GREENVILLE

## FY25 ANNUAL REPORT

July 2024 - June 2025





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**David Schaum** 

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Greenville Downtown Airport

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## OUR VISION

To be one of the most visited and talked about travel destinations in the Southeast.





# OUR MISSION

Maximize Greenville's Visitor Economy by developing and promoting exceptional visitor experiences to elevate the quality of life and prosperity for our community.





### **CORE VALUES**

**INTEGRITY** 

Doing the right thing, all the time. We build trust through transparency, honesty, and respect.

**OPEN** 

We actively seek new perspectives with the belief that we're stronger because of our differences.

**RESILIENCE** 

We believe our response to adversity, not the adversity itself, defines who we are. We are positive, flexible, and persevere to find success.

**PASSION** 

We are inspired by an authentic love for Greenville, and we strengthen our community by sharing it with the world.

**EXCELLENCE** 

Our team, our vendors, and our stakeholders deliver bold, creative, and high-performing solutions.

**COLLABORATION** 

Our success is greater when we effectively harness other's expertise, experiences & resources.





### **LEADERSHIP**



HEATH DILLARD

President & CEO



BETH MOATS

VP, Marketing & Communications



JONATHAN BRASHIER

VP, Meetings, Conventions & Events



**MATT DALBY** 

VP, Finance & Administration



## TOURISM INDUSTRY ECONOMIC IMPACT



\$2.5B **TOURISM** INDUSTRY **ECONOMIC IMPACT** In Greenville County in 2024



#### **INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY**



\$106M in State Taxes + \$95M in Local Taxes





### By Greenville Households Per Year In Taxes

Without tourism, every household would need to pay nearly \$1,000 more just to keep services as they are today.



#### **ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY**



#### 1 IN EVERY 25 JOBS

In Greenville County Exist Because of Visitors





## GENERATING \$655M IN PERSONAL INCOME

This income funds housing, childcare, transportation, and essentials.



## FY25 VGSC PERFORMANCE RECAP



## MARKETING PERFORMANCE



#### FY'25 VGSC PAID LEISURE MEDIA ROI



Travelers Reached by VGSC Paid Media



Influenced 1.5M Leisure Trips



\$453M

**Total Economic Impact** 

of Leisure Travelers VGSC Influenced by Paid Media

\$33.8M

Incremental State & Local Taxes Generated



#### VISITGREENVILLESC.COM

## Greenville's #1 Trip Planning Resource

- 13.9K+ Daily Visitors
- 5.1M Total Website Sessions
- #1 Top Ranking on Google

Driving more visitors to Greenville by connecting them with what they want most.



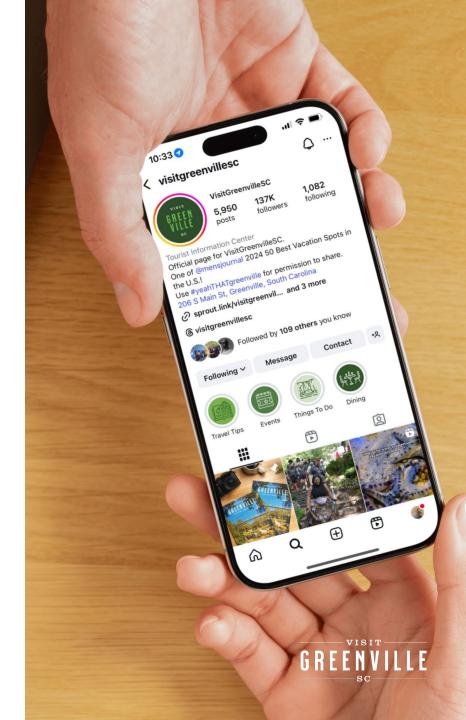


### SOCIAL MEDIA 272,000 SOCIAL FOLLOWERS

- **138K** Instagram followers
- 122K Facebook followers
- 8.1K LinkedIn followers
- **3.7K** Pinterest followers



VisitGreenvilleSC's social channels gained over **29,000 followers** and garnered over **105.6** million impressions.



