

## **Local Context**

At high tide, Hilton Head Island covers 34.5 square miles of land area with a permanent population just under 40,000 residents. A rich composite of open water channels, marshland, beaches, forested wetlands and mature tree canopy create a robust and unique ecosystem on the Island. Public Parks and Open Space, Town-Owned Property, and Private Conservation Areas make up thousands of acres of protected land area, most of which is in close proximity to the arterial roadway spine of Hwy 278/William Hilton Parkway.