



MEMORANDUM

Town of Nags Head

Planning & Development Department

To: Board of Commissioners
Planning Board

From: Kelly Wyatt, Planning Director
Joe Costello, Deputy Planning Director

Date: May 30, 2024

Subject: Planning and Development Director's Report (G-1)

This memo provides an overview of selected Planning and Development Department activities, projects, and initiatives. If requested, Staff will be prepared to discuss any of this information in detail at the Board of Commissioners meeting on June 5th, 2024.

Monthly Activity Report

Attached for the Board's review is the *Planning and Development Monthly Report for March 2024*. In addition to permitting, inspections, code enforcement, and Todd D. Krafft Septic Health Initiative activities, Staff was involved in the following meetings or activities of note during the month:

- Wednesday, May 1st - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- Tuesday, May 7th – Technical Review Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, May 8th – Committee for Art and Culture Meeting
- Thursday, May 9th – Board of Adjustment Meeting (no hearings)
- Saturday, May 11th – Artrageous Kids Art Festival 10am – 2pm @ Dowdy Park
- Wednesday, May 15th – Board of Commissioners mid-month meeting
- Tuesday, May 21st – Planning Board Meeting
- Friday, May 24th – Multi-Family Housing Working Group Meeting

Planning Board - Pending Applications and Discussions

The Planning Board's most recent meeting was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. There were no action items for consideration. As previously requested by the Planning Board, staff provided a brief presentation on the lighting associated with LED, digital displays, and mechanisms to measure the illuminance of digital characters while taking into consideration ambient light (lighting from other nearby sources). Additionally, staff provided information on the Community Rating System (CRS) Program and discussion of the upcoming verification visit.

The Planning Board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th, 2024. Currently, the agenda is expected to include consideration of a Site Plan Amendment (3rd Submittal) for Inn at Whalebone, 87-unit Hotel on Lakeside Street for major deviations to the site plan as well as a request to consider amending or eliminating a condition imposed on the previous Site Plan Approval as it pertains to the expansion of W. Lakeside Street.

Board of Adjustment – Recent and Pending Applications

There were no items for the Board of Adjustments consideration in May 2024.

Additional Updates

- **DWMP/Septic Health Advisory Committee** – The proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance prohibiting parking on septic areas, which was generated by discussions held by the SHAC, will be on the Board of Commissioners agenda for Public Hearing at their June 5, 2024 meeting. Continuing the implementation of the recommendations of the Decentralized Wastewater Management Plan, staff are in the process of purchasing four (4) additional water quality monitoring loggers and a GPS unit to begin recording and mapping locations of existing septic systems within the town. The next meeting of the Septic Health Advisory Committee will be held in July 2024.
- **Estuarine Shoreline Management Plan** – Staff has prepared a pre-proposal for a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundations National Coastal Resilience Fund. This grant is for the design of the Villa Dunes and Soundside Road pilot sites. We are waiting to find out if we will be invited to submit a full proposal. Additionally, staff recently submitted a grant request for NC Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) 2024-25 application, Phase 3 for a living shoreline project.
- **Electric Vehicle Action Plan** – Public Services staff were able to locate and mark the outer periphery of the geothermal lines and wells along the southern portion of the parking area at Town Hall. Staff met with Daniel Parsons of LoWire Technologies and will move forward with verifying the depth of the geothermal lines before continuing with the installation of the two-Level II EV Chargers.
- **Sand Relocation and Dune Management Cost Share Program** – Following the close of the Sand Relocation program on April 30, 2024, we issued a total of 131 relocation authorization letters. As of May 29, 2024, \$385,000 of the \$400,000 allocated to the Dune Management Cost Share Program has been used. Environmental Planner Conner Twiddy and Code Enforcement Officer Ed Snyder have conducted final inspections of all sand relocation projects this season, identifying only a few sites that require further attention. We are currently awaiting the necessary paperwork from 55 citizens, who were approved for the Dune Management Cost Share funds, to process their reimbursements before the end of June.
- **Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Grant Program** – Staff has been informed that the pre-application to the NC Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program has been selected to submit a Final Application for improvements to the June Street Beach Access. The deadline for final application submission is August 2nd, 2024. Item E-8 on Board of Commissioners June 5th meeting Consent Agenda is a Request for Public Hearing to consider the Final Grant Application.
- **Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update** – The Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, comprised of representatives from Dare County EM, Dare County staff, staff from each town and members of the public from each community are in the process of updating the Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

As part of the Town's continued participation in the Community Rating System ("CRS") Program, the Town is required to provide updates on the actions contained in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Staff has provided a memo and spreadsheet outlining updates to the action plan for the Board of Commissioners review. Staff is providing this to the Board of Commissioners and the community for informational purposes.

