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Fiscal Year 2016–2017 Budget News

Nags Head's Board of Commissioners adopted a balanced budget for July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, with an increase to the ad valorem (property) tax rate, elimination of the municipal service districts' tax, and a change to the stormwater fee.

The total General Fund budget of \$16,004,089 includes a three-cent tax increase, bringing the tax rate to \$.297 per \$100 of property tax value, comprised of \$.27 town wide ad valorem tax and \$.027 town wide beach nourishment tax, with an estimated collection rate of 99.75%. One cent (\$230,904) of the tax increase is dedicated to stormwater management, eliminating the \$48 annual stormwater fee. The remaining two cents is being used to continue to provide a high level of service to residents based on the Town's goals established by the Board of Commissioners. The Town is using the current beach nourishment fund balance for engineering for the next beach nourishment maintenance project, tentatively scheduled for 2018, as well as enhancing the success of the current project with additional sand fencing, vegetation, and dune stabilization.

The Town has developed a strategic plan focusing on five main areas of interest:

1. stormwater management
2. shoreline management
3. sanitation and recycling
4. local economy development
5. parks and recreation

To implement identified projects and services in each of these areas, funding has been approved for Dowdy Park Phase I and II development, Hargrove beach access improvements, architectural design on the Bonnett Street bath house replacement, easement acquisition for boardwalk planning, and a fully funded year of residential recycling, which began in February 2016. Many of these projects are being implemented with grant funding to stretch the value of tax dollars within the town, including \$750,000 from Trillium Health Resources, \$250,000 from the Outer Banks Visitor Bureau for Phase I of Dowdy Park, and \$250,000 from NC PARTF for Phase II.

Capital initiatives include web site re-design, roof repairs to both Fire Stations 16 and 21, repairs to both the Outer Banks Medical Center and the Public Works garage, as well as new financial and utility billing software.

No water rate or fee increases were included in the Water Fund budget of \$3,079,346. Several capital projects were approved including a water system master plan, Phase II continuing the waterline extension at Morning View/Becker Streets, an excavator, and an initiative from Septic Health for an oil/water separator for trucks. This budget includes a new water distribution technician as well.



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Using K-9s to Protect Nags Head



Officer Matt Huntingford and Iwan



Officer Matt Huntingford and Bak



Officer Tate and Atilla



Officer Trey Lipscomb and Boss

Dogs have been used by law enforcement agencies for over 100 years, dating back to the bloodhounds used by the English Bobbies while searching for “Jack the Ripper.”

A police dog, sometimes referred to as a K-9, is specifically trained to assist police officers and other law enforcement officials in their work. K-9’s can be trained for various tasks. Using their superior sense of smell they are able to locate evidence and people a thousand times better than humans. K-9 units are common across our country with smaller agencies sometimes having just one dog while larger agencies have a dozen or more dogs.

A law enforcement officer assigned a K-9 is commonly referred to as a handler. Often, K-9’s are initially trained and then paired with a handler with whom they complete a training and certification course as a team. These training courses can last from 5-10 weeks. Once the K-9 and handler begin work at their designated agency, in-service training and recertification courses will occur throughout their careers.

The Nags Head Police Department first discussed forming a K-9 Unit in the early 2000’s. In October of 2005, this became a reality when Boss, a German Shepherd, joined the Department. Boss and his handler, Officer Trey Lipscomb, served together until June 2011 when Boss retired due to an earlier leg injury that was limiting his mobility. He now lives with his former handler and is a loyal pet to the Lipscomb family.

In the fall of 2011, Atilla joined our department. Atilla is a sable colored German Shepherd born in Germany in May 2009, and is handled by Officer Jeb Tate. Atilla is nationally certified by the North American Police Work Dog Association in narcotics detection, tracking, building, open area and article searches, suspect apprehension, handler protection and obedience. Atilla likes his Kong toy and having his belly rubbed. He’s not so fond of having his feet touched, taking baths, and going out on rainy days.

In the spring of 2012, we added a second K-9 to our team. Iwan was a blonde colored Belgian Malinois born in Germany in October of 2009 and was handled by Officer Matt Huntingford. He loved working and playing tug of war with his toy. When not at work, he could be found relaxing on the Huntingford’s living room floor.

In March 2016, we discovered Iwan was suffering from a cancerous tumor, which was quickly limiting his ability to lead a good quality of life. After many tests and numerous consults with the veterinarian, we decided that Iwan would have to be put down.

