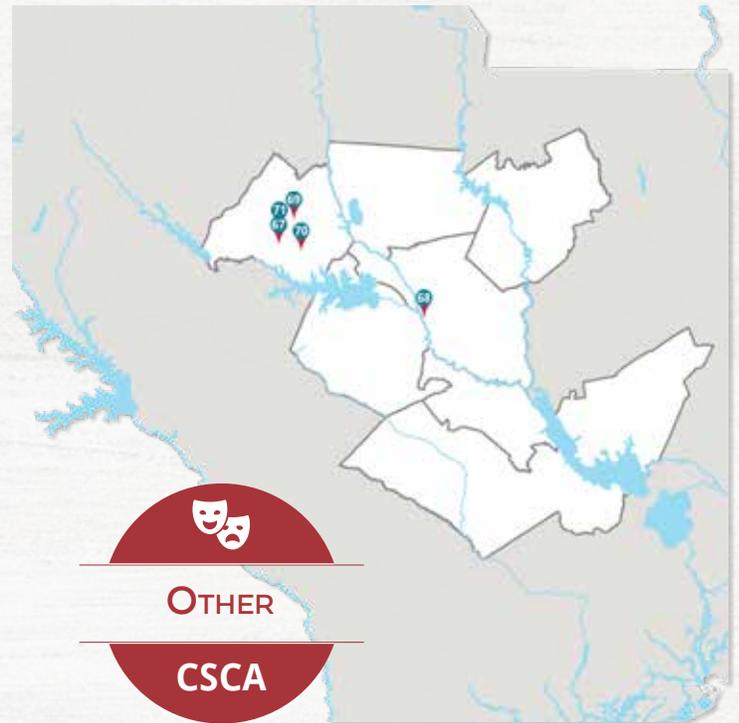
<http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/newberry/S10817736022/>



NEWBERRY COUNTY



Japanese garden started in 1930 and containing a variety of indigenous and exotic flora mixed among Japanese architecture.

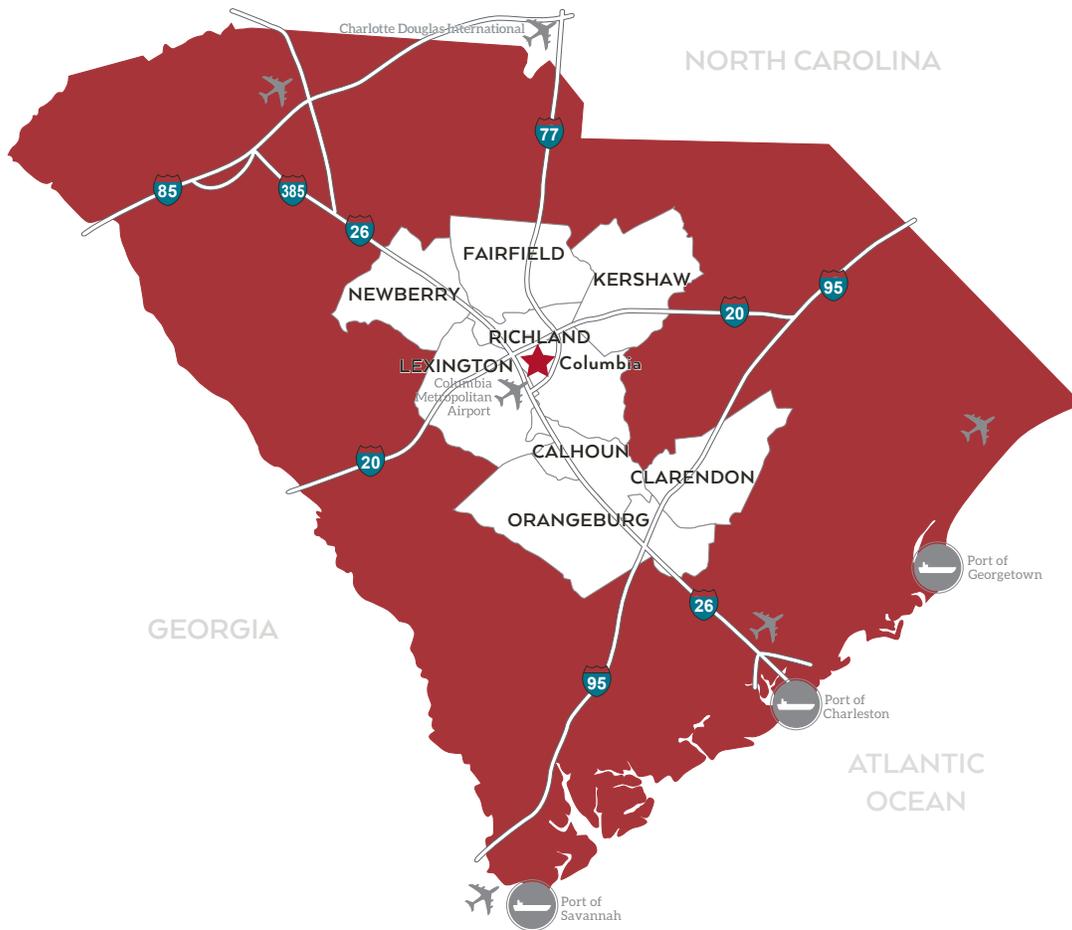


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## About Central South Carolina Alliance

The Central SC Alliance (CSCA) is a full-service professional economic development organization, founded in 1994 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, public/private partnership, engaged in the recruitment of capital investment and jobs to the Central Region of South Carolina.

CSCA represents eight counties and the City of Columbia. (The eight county region includes, Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg and Richland.) To learn more about the Central SC Alliance please visit our website at [www.centralsc.org](http://www.centralsc.org) and be sure to follow us on Twitter @Central\_SC and like us on Facebook.

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