

City of Seneca

"...doing business with you"

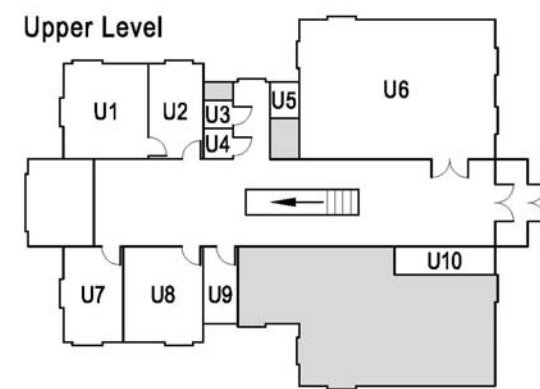


City Administration
 • Mayor
 • Administrator
 (864) 885-2700

Clerk / Treasurer
 • Business Licenses
 • Human Resources
 • City Council Agenda
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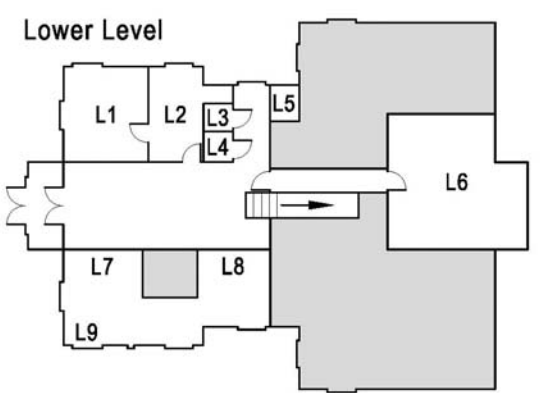
Planning & Development
 • Building Permits
 • Code Enforcement
 • Zoning
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Seneca City Hall Directory



City Administrator
 City Administrator Assistant
 Clerk / Treasurer
 Conference Room
 Council Chambers
 Elevator
 Events Coordinator
 Mayor
 Restroom (Men's)
 Restroom (Women's)

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 U2
 U10
 U8
 U6
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 U9
 U7
 U4



Cashier
 Customer Service
 Director of Utilities
 Drive-up Window & Night Depository
 Elevator
 Permits & Planning
 Restroom (Men's)
 Restroom (Women's)
 Utilities Administrative Assistant

L7
 L8
 L1
 L9
 L5
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 L2



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Old Seneca City Hall (c. 1930)

The structure originally served as the City Hall, Police Department, and fire house for the 'single truck' Fire Department. After extensive restoration in 1997 the structure currently serves as the Police Department and the Municipal Court building.

Telephone: (864) 885-2718



City of Seneca Fire Department

The Seneca Fire Department (SFD) is a progressive community service oriented agency that extends beyond fire fighting only. The SFD is a combination fire department operating out of an 8 bay fire station. The department has (24) full-time, (6) part-time, and (10) volunteer firefighters divided into A, B, and C shifts. Each shift comprises 24 hours on duty and 48 hours off, with shift changes at 08:00 a.m. Each shift is assigned a Captain, Lieutenant, and (5) firefighters. The fire station houses 5 pumper trucks, 1 (104') platform ladder truck, 1 service pumper, 1 heavy squad, 1 rescue unit, 1 utility pick-up, and 3 staff cars. In addition to our fleet the Seneca Fire Department has an accelerant detection canine named "T.J.". If the SFD can be of service to you, feel free to let us know. Visit us on our website: www.senecafd.com



RECREATION



Shaver Sports Complex



JULY 2010

City of Seneca hosted

- South Carolina Dixie Youth State Ozone Tournament

JULY 2009

City of Seneca hosted

- Dixie Boys World Series
- Dixie Girls State Tournament

Something to do?

...come to the City of Seneca Recreation Department.

Providing recreational activities is our goal.

With an assortment of locations available, the CSRD welcomes everyone to come workout with us.

