

## **8/17/17 Communication to Beaufort County Officials on Asphalt on Roads Issue**

To the Beaufort County Council, Mr. Kubic, Mr. Gruber, Mr. Criscitiello, Mr. Larson and Mr. Wilhelm:

Daufuskie Island is coping with a public safety hazard on several of its critical roads in the Historic District, and the Daufuskie Island Council respectfully seeks your assistance.

During the Hurricane Matthew recovery, tons of large pieces of broken-up asphalt were deposited on several key un-paved roadways. The asphalt was intended to provide support for dirt roads placed under extreme stress by the very large debris-recovery trucks operated by FEMA contractors. It was the community's understanding that a machine was to be brought to the island to pulverize the asphalt, but that never occurred.

The hurricane debris collection is complete; however, these pieces of asphalt remain on the roads, on the side of roads, and in large piles alongside the road to our new community park.

For months the Daufuskie Island Council has received numerous and strong complaints from island residents and visitors who traverse these roads, and we believe that immediate attention is necessary. These asphalt pieces are a hazard to motor vehicles, golf carts, and bicycles. They are unsightly, dangerous, and a blight on our island.

Consequently, at the Council's August 15th meeting we voted unanimously to provide the following statement to Beaufort County:

*A machine should be brought to Daufuskie to pulverize all of the asphalt that has been deposited in the Historic District, and the end product should immediately be used to stabilize Daufuskie's dirt roads.*

*If it is not possible for any reason for a machine to be brought here for this purpose, the Council asks that the County and the contractor work together to remove the asphalt from the island.*

*Resolution of this issue should occur within the next 60 days.*

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. The Daufuskie Island Council's point-of-contact on this issue is John Schartner, Chairman of the Council's Roads Committee.

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