Officer Huntingford and Iwan worked closely as a team for four years. Iwan greatly loved Matt, his wife, and daughters, along with the rest of his police family. Wherever he was, he would always enjoy rolling in the grass and playing with his favorite toy, his Kong.

Officer Huntingford, and the department as a whole, received a tremendous outpouring of condolences locally, but also from across the United States. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our community, our Community Watch Association accepted donations and collected \$7,000, which went towards the purchase and training of a new K-9.

On August 19, 2016, Officer Huntingford and his new K-9 partner, Bak, completed their training program and soon began protecting our citizens and visitors.

Bak is a German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix imported from Slovakia and born in December 2014. Just like Boss, Atilla, and Iwan, Bak is trained to detect the odor of narcotics in vehicles, buildings, open areas and luggage. He can also track fleeing suspects, locate crime scene evidence, detect suspects hiding in buildings and open areas, as well as apprehend fleeing suspects. Bak has special training in obedience and it is his job to protect his partner/handler Officer Huntingford, just like a regular human police officer would.

Our properly trained K-9’s give our officers one of the finest non-lethal aids in the prevention and detection of crime, serving both the department and our community.

Sand Relocation Information

Many of the Town’s oceanfront property owners have experienced sand accumulation over the last several years with sand collecting on walkways, decks, stairs, pools, and buildings. We are frequently asked what can be done about the accumulation of sand including where the sand can be moved, who can perform the work, and the approval process to conduct the work.

As most oceanfront owners are aware, work along the oceanfront typically requires a Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) permit. The Town has established a special program through CAMA to allow a simplified permit approval for the purpose of relocating sand back to the eastern face of the dune and/or beach. To receive a permit, a property owner or authorized agent can contact the Town’s Planning Department and request an on-site meeting with a CAMA Permit Official (252.441.7016). The authorized agent can be a contractor who has been hired to do the work. Town staff will document the proposed work during the meeting and will issue a no cost permit at that time.

While each project will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, due to the unique circumstances of each property, there are numerous standard conditions which will apply to all sand relocation projects. Those conditions include: beach bulldozing operations are not permitted (sand can be moved over the dune to the beach, however sand cannot be scraped from the beach to be placed on the dune); all activities shall be conducted between Monday-Friday between 8:30am and 5:00pm or upon written approval from the town manager, sand shall not be placed within 30 feet of the normal water line, and work shall not exceed the lateral bounds of the property. Additionally, while the project allows work to be conducted between November 16, 2016 and April 20, 2017, the Town will stop accepting sand relocation applications on or around April 15, 2017 to ensure sufficient time for contractors to complete the work and Town Staff to inspect and approve the work.

Shoreline Management Update

Nags Head’s nearly 11 miles of sandy beach attracts thousands of visitors each year and is also enjoyed by nearby residents. Not only do beaches support tourism and the local economy, they also help protect property and provide critical habitat for sea turtles, shore birds, and other marine wildlife. The long-term management of Nags Head’s shoreline involves shore protection projects, dune enhancements, and regulatory programs, including grass plantings and sand fencing.

As you may already know, in 2011, the Town completed an initial beach nourishment project, placing 4.6 million cubic yards of much needed sand on 10 miles of the Town’s beach. Just prior to the project, Nags Head’s Board of Commissioners adopted a plan to determine when renourishment, or maintenance, would occur. That plan calls for maintenance when 50% of the sand is lost from the system (to a depth of -19 ft. msl) or after 6 years, whichever comes last. In preparation of meeting either of the defined thresholds, the Town has initiated the re-nourishment planning process in accordance with the approved maintenance and monitoring plan.

The first step in this process began with the selection of the consulting coastal engineering firm, Coastal Science and Engineering (CSE) of Columbia, SC, to provide technical expertise on the design, permitting, and construction of the next nourishment project. CSE provided consulting engineering services on the Town’s initial nourishment project collecting in excess of ten years of shoreline data spanning pre and post project construction. This information, along with other combined data sources, will be compiled and synthesized into future projects to create the most effective, efficient and sustainable project designs.

It is important to note that the purpose of this program is to allow sand removal only to the extent necessary to clear structures and site improvements. There will be specific limitations on how much sand can be moved and how much dune and vegetation disturbance can occur. The Town is working diligently to develop a healthy beach and protective dune system and cannot authorize the removal of dunes or large areas of dune vegetation. Town staff will inspect all projects to ensure the work is in compliance with the approved permit. Deviations to the approved plan may involve corrective measures and/or fines so it is important to make sure the project stays within the scope of the permit approval.