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- **Dowdy Park Events/Farmers Market/Holiday Markets/Art & Culture –**
Summertime events are starting up. For the month of June, the Town will be hosting the following:
 - Yoga on the Lawn, Tuesday mornings 7:30 – 8:30am all month long.
 - Fitness Fridays, Friday mornings 7:30 – 8:15am, beginning June 21st.
 - Summer Concert Series, Wednesday evenings 6:30 – 8:00pm.
 - Black Pearl on June 19th – local band
 - Uphill on June 26th – local band
 - Dowdy Park Farmers Markets, Thursdays 9am – 1pm: June 13th, 20th & 27th.
 - Movie at the Park, Friday June 7th at 8:00pm at Dowdy Park.Event Coordinator Paige Griffin will be releasing the vendor map for the upcoming Dowdy Park Farmers Markets soon, and notes that there has been a great response to Tuesday morning Yoga. Art & Culture Committee Member Molly Vaughan is coordinating with the Manteo High School Honors Art students for a crosswalk art project after the summer season. Below are two sketches of potential designs:



Upcoming Meetings and Other Dates

- Tuesday, June 4th – Technical Review Committee Meeting (Inn at Whalebone)
- Wednesday, June 5th - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- Thursday, June 6th – CRS Users Group Meeting, Elevation Certificate Training
- Wednesday, June 12th – Committee for Art and Culture Meeting
- Wednesday, June 12th – Eastern Carolina Council Resource Roundtable
- Thursday, June 13th – Board of Adjustment Meeting (no hearings)
- Tuesday, June 18th – Planning Board Meeting
- Wednesday, June 19th – Board of Commissioners mid-month meeting
- Dowdy Park Farmers Market – Thursday, June 13th, 20th, and 27th.
- Dowdy Park Summer Concert Series – Wednesday, June 19th and June 26th

TOWN OF NAGS HEAD PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
MONTHLY REPORT
APRIL 2024

DATE SUBMITTED: May 7, 2024

	Apr-24	Apr-23	Mar-24	2023-2024 FISCAL YTD	2022-2023 FISCAL YTD	FISCAL YEAR INCREASE/ DECREASE
BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED - RESIDENTIAL						
New Single Family	1	1	2	14	13	1
New Single Family, 3000 sf or >	0	0	0	4	7	(3)
Duplex - New	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sub Total - New Residential	1	1	2	19	20	(1)
Miscellaneous (Total)	48	46	49	420	459	(39)
<i>Accessory Structure</i>	7	8	3	37	42	(5)
<i>Addition</i>	1	2	3	26	23	3
<i>Demolition</i>	0	0	0	5	1	4
<i>Move</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Remodel</i>	16	8	18	108	113	(5)
<i>Repair</i>	24	28	25	244	280	(36)
Total Residential	49	47	51	439	479	(40)
BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED - COMMERCIAL						
Multi-Family - New	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motel/Hotel - New	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business/Govt/Other - New	0	0	0	0	2	(2)
Subtotal - New Commercial	0	0	0	0	2	(2)
Miscellaneous (Total)	18	12	9	81	73	8
<i>Accessory Structure</i>	7	2	3	31	24	7
<i>Addition</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Demolition</i>	0	0	0	1	1	0
<i>Move</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Remodel</i>	5	2	5	24	22	2
<i>Repair</i>	6	8	1	25	26	(1)
Total Commercial	18	12	9	81	75	6
Grand Total	67	59	60	520	554	(34)
SUB-CONTRACTOR PERMITS						
Electrical	80	77	62	504	482	22
Gas	3	5	2	32	30	2
Mechanical	54	39	40	318	333	(15)
Plumbing	16	25	14	116	96	20
Fire Sprinkler	1	0	0	4	3	1
VALUE						
New Single Family	\$560,000	\$575,000	\$1,915,500	\$8,152,995	\$7,034,026	\$1,118,969
New Single Family, 3000 sf or >	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,642,945	\$7,233,733	(\$4,590,788)
Duplex - New	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$711,000	\$0	\$711,000
Misc (Total Residential)	\$1,262,571	\$1,626,964	\$1,726,871	\$15,409,727	\$15,500,935	(\$91,208)
Sub Total Residential	\$1,822,571	\$2,201,964	\$3,642,371	\$26,916,667	\$29,768,694	(\$2,852,027)
Multi-Family - New	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Motel/Hotel - New	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Business/Govt/Other - New	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,988,350	(\$17,988,350)
Misc (Total Commercial)	\$648,577	\$178,702	\$829,926	\$4,690,140	\$2,430,831	\$2,259,309
Sub Total Commercial	\$648,577	\$178,702	\$829,926	\$4,690,140	\$20,419,181	(\$15,729,041)
Grand Total	\$2,471,148	\$2,380,666	\$4,472,297	\$31,606,807	\$50,187,875	(\$18,581,068)

