

## **Meet S. George Wilson**

S. George Wilson is a native and lifelong resident of Gadsden, SC. After attending public school in Eastover, SC, George attended Benedict College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and Biology. Long before George's political career, he served neighbors and residents of Lower Richland by assisting them with their needs in any way that he could. He was instrumental in organizing the Lower Richland Citizens for Better Communities and served as Chairman. This committee took responsibility for the political, educational and employment awareness for community members.

George began his distinguished career in public service at the SC Department of Mental Health (D.M.H) where he served as the Recreation Director for the Hospital Improvement Project. The Hospital Improvement Project assisted mental health patients find housing and jobs as they transitioned out of the hospital. He supplemented his work at the D.M.H. by volunteering as a counselor at the Friendship Center where former patients received counseling once they returned home. After leaving the Department of Mental Health, George became a Community Social Worker at the Department of Juvenile Justice and Director of the Department's St Luke's Center in Columbia.

George went on to be elected and served as a Member of the SC State House of Representatives from 1974-1978. While in the State House, George was appointed to the Agriculture Committee and drafted legislation to increase members of Richland County Council from five at-large members to eleven single member districts. This important move meant council members were elected from the district in which they lived and gave citizens countywide representation versus at large representation.

Today, George serves as the Special Services General Manager with the Richland County Department of Public Works. A role that has continually evolved in his twenty-year tenure. While leading Special Services, George facilitated the creation of an education program for animal and refuse control officers that is still being utilized in other areas of the state today. He assisted with the development of the Governor's Office Litter Control Association of SC, a networking and educational organization for refuse control officers, and jumpstarted the first Adopt-A-Highway Program in Richland County. George now oversees various community projects throughout Richland County including clean sweeps, litter control programs, inmate labor and community service program oversight.

George is still an active member of the Lower Richland Community. He is a member of New Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Gadsden, SC where he was the past president and current member on the board of trustees and is a part of the Men's and Sanctuary Choirs. He also serves as the President of the Kingsville Historical Foundation. The Kingsville Historical Foundation preserves the history of the former town in Lower Richland County that was a major railroad junction prior to the Civil War and a major settlement for newly freed slaves afterwards. George is Vice Chair of the Eastover Annual Barbeque Festival which is the longest running festival in the Lower Richland area. When George isn't devoting himself to giving back to the community he enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife Annie, children and grandchildren; hunting, fishing, and exercising.



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**District 1-C**