Projects involving disturbance to the dune face may be required to plant beach grass or install sand fencing at the end of the project.

The Town has developed an email contact list for oceanfront property owners to communicate storm information, to also provide information on the Town’s beach nourishment and maintenance projects, and to inform you of issues specific to owning property on the oceanfront. Please call or email Environmental Planner Todd Krafft (todd.krafft@nagsheadnc.gov, 252.449.6047) or Zoning Administrator Margaux Kerr (Margaux.Kerr@nagsheadnc.gov, 252.449.6045) for more information.



Early this summer, Nags Head’s Shoreline Management Committee (SLMC) was formed to provide guidance to the Town’s Board of Commissioners regarding strategies to involve the public in planning for a nourishment maintenance project potentially as early as the summer of 2018, and to prepare a long-term strategy for ocean shoreline management looking at a 30 year time horizon. In addition, the Committee is charged with making project design recommendations. The meetings are open to the public and we expect the addition of new members to be a continuous process.

Included in the Shoreline Management section of the Town’s web site (nagsheadnc.gov/shoreline) are agendas, minutes and presentations from the SLMC meetings. Also included is the scope of work detailing the consultant’s tasks for the beach nourishment maintenance project as well as the long-term strategy for ocean shoreline management.

Information on upcoming meetings can be found using the calendar on the Town’s website at nagsheadnc.gov. The committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 3 pm in the Board of Commissioners meeting room at 5401 S. Croatan Highway (at the Town Hall complex). Any changes to meeting dates or times will be posted on the Shoreline Management web page. Agendas and committee packets will be posted to the page five days prior to each meeting.

The shoreline committee is currently hard at work in developing short and long term objectives encompassing our oceanfront and estuarine shorelines. Individuals interested in joining the SLMC should attend a meeting and/or contact Nags Head Commissioner John Ratzenberger at 252.573.9016 or at John.Ratzenberger@nagsheadnc.gov. For more information on Nags Head’s shoreline management efforts, visit nagsheadnc.gov/shoreline.

Repairing Your Structure After Hurricane Matthew

On October 8 and 9, 2016 Hurricane Matthew caused widespread flooding and damage to properties in Nags Head. Within a period of 12 hours, the town received 12+ inches of rainfall, which quickly exceeded the capacity of the Town/NC Department of Transportation drainage system. This was especially problematic along NC 12 (South Virginia Dare Trail), between NC 12 and US 158 (South Croatan Highway), and in low lying areas of neighborhoods west of US 158. Portions of NC 12 were covered with over three feet of water and, although the NCDOT ocean outfalls were functioning, they were working against extreme high tide conditions to send a tremendous volume of water to the ocean.

If you had damage as a result of the hurricane, it is important for the future safety of your structure to ensure that all necessary repairs are made in accordance with current building codes. Without proper repairs, long-term flooding effects could include the risk of fire caused by electrical and mechanical corrosion, the development of mold in ventilation systems and walls, and structural issues caused by rot or improper repair.

PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- For structural repairs (load bearing walls, pilings, joists, girders, beams, stairs, railings).
- For most plumbing, electrical and mechanical repairs and/or replacement (i.e. damage to a water heater, wiring, electrical outlet, baseboard heater, appliances or HVAC system).
- For projects involving single-family or duplex uses where the project value exceeds \$15,000.
- For projects involving a commercial use or structure, regardless of project value.

FOR FLOOD DAMAGE NOT MEETING ANY OF THE PREVIOUS CONDITIONS, the following steps should be taken to ensure a safe and code compliant structure:

- Remove all flooded carpet or wood flooring.
- Remove all flooded drywall, insulation and non-flood resistant wall coverings.
- Provide adequate ventilation and leave flooded areas open to allow for proper drying.
- For ground floor storage enclosures, ensure that the structure is retrofitted with flood vents.
- Consider replacing insulation and all floor and wall coverings with flood resistant materials such as foam insulation and/or treated wood paneling.

Currently, the Town is waiving all permit and inspection fees associated with storm repair. Please contact the Planning and Development Department at 252.441.7016 if you would like to speak to a building inspector about building permit or code requirements as it relates to your project. We can also provide information on how to retrofit your structure to become more flood resistant. Storm repair permit forms can be found at the following page on the Town's website www.nagsheadnc.gov/permits. Information on disaster assistance for individuals and/or businesses can be found at www.disasterassistance.gov.