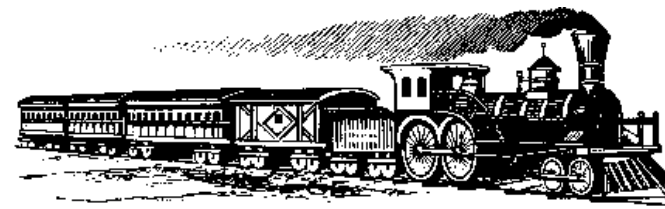
- Shaver Sport Complex
- Blue Ridge Field Heritage Park
- Gignilliat Community Center



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Preserving Heritage

Seneca was founded as Seneca City and named for a nearby Native American village. The town was located at the intersection of the Blue Ridge and Air Line Railroads. J.J. Norton and A.W. Thompson, who were locating engineers for the Air Line Railroad, purchased the land. A stake marking the center of town was driven into the intersection of the railroad tracks and the current Townville Street. The land was divided into lots for one half-mile from the stake. An auction was held on August 14, 1873. The town was given a charter by the state legislature on March 14, 1874. In 1908, the name was changed to Seneca.



...and the rest is history.



The Seneca Historic District contains a variety of structures identified on the National Registry of Historic Places. Examples of late 19th century domestic architecture, pre-World War I dwellings, houses of the mid-1920s, and Church architecture of the first half of the 20th century are located in the District.

Blue Ridge Field Heritage Park

The park was dedicated July 2009 and is a South Carolina National Heritage Corridor site. The park was once the athletic field of Blue Ridge High, the only high school serving the African American community in Oconee County. The school closed in 1969.

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Gignilliat House

Built 1898. Mr. G.W. Gignilliat and his brothers were among the first pioneer merchants who came to Seneca and made large contributions to the initial development of the town. The Victorian House is in virtually original condition. Stained glass panels appear over the transom of the front door and in several windows. The porch, which is supported by paired posts, is connected in each bay by a valance of vertical spindles. The shingle work of the second story, with alternating rows of dentiled and straight shingles, is an interesting pattern.

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Lunney House Museum

Located in Seneca's Historic District this American Queen-Anne style bungalow was built by prominent Seneca citizens, Dr. William J. & Mrs. Lilian Mason Lunney in the area known then as "Silk Stocking Hill", an area of stately Seneca homes. Its distinctive Arts & Crafts architecture extends to include a 2-story carriage house and "two-seater outhouse". The home was affectionately dubbed "The Oaks" by Mrs. Lunney referencing the large Oak trees that were present on the property. The house is an eclectic example of early twentieth century architecture by prominent Charlotte Architect, Charles C. Hook, and is one of a handful of remaining examples of Hook's unique residential designs. The home's interior provides a detailed example of period Arts & Crafts style.

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Oconee County Training School

In 1925 this building, currently the Oconee Senior Center, became the site for training African American teachers and education of children. The building was utilized for public school education until 1992.



Listed on the National Register of Historical Places, the school was in the national Rosenwald School Building Program in South Carolina (1917-1932).

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The Seneca Family Life Center

This log cabin is the only structural remnant of the Seneca Institute campus (aka the Seneca Junior College) that educated African Americans of this region from 1899 to 1939. Founded by the Seneca River Baptist Association, eight acres of land was acquired here and a three room frame structure was built, which became the first home of the Seneca Institute. Dr. John Jacob Starks served as the first President, 1899-1912.

