



**Table 5.20
Employment and Income Characteristics for James Island (2000)**

Block Group	Unemployment Rate	Median Household Income	Percent Below Poverty Level
19011	4.4%	\$38,409	18%
19012	1.5%	\$47,875	9%
19013	2.3%	\$43,785	6%
19022	2.3%	\$41,226	12%
19023	2.3%	\$29,468	31%
20023	3.0%	\$34,578	15%
20033	4.5%	\$36,360	11%
James Island Refined Study Area	2.5%	\$38,814	15%
South Carolina	3.6%	\$37,082	14%
United States	3.7%	\$41,994	12%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 U.S. Census

Neighborhoods located within the James Island refined study area

The portion of the refined study area within the James Island community has 16 neighborhoods. Because of their proximity to one another and the similarity of the impacts anticipated for each of the Reasonable Alternatives, these neighborhoods were grouped into five areas within the refined study area. They are:

- Area 1: Cloudbreak Court, Edentree Place, Stono Shores, Stone Edge, Stoneboro Court, Island Shores;
- Area 2: Colonial Grand at Quarterdeck, Mira Vista;
- Area 3: Ferguson Village, Riverland Crossing;
- Area 4: The Regatta, EME Apartments, Ellis Creek; and
- Area 5: Laurel Park, Marlborough, and Terrabrook.

Neighborhoods that could be impacted by the Reasonable Alternatives are depicted in Figure 5-18A, 5-18B and 5-18C.

There are also several neighborhoods that expressed an interest in the project but are not within the refined study area for James Island. These neighborhoods are Folly Beach, Tidal View, Country Club II, Creek Point, Ft. Johnson Estates, Lawton Bluff, Harbor Woods III, Whitehouse Plantation, Linville, The Peninsula, Clearview, Westchester, McCalls Corner, Parrot Creek, Bayfront, Meridian Place, Stiles Point Plantation, Lighthouse Point and Parrot Bluff.

Folly Beach, a barrier island south of James Island, has shown interest in the project from the beginning. The only way on or off the island is via Folly Road. The population of the island dramatically increases in the summer with vacationers renting houses and condominiums or coming for a day at the beach at the Folly Beach County Park. Folly Road therefore has heavy seasonal traffic that contributes to the congestion on James Island.

Population and housing demographics for the neighborhoods of James Island are summarized in Table 5.21.



Table 5.21
James Island Neighborhoods Population and Housing Characteristics

Neighborhood	Block Group	Year Constructed	Housing Type	Current Average Selling Price	Owner Occ.	Poverty Level
Area 1	19013	1950s - present	Single family	\$230,000	74%	6%
Area 2	19023	2000s	Multi-unit	\$251,600	20%	31%
Area 3	20033	1940s - 1990s	Single family, mobile homes	\$93,700	70%	11%
Area 4	19023	1920s - present	Single family, Multi-unit	\$251,600	20%	31%
Area 5	19022	1950s - present	Single family	\$119,000	52%	12%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 U.S. Census; Charleston Real Estate Guide 2009

Neighborhood Services and Facilities

James Island’s five different neighborhood areas offer several community services and facilities to residents. Each neighborhood is within a short distance of CARTA bus stops and has access to several community facilities such as grocery stores and retail along with community and neighborhood parks. School age children from the neighborhoods attend Murray LaSaine Elementary, Fort Johnson Middle and James Island High School with the exception of James Island Connection residents who attend Harbor View Elementary and southeast of Camp Road and areas north of Central Park residents who attend James Island Middle School. Churches in the direct impact area include Bethel AME, St. James Episcopal, Tabernacle of God’s People House of Prayer, and Mt. Sinai Evangelistic Church.

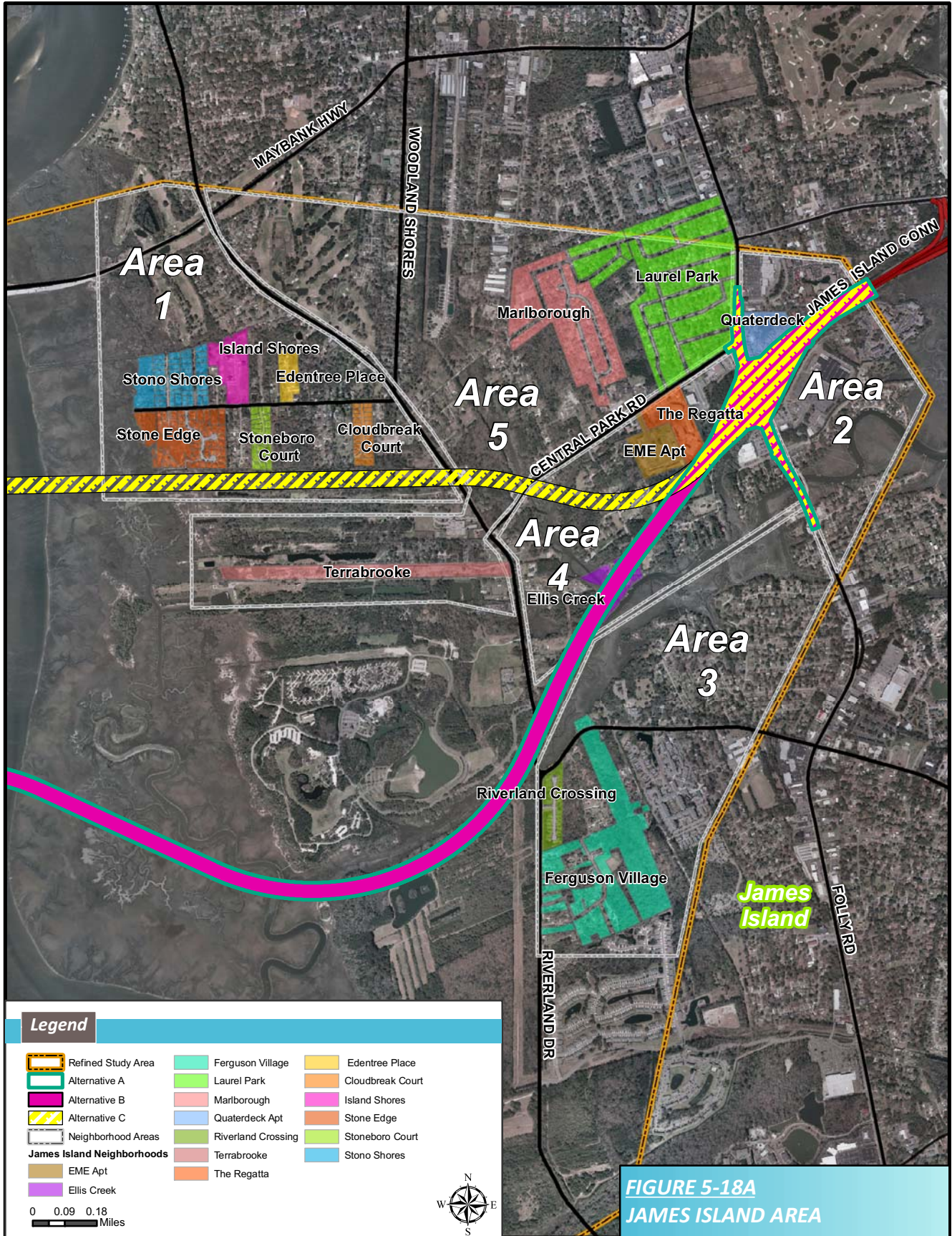


FIGURE 5-18A
JAMES ISLAND AREA