Take Advantage of Nags Head's Septic Health Initiative

The Town of Nags Head wants every property to have a healthy on-site sewage system. That's why we're offering property owners a **free on-site sewage system inspections, \$30 water bill credit for tank pumping, and low interest repair loans.**

A majority of Nags Head's properties use an on-site sewage system, also referred to as a septic system. These systems can fail due to age, overuse through high occupancy, or improper use. On-site sewage systems have to be maintained to function properly and to extend the life of the system.

What is the Septic Health Initiative?

Our Septic Health Initiative is a voluntary program available to Nags Head property owners. The program offers free services and financial assistance for having systems pumped out, repaired, or replaced.

Free services from Town staff include:

- locating your system
- discussing concerns about installation and maintenance
- detecting problems early through inspections
- determining your system location and whether it is in need of pumping or repair.

If our inspection finds that your system needs pumping or repair, our staff can help you find a contractor. We can also assist with the necessary permitting and offer financial assistance. Property owners can receive a \$30 credit on their Town water account for pumping their system. In addition, the Town offers low interest loans for those who need repairs.

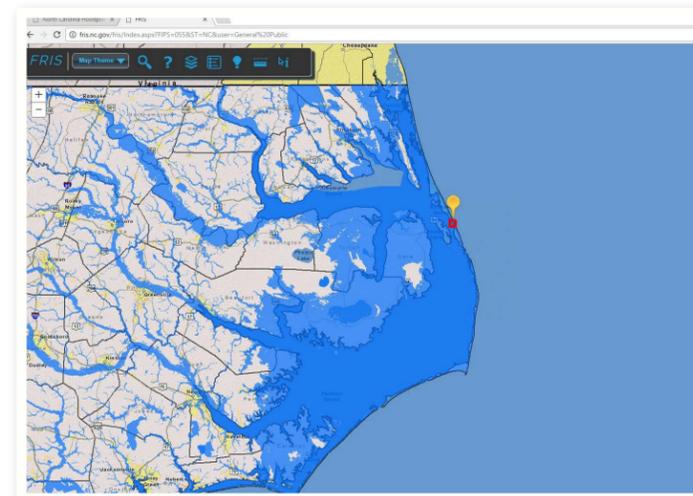
Why should I have my system inspected?

It's cheaper to maintain an existing system than pay for a new one. In addition, maintaining a system extends its useful life. Pumping your system costs approximately \$275-\$325, while repairs and replacements cost thousands. Inspections are encouraged- especially if your home has a high occupancy or is a rental.

Maintaining the system also protects the environment, keeping sewage from polluting groundwater and surface waters! Clean water is our lifeblood - do your part to make a difference!

To take advantage of the Initiative, contact Environmental Planner Todd Krafft at 252.449.6047 or todd.krafft@nagsheadnc.gov. You can also visit the Town's website at nagsheadnc.gov to learn more.

New Preliminary Flood Maps For Dare County and the Town of Nags Head



The North Carolina Flood Mapping Program has released preliminary updated Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM) for Dare County including the Town of Nags Head. The maps are available at the State's Flood Risk Information System (FRIS) website, <http://fris.nc.gov/fris/>. A short video explaining how to view property using the system is also available at the Town's Youtube Channel. Once adopted, these new digital maps will replace the current Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which went into effect September 2006.

Flood insurance rate maps establish Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). These flood hazard areas determine which properties are required to carry flood insurance. In addition, higher building construction standards are required for these properties.

After a community receives new preliminary flood insurance rate maps, which show new or revised special flood hazard areas, a 90-day appeal period is required. During the appeal period, community officials and property owners may submit formal objections to information shown on the preliminary FIRM maps or the accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Study report. The appeal period is anticipated to begin in mid January 2017. Following the appeal period, a six month compliance period is also required, which allows the Town to update its flood damage prevention ordinance and notify property owners directly of map

changes. Note that these maps will not be effective until they are formally adopted, which could be between 18-24 months from the date they are released. The current maps, effective September 2006, will be used for flood insurance and regulatory purposes until the new maps are adopted.

The Town will provide a notice to the public when the appeal period is set to begin. In addition, the Town will hold a public meeting in the near future to view the maps, learn about the map changes, and answer questions. Refer to the Town's website - www.nagsheadnc.gov/floodmaps - or stay tuned to the Town's normal media outlets to more information regarding this meeting.

