Right-of-Way Acquisition Process

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Dorchester County Transportation Sales Tax Program

The right-of-way process will follow the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970

Initial Contact

Dorchester County Right-of-Way representative contacts you to explain the project and how your property may be affected.

Property Inspection & Appraisal

A certified independent appraiser inspects the property to determine fair market value.

Written Offer

A written offer of just compensation is provided to the property owner, based on an approved appraisal.

Negotiation

Good faith negotiations to reach a voluntary agreement.

Agreement & Payment

Documents are signed and payment is made prior to Dorchester County acquiring possession of the property.

*If an agreement is not reached, Dorchester County may begin a legal process to acquire property through eminent domain, while property owners' rights to just compensation remain.

Relocation Assistance

Eligible owners and tenants may receive relocation assistance and advisory services.