Redevelopment Vision and Strategy for the Former Springs Mill in Lancaster, SC

The City of Lancaster and the Red Rose City Development Corporation have a vision to redevelop the former Springs Mill site into a catalyst for redevelopment of the Brooklyn neighborhood and all of Lancaster. The 25-acre former mill site was once a hub of economic activity employing hundreds of people. Today, it is a brownfield and center of blight for the neighborhood and city. The former mill site offers promising redevelopment opportunities that can spur job creation, economic activity, and revitalization.

Redevelopment Vision

The former Springs Mill site is a catalyst for redevelopment of the Brooklyn Neighborhood and all of Lancaster.

Economic Impact of Potential Development Scenarios

65 jobs

\$21.3M annual output



Strategic Priorities

- Uplift the surrounding neighborhood through job creation and economic activity
- Reactivate the industrial site to remove blight
- Contribute to the long-term, sustainable development of Lancaster and the surrounding area

Development Opportunities

- Expanded Government Operations building on the law enforcement training center
- Light Manufacturing facilities
- Retail such as small grocery serving the neighborhood
- Limited-Service Restaurant serving the development and neighborhood
- Historic Office Building redeveloped for cultural arts use

Redevelopment Steps



Community Engagement in the Visioning and Planning Process









The Red Rose City Development Corporation was selected as the 2020 Creative Give Back winner and was awarded up to \$25,000 of consulting services for this redeveloping visioning project. The project aims to spark redevelopment interest in the former Springs Mill site. Once an economic driver employing hundreds of people and supporting a thriving residential area, the site now contributes to the blight of the neighborhood. This project created a vision for how the

property can be redeveloped and catalyze revitalization in Lancaster.

The Creative Give Back is Creative Economic Development Consulting's way to give back to the field of economic development. Since 2014, the firm has given away \$175,000 of consulting services to seven projects.



The Red Rose City Development Corporation, Inc.'s mission is to create employment, combat deterioration of commercial areas, to attract and retain new businesses and industries, and to implement sustainable community and economic development.