The preliminary flood maps show a significant decrease in the number of Nags Head properties located in special flood hazard areas, as well as decreases in base flood elevations for many areas of the town. If your property is no longer mapped in a special flood hazard area, it does not necessarily mean the property is not subject to flooding. It is still important to purchase flood insurance as more than 20 percent of all flood insurance claims through the National Flood Insurance Program occur on properties that are not located in a special flood hazard area.

To view hard copies of the maps, the Flood Insurance Study report, or ask questions regarding this process, please visit or contact the Nags Head Planning Department (5401 S. Croatan Highway, Nags Head, NC or 252-441-7016). The Flood Insurance Study report and fact sheets regarding the process for creating the new maps can be downloaded at www.nagsheadnc.gov/floodmaps. Also included on this website is a map which compares the current and proposed flood zones.

For more information contact:

- Chief Building Inspector/Floodplain Administrator David Morton at 252.449.6043 or at David.Morton@nagsheadnc.gov.
- Senior Building Inspector Steve Szymanski at 252.449.2005 or at Steve.Szymanski@nagsheadnc.gov.
- Principal Planner Holly White at 252.441.6041 or at Holly.White@nagsheadnc.gov.

Current FIRM maps are also available for viewing at the FRIS website and also in the Nags Head Planning Department. The current flood damage prevention ordinance, Chapter 22 of the Town Code, can be viewed at www.municode.com.

Stay Warm and Safe this Winter!

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths, and half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.
- Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Heating equipment is involved in
1 in every **6** reported fires and
1 in every **5** fire deaths

What's Up with Dowdy Park?

After much planning, a lot of great public input, and generous grants from several community organizations, work began in early August on the development of the much anticipated Dowdy Park.

Located at the corner of South Croatan Highway and Bonnett Street, at the former home of Dowdy's Amusement Park, the site's design incorporates the concept of a "park for all ages in perpetuity." Public input helped to develop a multi-phase recreational development plan that includes an art garden, a centralized green space and pavilion for events, an events plaza for hosting craft fairs and similar activities, a multi-purpose playing field, a multi-use sport court, fitness and walking trails, multi-age children's play areas and garden spaces. The park plan provides artistic and creative components designed to engage the senses and challenge the user through exploration of the interactive elements built-in to the landscape.

Funding for Phase I was generously supplemented by grants from the Dare County Tourism Board (\$250,000), Trillium Health Resources (\$750,000), and the Outer Banks Community Foundation (\$5,000). We thank these organizations for their generosity and for believing in our vision for a park for all ages and abilities.

The grants are helping to pay for the first phase of improvements, including the backbone infrastructure (site preparation, parking, stormwater) and development of the central portion of the project site. The park will be fully accessible and inclusive, meaning that it will be designed to allow interaction between individuals of all ages and abilities, including those with a broad spectrum of disabilities.



A window of good weather conditions has permitted construction activities to proceed at a rapid pace during the month of August, placing the project ahead of the estimated completion schedule. Recent construction activities consist of the importation of fill material to contour and shape the site, installation of underground utilities for water, electrical and irrigation services, erection of the Event Plaza Trellis and the construction of several of the customized interactive play elements. Concrete pathway construction has also commenced and will provide connectivity throughout the park to the various Phase I site elements including; the art garden, fitness trails and stations, playground areas and event spaces in addition to linking future development areas. Be sure to check out the progress periodically; we expect the first phase of construction to be fully completed in early Spring 2017.

Phase II of construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in fall 2017 and will include major elements such as restrooms, a multi-purpose playing field and a multi-use court. The Town has already received a \$250,000 North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant from the State and will be applying for a matching grant from the Dare County Tourism Board to assist with the funding for Phase II.

The Town would like to thank everyone who has participated in the design and development of Dowdy Park. We hope you are excited as we are to see this space reflect and highlight our most marked characteristic – a community made up of diverse groups who share a love for the Outer Banks.

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A Capital Reserve Fund was also established, which includes collection of the town-wide beach nourishment tax, excess funding from sales tax generated for beach nourishment, facility fees, and a penny each for Parks and Paths and Stormwater. Parks and Paths money is being used for Dowdy Park land payment debt, Dowdy Park Phase I developments, multi-use path repairs, and a dog park. Stormwater expenditures include outfall drainage projects and infrastructure mapping, as well as drainage management at Soundside Road.

Town-Wide Recycling Service Decreasing Landfill Waste

Six months into Nags Head's new town-wide residential recycling service, the program is already realizing positive results, considerably reducing landfill waste.

