



BEAUFORT, SC

REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the designation of a site in Beaufort County to recognize the importance of Reconstruction in American History.

Beaufort County has a rich history regarding Reconstruction, which is well represented in numerous historic buildings and sites across the county. These historic sites are not limited to but include: the Emancipation Oak and Camp Saxton in the Town of Port Royal, Robert Smalls' home (Smalls, a formerly enslaved man who became a champion of free education and was elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives), the Penn Center on Saint Helena Island, Mitchellville on Hilton Head Island and the Harriet Tubman Bridge.

Beaufort County has preserved and fostered these historic landmarks to help educate its citizens and visitors of the events that took place during the Civil War, Reconstruction and abolition of slavery in this region.

As there are no single parks or monuments dedicated to remembering the Reconstruction Era, we believe that Beaufort County, South Carolina should be designated as a landmark area.