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Protect Beaufort Foundation, Inc. Formed to Safeguard Beaufort's Future

Beaufort, SC – August 30, 2024 – A new non-profit organization, Protect Beaufort Foundation, Inc., has been officially formed with a mission to safeguard the unique character and future of Beaufort, South Carolina. The foundation, which has already secured \$100,000 in pledges with more expected, aims to advocate for responsible development, environmental preservation, and the protection of Beaufort's historic heritage.

As a community-focused initiative, Protect Beaufort Foundation, Inc. seeks to engage residents, business owners, and local leaders in meaningful dialogue and action to ensure that Beaufort remains a vibrant, sustainable community for generations to come. The organization's efforts will focus on critical issues such as growth management, environmental conservation, and maintaining the cultural integrity of the area.

The catalyst for the foundation's launch is the current controversy and possible need to take legal action with regard to the lease of Beaufort's prized marina. A history of the marina that illustrates the foundation's strong commitment to keeping all parts of the Waterfront Park open to residents and visitors can be found here:

<https://protectbeaufort.org/history/>

"We are happy to launch Protect Beaufort Foundation at such a crucial time for our community," said Catherine Scarborough, a founding board member of Protect Beaufort Foundation. "With the generous support of our donors, we are poised and dedicated to make a significant impact in preserving the very qualities that make Beaufort a special place to live and visit."

The foundation's website, protectbeaufort.org, will serve as a hub for information, updates, and ways for the community to get involved. As the organization continues to grow, it plans to host events, workshops, and other activities to educate and empower residents to take an active role in protecting Beaufort.

For more information about Protect Beaufort Foundation, Inc. and to learn how you can support its mission, please visit protectbeaufort.org.

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About Protect Beaufort Foundation, Inc.:

Protect Beaufort Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the unique character, environment, and heritage of Beaufort, South Carolina. Through advocacy, education, and community engagement, the foundation works to ensure a sustainable and vibrant future for all who call Beaufort home.

Founding Board of Directors:

Alan P. Dye, A part-time Beaufort resident and partner at Webster, Chamberlain & Bean LLC, Attorneys At Law, Washington DC, specializing in tax-exempt and non profit legal services

Catherine C. Scarborough, Beaufort SC, former State Senator & member of SC House of Representatives, former SE regional director of National Health Screening Council, a private non profit health organization

Graham B. Trask, Beaufort SC, Rhinebeck NY & Geneva, Switzerland, entrepreneur

L. Paul Trask Jr., Beaufort SC, commercial real estate manager

Wallace B. Scarborough, Beaufort SC , former member of SC House of Representatives & insurance executive

Will Cook, Beaufort native, partner, Cultural Heritage Partners, Washington DC, a law, strategy & policy firm, and former associate general counsel for National Trust for Historic Preservation

Founder and Advisor:

George Graham Trask - Beaufort native, Harvard educated lawyer, environmental activist, crusading journalist, and entrepreneur.

Our purposes are:

1. To protect and enhance the unique public community and environmental qualities that exist in Beaufort, South Carolina.
2. To oppose and reverse the privatization and commercialization of property owned by governmental entities in the city and the county.
3. To promote the adoption and enforcement of laws and contracts of the city, the county, the state, and the nation for the purposes stated in paragraphs 1. and 2. above.

If you would like to consider making a donation to our cause, please send an email to info@protectbeaufort.org

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