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Outdoor Lighting for Developers of Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Facilities

Would you like to save money and develop a safer, more attractive facility? Think Lighting. Decorators have known for years of the importance of lighting in our homes and workspaces, and the affect good lighting design has on our moods, productivity, and safety. Only more recently have business, industrial, and institutional developers begun to consider **outdoor** lighting during the design phase.

Outdoor lighting, when selected and installed property, can significantly reduce the electrical costs, increase workplace safety and security, and improve the appearance of a development, as well as being comparably priced to traditional lighting. Other benefits include reducing glare onto adjacent properties or streets, blocking visibility of the night sky, and eliminating visual clutter. Would you want your neighbor's outdoor light to spill over into your bedroom window?

Darlington County does not require a lighting plan at this time, but the Darlington County Planning Commission recognizes the importance of promoting responsible lighting plans. The following contacts can provide you with design standards and option for developing a functional and aesthetic lighting plan, as well as providing you information regarding energy efficiency.

Your Power Company Contacts:

Pee Dee Electric Cooperative – Tom Kinard – 843.292.4353 tkinard@peedeeelectric.com

Progress Energy (formerly CP&L) – Thomas Bland – 843.661.2334

Information from the Web (suggested sources):

International Dark Sky Association (www.darksky.org): IDSA calls attention to the hazards of light pollution and promotes info on night-sky friendly lighting. They also offer outdoor lighting guides, as well as links to other websites that give alternatives to light pollution and promote light conservation.

Energy Star (an arm of US Environmental Protection Agency and US Department of Energy) (www.energystar.gov): Energy Star provides valuable, comprehensive information on both home and commercial/industrial energy star-compliant lighting, as well as resources.

Youth and adults alike can check out the information at www.nightwise.org for information, projects and experiments, as well as www.darksky.org.