

Downtown Anderson, SC

Art in Public Places



Self-Guided Walking Tour



DOWNTOWN ANDERSON offers more than just great shopping and dining options. The city streets are a history tour and art gallery of their very own. Whether learning how Anderson got its nickname or why there are art-inspired fish on display, opening your eyes to all that downtown has to offer lets you see what makes it the “Brightest Part of the Electric City.”



Generator Park

(Corner of S. McDuffie and E. Whitner Streets)

Ready to power up for the day? On the grounds of this 10,000 square-foot park stands a century-old generator that once produced hydroelectric power for the Anderson area at the Portman Power Plant, paving the way for Anderson to become the “Electric City.” tba 100, a private donor group which seeks to raise \$100,000 per year for

beautification projects in Anderson, was responsible for resurrecting the generator and beautifying the park grounds.

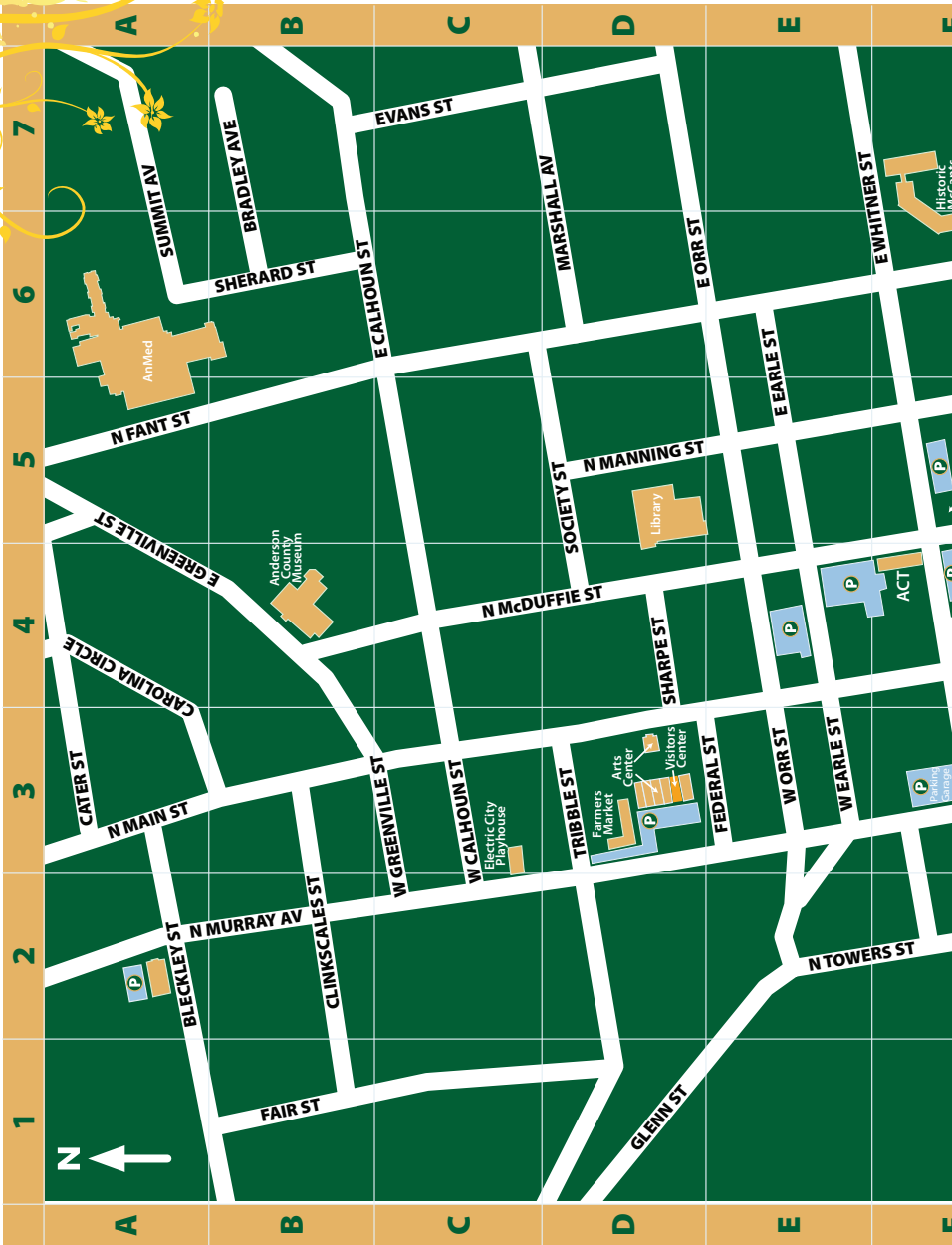
Wise Walks

(Throughout Downtown)

If you’re looking for inspiration and entertainment, look down. The Wise Walks Public Art Project is the inspiration of Anderson residents Cordes and Clinky Seabrook. Located on the sidewalk in front of businesses and other various locations, epigrams are etched on granite tiles. These little snippets of historical facts along with inspirational or entertaining bits of wit and wisdom are fun and interesting reads while walking through downtown.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

