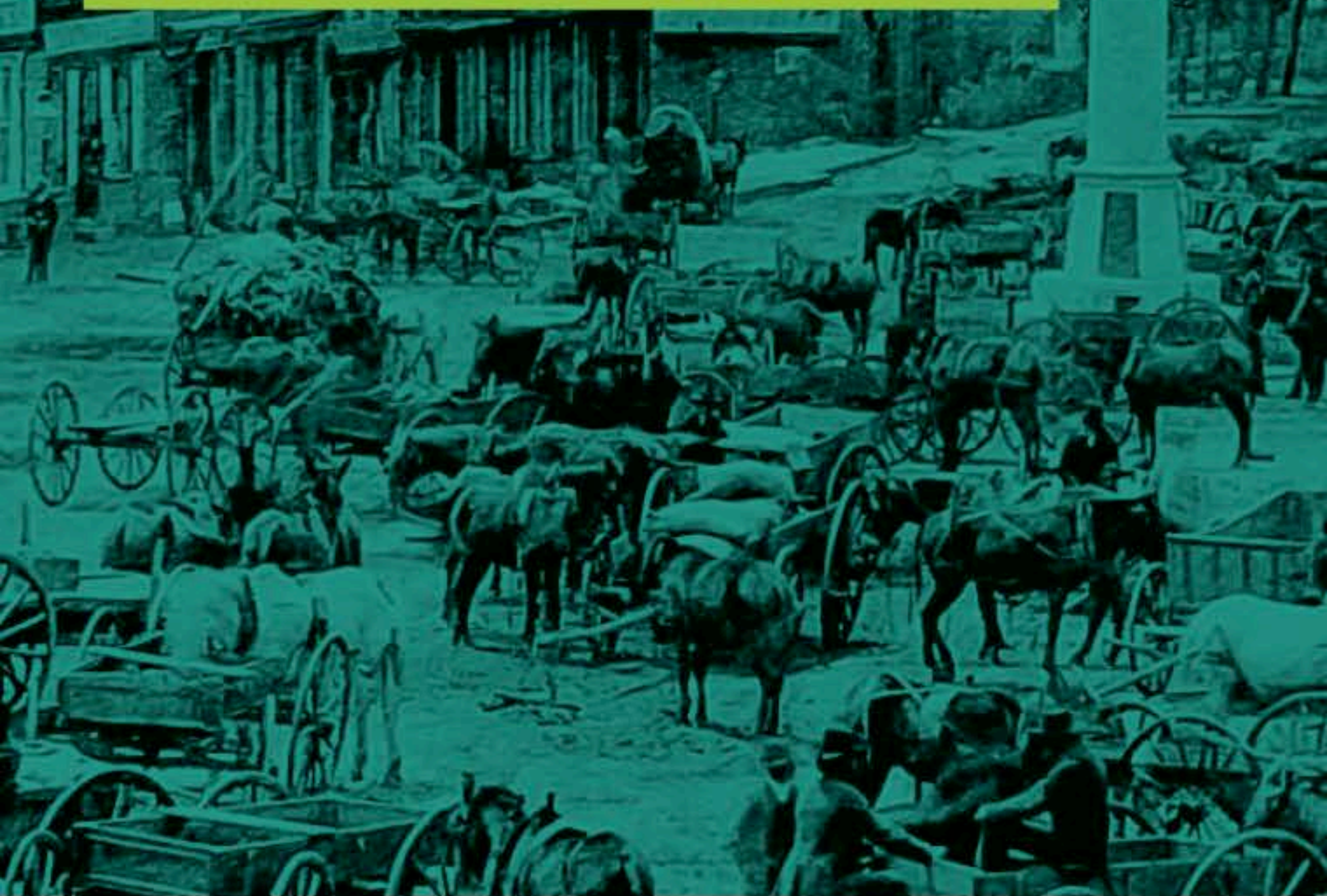


HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR MAP



TOUR LOCATIONS

1. Morgan Monument

Gen. Daniel Morgan clinched a major victory in the Revolutionary War. When the monument was dedicated in 1881, during the centennial anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, it was an event of national significance. The nation was still deeply scarred by the Civil War and the monument was a way to emphasize national unity.



2. Bell Tower

Originally placed in the Opera House, a multifunctional building with town offices on the first floor and a large auditorium above, in 1907 the clock and bell were moved to the courthouse on Magnolia Street. Today they remain in the city's service in the tower here, first built at the corner of Main and Liberty Streets in 1979 and moved here in 1986.