#### **EARNED MEDIA**



**63** Journalists Hosted

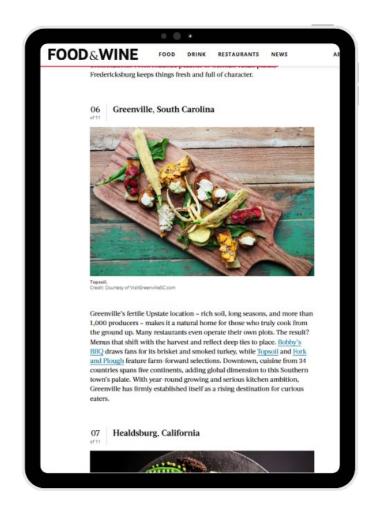


170 Pieces of Media Coverage with **\$53.6M AVE\*** 



#### **Top Accolades Earned**

- 52 Unexpected Places to Go in the USA | AFAR
- The South's Best Cities 2025 | Southern Living
- The Top Small US Cities for Food and Drink | Food & Wine
- The 40 Most Charming Small-Town Downtowns in America | **HGTV**





## CREATIVE EXAMPLES



#### LEISURE AD EXAMPLES

2025 Leisure advertising programs generated over 367 Million Ad Impressions. Our media mix includes video, digital, social, email, print, and search.









This is the life. This is Greenville







Find Next-Level Flavors Elevate your Greenville, SC vacation with farm-to-table dining and foraging Ad by VisitGreenvilleSC







and can't miss events just a short drive away.

Ad by VisitGreenvilleSC





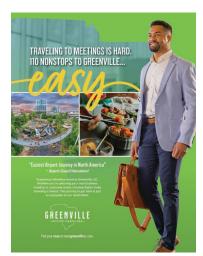








#### **GROUP SALES AD EXAMPLES**







**Explore Our Venues & Accommodation** We make finding the perfect venue and





VisitGreenville SC















EVENT









## MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS & EVENTS PERFORMANCE

#### **GROUP SALES OVERVIEW**

31 TRADESHOWS ATTENDED ACROSS THE US

225 MEETING PLANNERS HOSTED IN-MARKET



FY'25 RESULTS 185K+ GROUP ROOMS BOOKED
248K ESTIMATED GROUP ATTENDEES
273 TOTAL EVENTS BOOKED



**FUTURE GROUPS BOOKED IN FY25** 

\$152M TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

Of Future Booked Group Business



\$11.3M TAXES GENERATED

In Incremental State & Local Taxes by Groups Booked in FY'25



#### **VISITOR EXPERIENCES**

133
EVENTS SERVICED

BY THE VGSC TEAM



98

NET PROMOTER SCORE WITH MEETING

**PLANNERS** 

10K+
WELCOMED AT THE
VISITOR INFO CENTER



415

CERTIFIED TOURISM AMBASSADORS



## IMPACT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## DESTINATION MANAGEMENT CYCLE

If you build a place people want to **visit**, you build a place people want to **live**.

If you build a place people want to *live*, you'll build a place people want to *work*.

If you build a place people want to **work**, you'll build a place **business** needs to be.

If you build a place **business** has to be, you'll build a place people have to **visit**.



OUR WORK INTRODUCES
GREENVILLE TO MILLIONS
OF VISITORS.

THERE IS A KNOWN
"HALO EFFECT" OF THOSE
VISITORS CHOOSING TO
RELOCATE TO LIVE AND
WORK HERE.



# DESTINATION MANAGEMENT CYCLE





- 2. VISIT
- 3. POSITIVE EXPERIENCE
- 4. RETURN VISIT
- 5. RELOCATE / WORK

#### facebook









VisitGreenville SC's post



#### Jill Tracy

I ordered the Greenville visitors guide a few months ago and used it to plan our Easter weekend trip down to see our kids who are in schools in NC and SC. The guide was fantastic, though I over planned, and we had the most wonderful weekend. I will say a weekend is not enough. There is so much to do: culture, history, art, music, food and nature. The city was clean, great for people and pup watching and it felt very safe, even walking the streets at midnight. I already told my husband, we need to come back without the kids. If my junior in college had to get a job in a city, I would want it to be Greenville!





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# LEISURE AD IMPACT ON GREENVILLE PERCEPTION

**Greenville is a Good Place to:** 

Start/Expand a Business

**Start a Career** 

+78%

+74%

+49%

Place to Live

+49% Raise a Family



# VGSCINVESTMENT & IMPACT





#### **INVESTMENT**

\$8.95M State, County & City Funding

\$6.9M Private Funding



#### **IMPACT**

\$406.5M Direct Visitor Spending
\$45.1M State & Local Taxes Generated