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ZONING						
Zoning Permits	69	64	64	563	557	6
Soil & Erosion	0	N/A	1	16	N/A	N/A
Stormwater Plans	1	N/A	6	29	N/A	N/A
CAMA						
CAMA LPO Permits	3	8	5	33	31	2
CAMA LPO Exemptions	7	10	13	57	61	0
Sand Relocations	31	115	67	281	279	N/A
CODE COMPLIANCE						
Cases Investigated	19	116	25	267	659	(392)
Warnings	3	20	4	31	98	(67)
NOVs Issued	15	18	20	231	144	87
Civil Citations (#)	0	0	0	1	10	(9)
Civil Citations (\$)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,150	(\$23,150)
SEPTIC HEALTH						
Tanks inspected	8	15	10	94	115	(21)
Tanks pumped	5	8	10	100	76	24
Water quality sites tested	2	36	2	71	202	(131)
Personnel Hours in Training/School	52	6	44	371	206	165



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Date: June 5, 2024

Subject: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

As part of our continued participation in the Community Rating System (“CRS”) program, the Town is required to provide updates on the actions contained in our Hazard Mitigation Plan. The requirement for preparation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan was developed in response to NC Senate Bill 300 and the Federal Government Mitigation Act of 2000. The plan not only addresses natural hazards like hurricanes and nor’easters but other hazards such as terrorism, pandemics, and public health events. A plan must be adopted by the local governing board every five (5) years. A FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. Ultimately, hazard mitigation planning enables action to reduce loss of life and property, lessening the impact of disasters.

Dare County and Currituck County, and the towns of Manteo, Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Southern Shores, and Duck, joined efforts on updating their Hazard Mitigation Plans. This effort was referred to as the *Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan*. The most recent Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation plan was adopted by the Town of Nags Head on July 1, 2020¹. Dare County Emergency Management is currently preparing for the update of the Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation.

As part of the Town's annual recertification for the CRS program, staff must review the plan and actions on an annual basis. Continued participation in the CRS program ensures that the Town is able to maintain a Class 5 CRS Rating and residents are able to receive a twenty percent (25%) discount on flood insurance. Attached is a spreadsheet outlining updates to the action plan. No action by the board is necessary. Town staff is providing this to the Board and the community for informational purposes. The entire Plan is available on the Town’s website.

¹ The OBX Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan can be found here:
<https://www.nagsheadnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3164/Outer-Banks-Regional-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan-FEMA-Review-Draft>

