

In Spartanburg, we like to do big things.

We try what most cities our size won't. It's why we're the home of the highest level of international investment per-capita in the United States. At the same time, we're a cultivator of homegrown businesses like Milliken & Co., JM Smith, Integral Solutions, Johnson Development, OTO Development, Denny's, and RJ Rockers Brewing. It's why we became the first Bicycle Friendly Community in the state of South Carolina and why we started the first B-Cycle bicycle-sharing program in the Southeast. Speaking of first, this is where Lockwood Greene got its start.

We like being No. 1.

In addition to our first-in-the-state Bicycle Friendly designation and first-in-the-Southeast bike-sharing program, check out some other impressive things in which we can claim Number One:

- We were the first city in the state to institute a comprehensive, single-stream residential recycling collection program.
- We opened the first commercial airport in the state back in the day. Today, it still serves as a general aviation facility that is set for a multimillion dollar runway extension project that will cement it as one the finest of its class anywhere.
- We're creating the first cycle-track in South Carolina. It's a protected two-way bike lane that will cut a path through the heart of downtown while connecting the Mary Black Rail Trail with future extensions to your downtown office location.
- A community effort to open the state's first retail co-op grocery downtown is closing in on an ambitious membership and multimillion-dollar fundraising goal.
- We were the first city in the state to adopt an environmentally friendly form-based building code and downtown master plan.
- And we were named the Plug-In City of the Year in 2012 for having the eighth-most electric car charging stations per capita in the country. (OK, so we're not first in that one, but Top 10 isn't too bad. And we are No. 1 in South Carolina.)

Creativity is in our DNA.

Breaking new ground is reflected in our arts and music scene as well. In fact, when it comes to music, we're kind of a big deal. Southern Rock legends The Marshall Tucker Band came from here. Pink Anderson, the revered Piedmont bluesman (who inspired the name for Pink Floyd), was also from here. In fact, the top music critic in Nashville penned a book about all our town's music luminaries, and a music trail winds through downtown that honors that history. Meanwhile, we continue to nurture our local musicians and artists today with dozens of city-sponsored music events, and live music can be heard downtown dang near 365 nights a year. The Hub City Writers Project is considered one of the best independent publishers in the country, and its writers and publications have won so many awards we've lost count. Hub-Bub's Artists-in-Residence program is considered a national model. And when our community decided it wanted a new downtown arts and cultural center, well, we did what we do

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best: We went BIG. We developed a world-class facility that houses nine different arts and cultural organizations. The \$45 million it cost to develop the Chapman Cultural Center, which sits just steps away from the proposed CH2M Hill site, was almost entirely raised from private sources, underscoring our people's love for the arts, history, music and science.

Indeed, Spartanburg has a lot in common with CH2M Hill — we're both creative problem-solvers and builders at heart.

We are a center for education.

When we're not having fun, we're hitting the books. To wit: Spartanburg is home to seven — yes, that's SEVEN — institutions of higher learning, including five campuses in and adjacent to downtown. The George Dean Johnson Jr. School of Business and Economics, a nearly \$30 million facility that opened just a few years ago, sits adjacent to the proposed CH2M Hill site. Meanwhile, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine — another \$30 million higher education facility — opened three years ago just a mile from the site. Our other downtown corporate citizens have developed deep and productive relationships with our many colleges, from exciting research partnerships to building pipelines of interns and future talented associates.

We've been waiting for you to come home.

The major outlines of our downtown master plan are falling into place and we are proud of the immense progress we've made in our central business district over the past decade. That's in part why we are convinced locating your new 100,000-sf office adjacent to the Marriott & Conference Center, the George Dean Johnson Jr. School of Business & Economics, and the Chapman Cultural Center would be the best choice for CH2M Hill.

Most companies immediately size up how quick access to interstates 85 and 26, two commercial airports within 65 miles, and a general aviation airport considered among the best of its class less than 5 miles away collectively makes Downtown Spartanburg a great place to do business. One of those airports, Charlotte Douglas International, offers non-stop flights to 32 different international destinations, including London, Toronto, Montreal, Mexico City, Frankfurt, Munich, Paris and Rome. (You can also book non-stop flights to Denver and Seattle from there, too.)

But we also believe that Downtown Spartanburg is an ideal fit for a company with the kind of corporate culture CH2M Hill has nurtured for eight decades. Downtown Spartanburg is where a company that works on building a more sustainable world and smarter, more livable cities will be at home. Downtown Spartanburg is where a company that values making a difference in the local community will thrive.

We believe Downtown Spartanburg is where CH2M Hill should be. Still not convinced? We invite you to learn more at this special site we created just for you: <http://www.cityofspartanburg.org/corvallis>.