3. Masonic Temple

As the site of the Opera House, this location was the focal point of local entertainment and city government from 1880 until 1907. After it was demolished, a few small buildings were here until several Masonic lodges pooled resources to build a large multifunctional space designed by Spartanburg architect Frank Collins. A panel inside the vestibule explains even more about the building.



4. West Main Street

(around Cribb's Kitchen or Main St. Pub)
The southwest part of downtown has a long association with the black community. The town's original black cemetery once lay near here on the south side of West Main Street where the railroad tracks are now. Around 1910 the railroad worked out a deal with the city to move the last of the known graves.



5. Ezell Street

As you walk uphill towards Spring Street, glance up at the Main Street buildings and you can catch a glimpse of old signage for F. T. Cantrell's wagon factory, who made wagons here for generations. The granite stones you see embedded in the patio walls came from under the asphalt, where they were some of city's first generation of pavement.



6. Magnolia Street

Magnolia Street remains one of downtown's oldest and quaintest areas, trolleys and pedestrians from the train depot once traveled towards Morgan Square. The original highway to Greenville started here and at its base stood the house of Benjamin Wofford, whose bequest founded Wofford College in the 1850s.



7. Across From The Courthouse

(near Palmetto Bank) The grassy lot on the corner of Magnolia and St. John Street hosted First Baptist Church before it became the site of the 1890s courthouse. The architect of the current courthouse was Harold Woodward, a local man who had assisted in the founding of Clemson University's School of Architecture.



8. Montgomery Building

Downtown's prosperity was at a peak in the mid-1920s, when descendants of textile titan John H. Montgomery elected to bulldoze the old family home and build an office tower in the main commercial district. The Montgomery Building soon became downtown's premier office building anchored on the first floor by shops, delis, and a grand theatre, which in 1956 hosted Elvis Presley.



9. Chapman Cultural Center

Here is where one of the city's first graded public schools was held in a small house during the 1880s, and where the George Dean Johnson Business School stands, there was once a private school for boys. Today the Chapman Center continues this tradition of education, offering museums, a theatre, and art studios.



10. Converse Street

Downtown areas like Converse Street were once dense residential neighborhoods within walking distance of Main Street. Many of those old residential lots were gradually absorbed by First Baptist Church and Spartanburg Water, some of the institutions that survived the white flight of the 1950s and 1960s.



11. "Uptown"

(around the Denny's Building) In 1961, Jerry Richardson and Charlie Bradshaw, a pair of Wofford College football alumni, opened up a Hardee's Restaurant franchise. Thirty years later, before he founded the Carolina Panthers, Jerry Richardson led the company to construct Spartanburg's tallest skyscraper, which now houses the corporate headquarters of Denny's Restaurants.



12. "Mid-town"

Part of the Spartanburg Music Trail, which commemorates local musicians who've gone on to share their talents with the world, runs along this section of Main Street. From the Marshall Tucker Band to bluesman Pink Anderson, Spartanburg has had an extensive music culture since at least the 1830s.