Community:	Nags Head								
Action Details									
Action #	Action Description	Hazard(s) Addressed	Goal Addressed	Priority	Lead Agency / Department	Potential Funding Source	Implementation Timeline	2024 Implementation Status (Completed, Deleted, Carried Forward, New)	2024 Implementation Status Comments
NGH1	Petition FEMA through the Town's state and regional NFIP representatives to consider adopting realistic regulations regarding the determination of destroyed structures. Specifically, this would apply to structures which are located on the public beach that are not eligible for flood insurance until they collapse.	Coastal Hazards, Flood, Hurricane and Tropical Storm, Severe Weather	3.1	Low	Planning/Town Manager	General Fund	5+ years	Carry Forward	Revised. The Town Manager participated in the threatened structures working group. A report is being written which details a multi-prong approach with actionable items to solve this goal.
NGH2	Explore seeking authority and adopting regulations which would allow qualified Town staff to inspect sewer treatment facilities and on-site septic systems after a storm. These regulations should also allow staff to request the corrective actions necessary to ensure proper operation of these systems.	Coastal Hazards, Flood, Hurricane and Tropical Storm, Severe Weather	2.2	Low	Planning, Septic Health	General Fund	5+ years	Carry Forward	Revised. Carry forward damage information to the health department so they can take action for any repairs that are required. Use Crisis Track to report damages after storm events. No need to seek independent authority.
NGH3	Lobby the State for a state policy and strategy on beach nourishment and beach re-nourishment through joint efforts with other local governments and organizations such as the North Carolina Beach and Inlet Waterways Association. This includes an annually funded state program to support local nourishment activities.	Coastal Hazards, Flood, Hurricane and Tropical Storm, Severe Weather	4.1	High	Board of Commissioners	General Fund	3-5 years	Carry Forward	Revised. Beach and inlet management plan developed by the NC beach and waterways association we participate in. We collectively pursue with other localities.
NGH4	Develop a long-term plan for shoreline management which includes the oceanfront and estuarine shoreline. This may include financing, permitting, ongoing project implementation (in coordination with Dare County and other Dare County municipalities), and monitoring of changing shoreline conditions.	Coastal Hazards, Flood, Hurricane and Tropical Storm, Severe Weather	4.1	High	Planning, Town Engineer	General Fund, Dare County Shoreline Fund	2-3 Years	Completed	Revised. The Town completed the Estuarine Shoreline Management Plan, and it was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in February 2023.
NGH5	Develop contingency plans for infrastructure or services that may be lost as a result of exposure to hazards. Potential infrastructure includes roads/streets, waterlines, wastewater, stormwater, and other key utilities.	All Hazards	2.2	Medium	Planning, Public Works	Grant Funding	2-3 years	Carry forward	Revised. The Town has developed a comprehensive Infrastructure Plan where stormwater, waterlines, streets, and paving work are reviewed at the same time during our CIP process. Upgrading drainage system with larger drainage pipes funded through Golden Leaf Grant.
NGH6	Evaluate the Nags Head Woods Fire Plan annually and coordinate information with Nature Conservancy	Wildfire	3.3	Medium	Town Manager/Fire/Police	General Fund, Grant Funds	1 Year	Carry Forward	Staff discusses and reviews the Nags Head Woods Fire Plan annually for update and to discuss areas for fuel reduction. Staff seeks grant opportunities as needed.
NGH7	Plan and participate with partners to evaluate the need and maintenance of wild land urban interface areas including removal of dead wood in critically fire prone areas and controlled burn activities.	Wildfire	1.2	Medium	Board of Commissioners/Public Works	General Fund	1 Year	Carry Forward	Revised. Continue to work with the NPS, Dominion and the Nature Conservancy to maintain reduction of fuel loads in wildland-urban interface areas and to seek opportunities for grant funding to reduce vegetation in wildland-urban interface areas of the Town.
NGH8	Explore the feasibility of becoming a Firewise Community.	Wildfire	3.3	Medium	Fire	General Fund	2-3 Years	Carry Forward	No action taken as of this date.
NGH9	Purchase and install weather stations to track rainfall and weather in the Town that will be helpful in identifying changing weather patterns and future stormwater planning and modeling needs. Explore partnerships with agencies where this weather information would be relevant (i.e. NC Climate Center).	Coastal Hazards, Drought, Flood, Hurricane and Tropical Storm, Severe Weather	3.3	High	Planning/Town Engineer	General Fund, Grant Funds	2-3 Years	Completed	Revised. The town partnered with NC State Parks to install a weather station, funded through NC State Climate Office, in Jockey's Ridge State Park. Town has 3 other weather stations at Station 21, Town Hall, Water Plant
NGH10	Work with Dare County to expand Town representation on the Local Emergency Planning Committee.	All Hazards	4.2	Low	Fire	General Fund	1 Year	Carry Forward	Town staff continue to participate on the committee.
NGH11	Acquire equipment and materials and retrofit critical facilities to ensure critical facilities and infrastructure remain operational during events.	All Hazards	2.1	High	Town Manager/Fire/Police/Public Works/Planning	Grant Funding	2-3 Years	Carry Forward	Revised. The public works and water distribution facilities were redesigned and are currently under construction for more efficiency in operations and with contingency plans for hazards. Expectation of Public Services master plan completion September 2024. Currently developing a master plan for Fire station and Town Hall facilities.
NGH12	Purchase property, utilizing grants, when possible, to acquire property for the purpose of mitigating damage and co-locating (dual use) Town facilities.	Coastal Hazards, Drought, Flood, Hurricane and Tropical Storm, Severe Weather	1.2	High	Planning/Town Engineer/Town Manager	General Fund/Stormwater	2-3 Years	Carry Forward	Staff seeks any viable opportunity, on a case by case as needed basis, for funds to acquire properties for the purposed of mitigating damage, improvement water quality, preserving open space, protecting natural resources, and collocating Town facilities.