www.oconeeheritagecenter.org



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NORTON-THOMPSON PARK

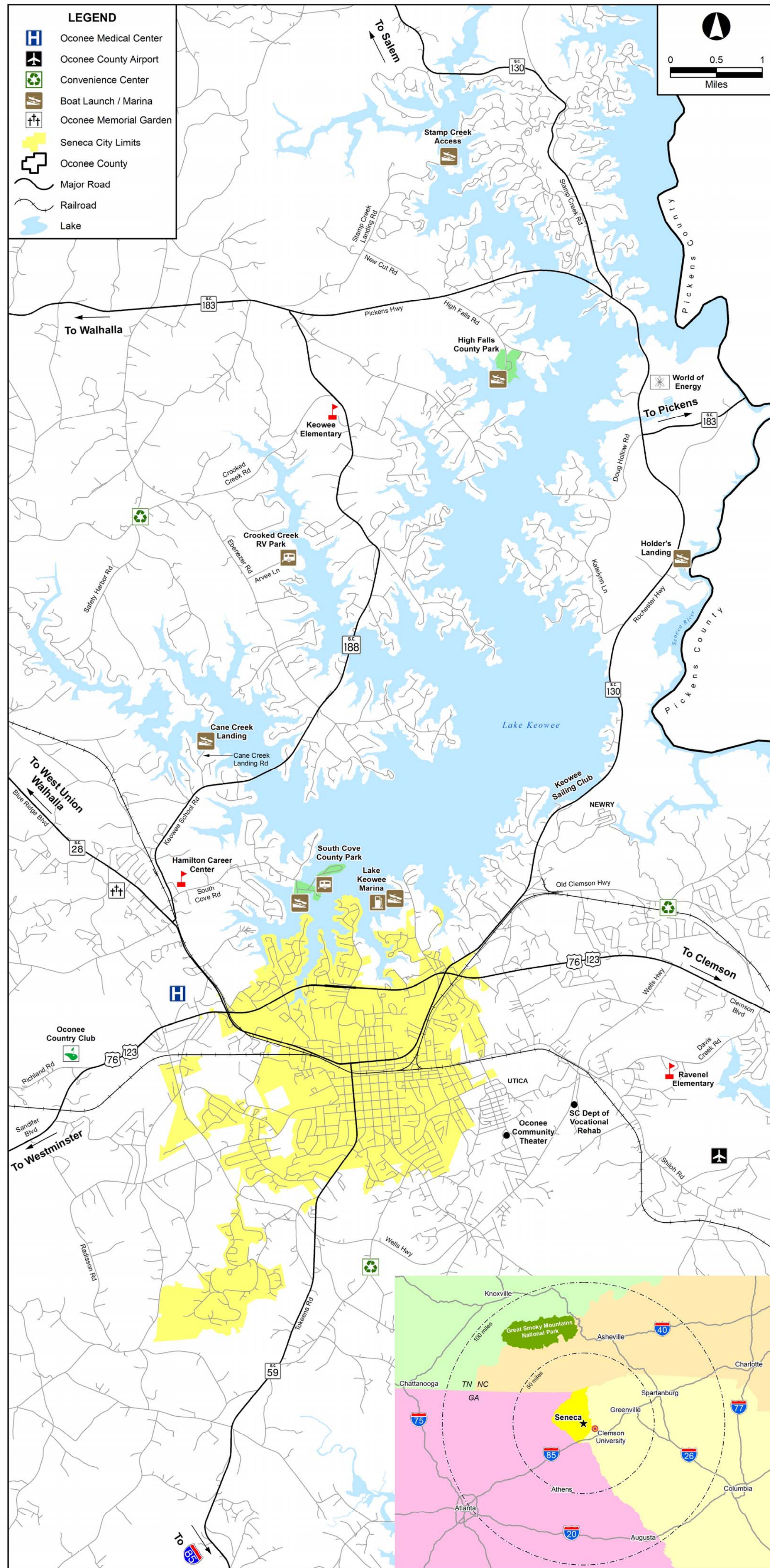
Norton-Thompson Park is named in honor of the locating engineers for the Air Line Railroad. The park is used for special events, such as Seneca Fest, and other family gatherings.

See inset on back



RAM CAT ALLEY

Ram Cat Alley Historic District is a twenty-one building commercial district built in the 1880s to the 1930s. The name of the street came from cats that gathered around a meat market. Many of the buildings have been rejuvenated and now house restaurants, shops, and professional offices.