13. Palmetto Corner

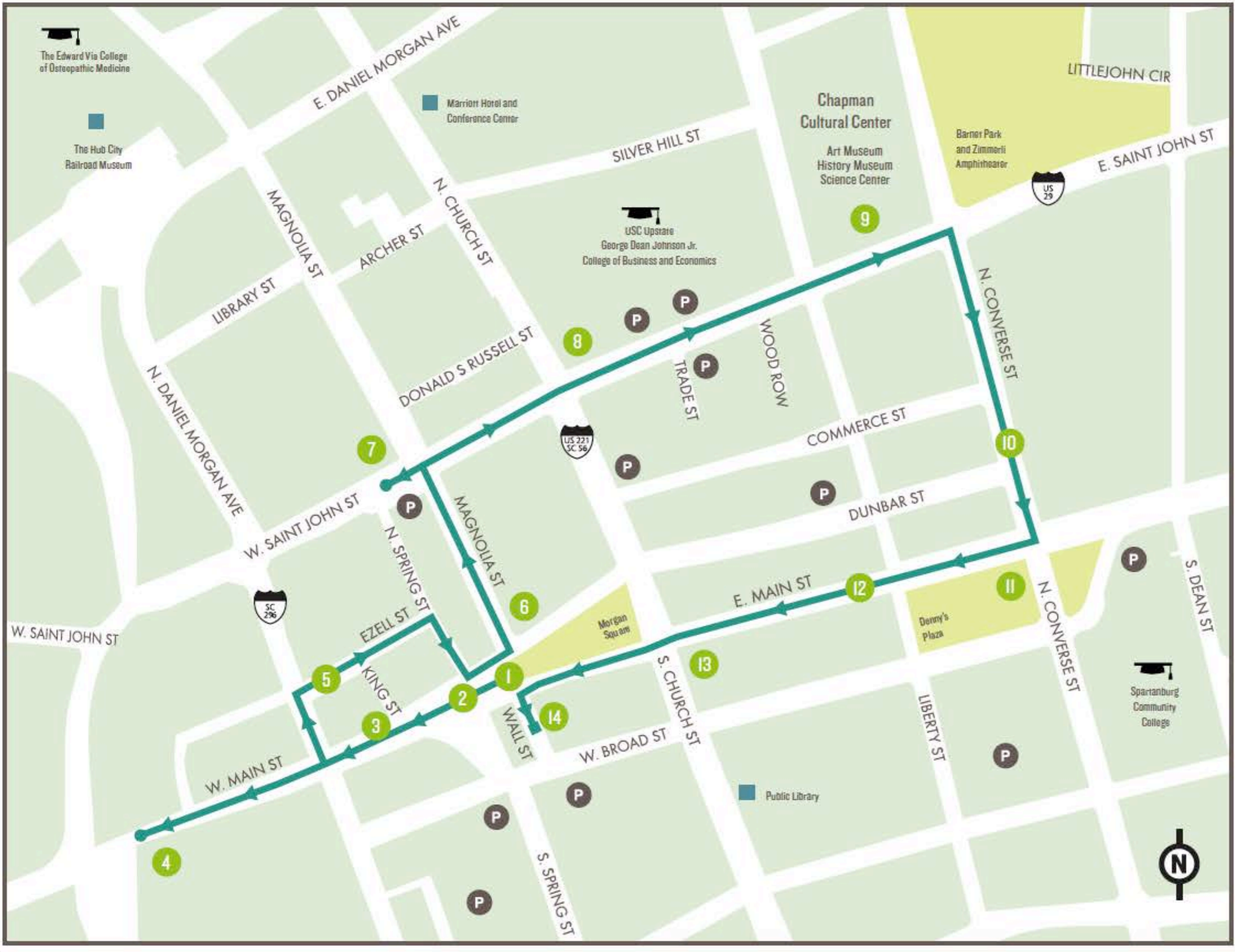
This is the epicenter of downtown. The streets are numbered from here and only this intersection has an old place name: the Palmetto Corner. It's likely that this is the hilltop where Thomas Williamson's tavern stood when the courthouse was being constructed on the square in 1787. In 1860 the Palmetto House hotel hosted a mass meeting to nominate delegates to South Carolina's Secession Convention.



14. Wall Street

For nearly one hundred years, where City Hall stands, there was a small stone building that everyone knew well: the jail. In those days, the newly-sentenced would walk with the marshal from the courthouse on the square down this street to the jail up ahead. Around 1900, Jail Street was renamed Wall Street.





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Featuring 14 stops, the tour touches on different chapters of the development of the urban space from the Revolutionary War era to the present. You'll discover the original town center, a wagon factory that is now a wine shop and an impressive Masonic Lodge that houses a bookstore, coffee bar, and bakery.

The tour begins and ends at Morgan Square, and should take about an hour. The tour includes information on everything from the civil rights protests at Woolworth's lunch counter to the former Piedmont and Northern Railroad, an interurban electric line.

Spartanburg has been a lot of things over the years: a courthouse village on the western frontier, the hub of a major railroad network, the center of vast textile empires, and a civic space shared by artists, craftsmen, and entrepreneurs. We've grown and changed and faced hard times. Just a generation ago, Downtown Spartanburg was nearly a ghost town and today there's life at every corner.

We have a big story to tell.

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We were born of the American Revolution. The Spartan regiment rose up from the South Carolina backcountry to fight for independence. Fierce battles fought on our soil were a turning point in our nation's struggle for freedom.

Today our lives revolve around our rich cultural offerings, our extensive educational opportunities, our musical heritage, our racing legacy, our food and the simple abundance of our stunning landscape. We are at the crossroads of all that is dynamic about the modern South as we continue to evolve and change the course of history.

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