Since March, when the program kicked into full swing, trash delivered to the landfill in Bertie County decreased by 7 percent, which is nearly 200 fewer tons of trash taken to the landfill.

"This is only the first six months of the service, but Nags Head is now recycling nearly 25% of its residential waste," said Town Manager Cliff Ogburn. "In addition, by offering recycling to all of Nags Head's residences, our town is conserving natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals."

To meet the scheduling demands of the new service, Nags Head changed its trash collection schedule, adding a route and dividing the town into the Green (west of S. Croatan Highway), Blue (oceanside), and Red (the Village of Nags Head's west side and Old Nags Head Cove) routes. The schedule is available on the Town's web site at nagsheadnc.gov/sanitation and can be found on the lid of the new recycling carts.

"The service is off to a strong start, but there is much more to be done, both by the Town and by the property owners and property managers," said Town Manager Cliff Ogburn. "Our Board of Commissioners gathered input and discussed the changes to the sanitation schedule in-depth with our homeowners and our property management companies, with the goal of providing the best possible service, while at the same time ensuring that the town remained litter-free and in good order. Reducing the number of days that carts sit out waiting to be emptied was a major factor in our decision to change the collection schedule. Unfortunately, not everyone is abiding by the Town's rules to only place carts out the night before the collection day. We intend to work with our property owners and property managers to continue to educate our visitors about the new schedule and our cart roll out requirements." Property owners are being encouraged to remove any previous stickers that may still be on their trash carts to reduce confusion. Additional sanitation schedule stickers can be picked up at Nags Head's Town Hall at 5401 South Croatan Highway or at the Town's Public Works facility at 2200 Lark Avenue. In

addition, should an additional cart or replacement/repair part is needed, property owners and the rental management companies can contact Nags Head's Public Works Department at 252.441.1122 for assistance.

The new single stream recycling program relies on an uncontaminated stream; therefore, it is important that only accepted recyclables are placed in the blue carts. Accepted recyclables include plastic, glass, aluminum, and tin containers, paper products such as copy paper, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, and envelopes. Items that should not be recycled include plastic bags, motor oil, diapers, yard waste, and paint and aerosol cans. The Town's web site, www.nagsheadnc.gov/sanitation, has a listing of what can and cannot be recycled. Property owners are asked to post this list in their Nags Head residence, particularly if the residence is used as a rental.

For more information visit nagsheadnc.gov/sanitation or contact Nags Head Public Works at 252.441.1122.

FOCUS Nags Head News



FOCUS Nags Head is a two part project that began in the summer of 2015. The first portion of the project, the

comprehensive plan, is focused on updating the Town's Land Use Plan and incorporating other long range planning documents into a single comprehensive document. Once adopted, the comprehensive plan will be an official policy document to guide the quality of life and physical character of the community. The second portion of the FOCUS Nags Head project is an update to Town codes and is anticipated to begin in early 2017.

This past year has been dedicated to seeking community input and drafting the comprehensive plan. A citizen Advisory Committee was appointed to provide guidance to staff on policy issues related to the vision and strategic direction of the plan. This committee has been instrumental in providing feedback on the future desires and directions for specific character areas of the town. These character areas represent unique parts of the town for which distinct land use policies and zoning standards will be developed. In addition, they have been instrumental in vetting policies for the remaining portion of the plan.

The comprehensive plan is broken down into 4 sections.

Section 1: Context and Setting describes current conditions, including demographics and population, and outlines the vision.

Section 2: Character Areas describes the distinct areas of Nags Head and the policies that have specific impacts on those areas.

Section 3: Elements and Policies is broken into seven elements: Land Use, Natural Resources and Resiliency, Economic Development and Tourism, Cultural Resources, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, and Municipal Services. The policies in this portion of the plan are broad in nature and apply generally town-wide.

Section 4: Implementation moves the policy discussion one step further by providing a detailed policy and action matrix that outlines how each action will be accomplished, the potential costs, and the responsible party. The matrix is an extension of the policy and action tables from Section 3, but with greater detail including financial resources, time frame, and priority levels of each policy action. This section also relates each policy to the five goals and the vision described at the beginning of the plan.

Drafting of the plan will be completed this fall followed by additional Advisory Committee meetings and a joint workshop with the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners. Following the workshop, a community meeting will be held to make a draft of the document available to public prior to the final public hearing process for adoption. For more information visit www.focusnagshead.com or contact Principal Planner Holly White at holly.white@nagsheadnc.gov or 252.449.6041.



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