Greetings from the City of Seneca



On behalf of myself, the City Council and the people of Seneca, we welcome you and wish you an enjoyable visit to our City. We pride ourselves of being a "City of Smiles, City with Style".

From the humble beginnings as an intersection of two railroad lines, and the incorporation as Seneca City in 1873, the City has prospered from the bounty of our people and surroundings. In a county with a population over 70,000, Seneca's population of 8,000-plus gives us the distinction of being both big city and small town. Seneca has grown from an agricultural region to an industrial town to a city that is as diverse in economic activity as it is in leisure opportunities.

The vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the natural beauty of the foothills and the sapphire waters of Lake Keowee are representative of the wonders that are all around us; the wild and Scenic Chattooga River, Jocassee Lake, Lake Hartwell and Sumter National Forest.

We hope that you can stay a while and enjoy all that our city has to offer.

Dan Alexander
 Mayor Daniel W. Alexander

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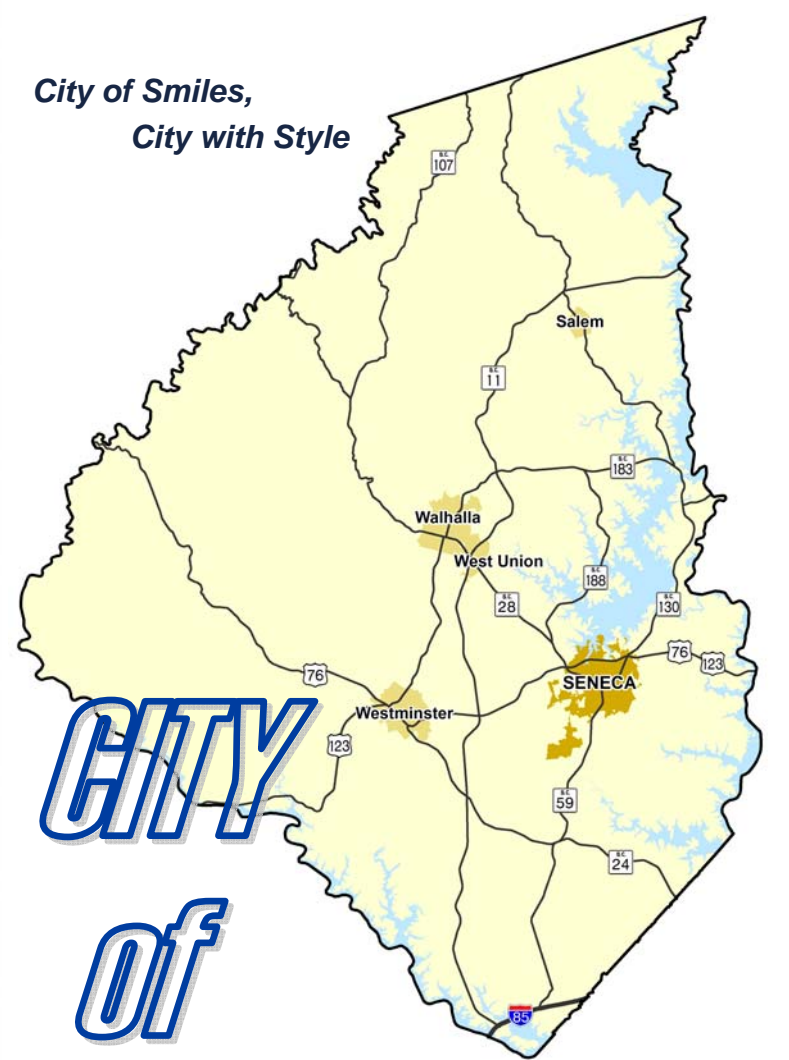


SOUTH CAROLINA

STREET MAP
 POINTS OF INTEREST

Welcome to the...

City of Smiles,
 City with Style



CITY of SENECA