

Glendale and Lawson's Fork Events Time Line After 1961 Closure of Cotton Mill

1993 – Mill owner Billy Tobias donates 13 acres on the south bank of Lawson's Fork to the Spartanburg Area Conservancy (SPACE) for protection and the establishment of a riverfront park.

2004 – Plans had been developed by new mill owner Glyn Morris for converting the cotton mill into condos and retail space. Mill burns. Two towers, two smokestacks, and Mill Office remain.

2005 - Glendale United Methodist (UM) Church is “discontinued” by the SC UM Conference.

2005 - Grant for studying possible uses of church property awarded by Mary Black Foundation.

2006 - Church conversion planning conducted by 40 persons is completed; report published; recommends establishment of an outdoor leadership training school. [Report Available]

2006 - The Palmetto Conservation Foundation (PCF) applies for funds to develop and begin to implement the Glendale Outdoor Leadership School (GOLS). The Spartanburg County Foundation funds property title search. [www.spcf.org]

2006 - PCF granted \$550,000 by the Mary Black Foundation [www.maryblackfoundation.org] to develop and begin implementing GOLS. [www.setgols.org]

2006 - The Spartanburg District of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) recommends that Glendale be included in the six communities in SC to be studied by AIA as part of the national association's 150th anniversary celebration. Request granted by the SC Mayor's Institute for Community Design; Glendale is included among Chesterfield, Greer, Johnsonville, Summerton, and Clearwater. [www.aia.org]

2006 - Wofford College and PCF begin discussions with Glyn Morris, the owner of the Glendale Mill property, about receiving as gifts the Mill Office and surrounding three acres including the Lawson's Fork dam and shoals (Wofford) and the six acre Flood Plain (PCF).

2007 – Friends of Glendale (FOG) organized and officers elected.

2007 - AIA study of Glendale completed after local charrettes are conducted. Report with recommendations made during conference at Clemson University. [Report Available]

2007 - Glyn Morris donates the Flood Plain to PCF and the Mill Office to Wofford College.

2007 - The Urban Land Institute (ULI) chooses Pacolet and Glendale to be studied as a Glendale-Pacolet corridor (5 miles apart, connected by roads and “paddleable” rivers). ULI is an international land use planning organization founded in 1936. Study will begin in spring 2008. [www.uli.org]

2007 - Planning intensifies for the renovation of the Mill Office (to be LEED certified!) as headquarters for Wofford's Environmental Studies program and for PCF's trails on the Flood Plain.

2007 & 2008 - PCF [www.palmettoconservation.org], SPACE [www.spartanburgconservation.org], Spartanburg County School District 3 [www.spa3.k12.sc.us], and Wofford College [www.wofford.edu] pledge continued cooperation and collaboration in offering high quality programs and activities and in developing projects aimed at improving Glendale and the surrounding area.

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