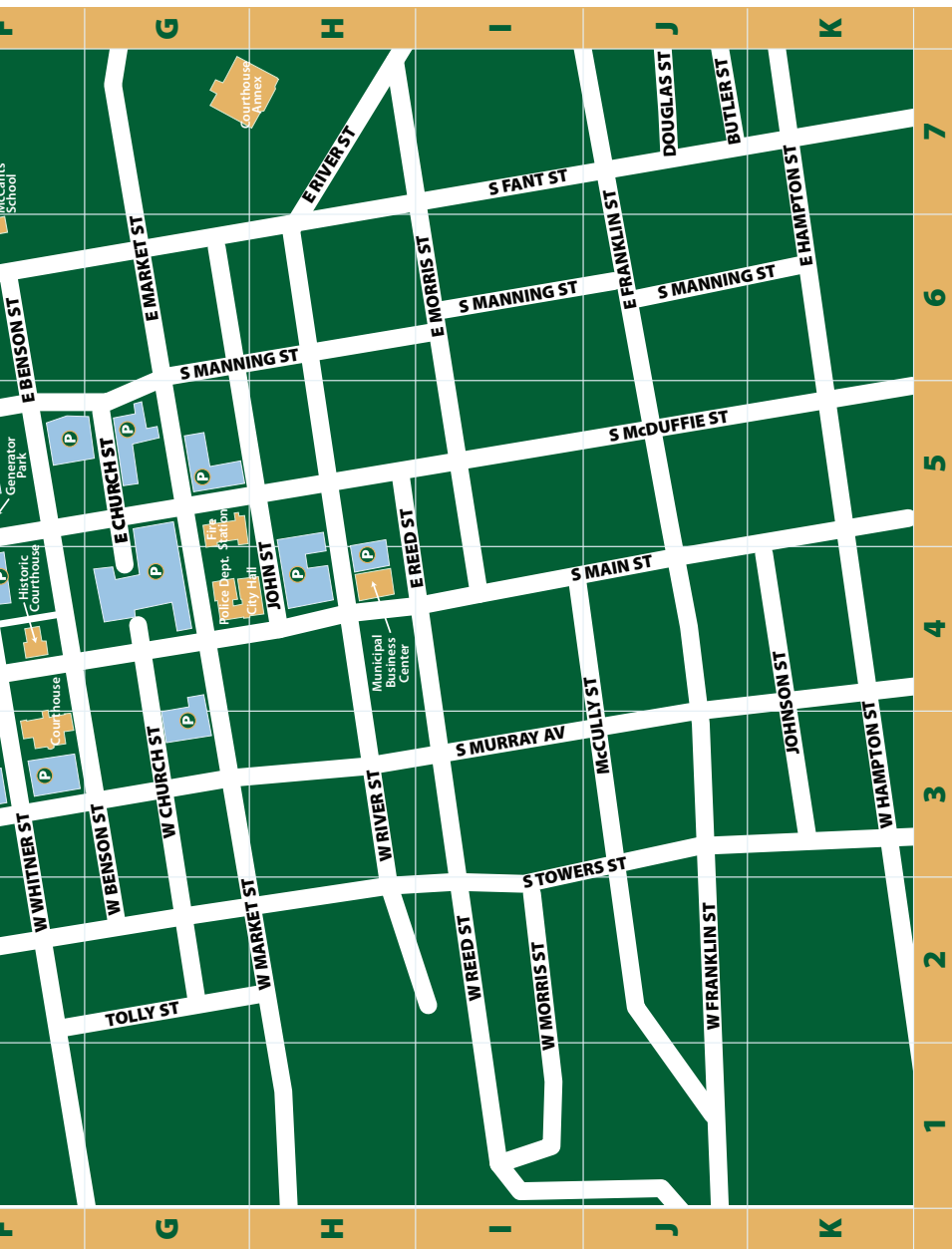
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On street and off street parking is free and ample throughout downtown. The West Whitner Street Parking Garage has 250 spaces and is free after 5:00 pm and on weekends.





Child and Dog Statue

(E. Church Street near S. Main Street)

Pets are family too!
Councilman Tom Dunaway received this “Child and Dog” statue as a Christmas gift from his wife Debbie and

their children. The statue represents the Dunaway family’s love of life, children, and pets that they wanted to share with the downtown community. The statue has been on loan to the city since 2005.

Fish Out of Water: Hooked on the Arts 2 Public Art

(Throughout Downtown)

For an easier way to catch a fish, check out the large mouth bass around town. The Fish out of Water: Hooked on the Arts 2, public arts project, features approximately 35 large mouth bass which have been transformed into works of art by area artists. The large mouth bass is indigenous to the area’s own Lake Hartwell, which serves as the form or canvas for the artistic fish.





“Poetry”

*(Anderson County Library,
300 N. McDuffie Street)*

She can't get her head out of a book either! “Poetry” is a sculpture by Donald Hauger and Trena Marie Stern. The sculpture is of a little girl lost in a book. She welcomes visitors at the door of the Anderson County Library, and there are two more sculptures to be found inside at the children's department.

Whitner Statue

(Corner of W. Whitner and S. Main Streets)

Without Whitner, we wouldn't have those streetlights overhead. Born in 1864, Anderson engineer William Church Whitner produced a way for electricity to be conducted by wires to these mills using hydroelectric power, leading to Anderson's moniker “The Electric City.”

The statue, by artist Zan Wells, was unveiled on October 12, 2004 to commemorate the centennial anniversary of Duke Energy.

Anderson County received grant money from the Duke Energy Foundation for its creation. The Whitner statue, located at the corner of West Whitner and Main Streets, has his face upturned towards the powered streetlights.



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The Wren Project

(Throughout Downtown)

A little birdie told me that Anderson is a great place to live, work, and play! Carolina Wrens: A Bird's Eye View of Downtown Anderson is a special installation of bronze wren sculptures throughout downtown. These intriguing sculptures were brought downtown by tba 100 and were designed by artist Zan Wells. Take a stroll down Main Street for a unique "bird watching" experience.

Some photos provided by Lee Boggs and Pixel Point Graphics.

The Wren Fountain is located at S. Main and E. River Streets

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