

Office of Planning & Economic Development

Recreation & Parks Master Plan

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, North Carolina Division of Public Health, Region 9 Community Transformation Grant Project's Strategic Leadership Team, and Region 9's Active Living Action Team have approved funding in the amount of \$12,000 for the "Hyde County Recreation & Parks Master Plan" project.

Funding for this project can go towards Consultant Contractual services for plan preparation aligned with the proposal's identified program expenses. The original 2002 Recreation & Parks Master Plan for Hyde County and corresponding Recreational committee lead to several valuable projects to promote recreation including the

Ponzer Community Building and the Engelhard Development Corporation's park and walking trail.

Members of the Recreation Committee were selected by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners and include 2 members from each township including Ocracoke. Commission Tunnell serves as the Committee's liaison to the Board. The Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Government Center's Multipurpose Room in Swan Quarter and at the Ocracoke School Commons via teleconferencing. The public is welcome to attend. In October, the Planning Department advertised a Request for Qualifications for the update

of the Hyde County Recreation & Parks Master Plan.

The Hyde County Recreation Committee recommends that Hyde County enter into a contract for consultant and planning services with Holland Consulting Planners for the update of the Hyde County Recreation & Parks Master Plan.

The updated plan will include a comprehensive report of existing recreational facilities, parks and programs, and will include recommendations for meeting both short and long term recreational needs of county residents.

Where will the new towers be?:

- East of 20965 Hwy 264, Swan Quarter
- 800 feet South of 1008 Swamp Road, Engelhard
- North of 685 Great Ditch Road, Engelhard
- West of 540 Bishop Road, Scranton

Wireless Telecommunications Process Streamlined

The Office of Planning and Economic Development has partnered with the Building Inspections Office to create a more streamlined process for the permitting and approval of wireless telecommunications facilities in Hyde County.

Wireless Communications Facilities are regulated through the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance which can easily be reviewed along with other Hyde County Ordinances at www.municode.com

The ordinance dictates the requirements for constructing a tower or adding to an existing tower. All companies wishing to construct a new tower in Hyde County or collocate on an existing tower will begin by submitting a proposal to the Planning Department. After careful review and strict adherence to the Ordinance, the Board of Commissioners can approve the proposed tower and the company will work with Building Inspections to ensure proper construction.

Over the last several months, Hyde County has approved the construction of (4) new Wireless Telecommunications Towers in Scranton, Engelhard, and Swan Quarter along with a collocation on another tower in Swan Quarter to provide enhanced 4G communication services in Hyde County.

At the November 4, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting U.S. Cellular will request a renewal for their lease on the existing tower in Swan Quarter.

To Flush, or not to Flush??



Hyde County is challenged to say the least when it comes to operating septic systems. With the high water table and highly organic soils public sewer is often the right answer for our coastal communities. Two municipal sewer systems currently exist in Hyde County: Engelhard Sanitary District and Swan Quarter Sanitary District.

Both Sanitary Districts are separate entities from the Hyde County Government and both are governed by an elected

Board. Both boards have similar burdens of operating sewer systems with limited revenues. Costly repairs and upkeep are a huge burden to our Sanitary Districts.

One of the largest sources of breakdown of sanitary sewer pump systems occurs when users flush items and those items clog, block and entangle within those individual pump stations. Something as simple as a cigarette or cigar butt can break the impellers found in the

sanitary pumps causing breakdowns. Items ranging from pens to toys to bottle caps have been found to be the culprits of expensive breakdowns. Even items marketed as "flushable" such as baby wipes, pop-off scrubbers on toilet-cleaning wands and extra thick toilet paper are worrisome to your sewer operators.

So, think before you flush. Everyone's commitment can help ensure systems work effectively and costs of breakdowns don't "trickle down" to the users.

NC Sea Grant Climate Adaptation Initiative 2013

"possibility for residents to obtain flood insurance coverage at a lower cost."

The Hyde County Office of Planning & Economic Development is working with NC Sea Grant on a project entitled, "Implementing Comprehensive Community Resilience Planning in St. Marys, GA and Hyde County, NC."

The project objective will be to provide specific policy adaptation options for local government consideration in coordination with recommendations from the most recent

Plat review

In August the Hyde County Board of Commissioners approved a new streamlined process for review of plat and subdivision maps. Under the new guidelines a plat will have to be approved first by the Office of Planning & Economic Development. A simple plat from the

Community Rating Systems (CRS) guidebook.

This linkage of local adaptation actions to the CRS credit system, which can translate into potential reduction in Federal Flood Insurance Program (FFIP) premiums for community residents, provides a tangible near-term economic benefit that can be expected to increase likelihood of project recommendations being adopted by the Hyde County government. The benefit of CRS linkage is that

implementation of adaption action will not only prepare Hyde for increased resilience to future flood events, but also provide the possibility for residents to obtain flood insurance coverage at a lower cost.

The first meeting of stakeholders will include representatives from Hyde County elected officials and staff, NC Sea Grant staff and other community members. Anyone wanting to participate should call Kris Noble, (252) 926-4180.

mainland can be reviewed and submitted to the Register of Deeds. A mainland plat creating a subdivision is submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval. A map from Ocracoke must further be approved by the Ocracoke Development Officer.

During the months of August through October mainland plats representing existing parcels were reviewed. All were approved the same day as submittal. One plat went to the ODO Officer for approval from Ocracoke.

2013 Listening Tour with NC Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker and Tony Almeida

On Monday, October 7, 2013, NC Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker and Tony Almeida, Senior Advisor to the Governor on Jobs and the Economy conducted a Listening Tour at East Carolina University for the Northeast Zone so that they could hear first-hand from business owners, economic development professionals, elected officials and other stakeholders.

The invitation states, "We are eager for your thoughts, and ideas, on priorities for North Carolina's 10-year Economic Development Plan. We are interested in the barriers and threats to progress and the opportunities you see for economic growth. We want to know the tools you feel we need in order to help grow our economy in the most effective way."

"It's clear that our current system for economic development, as good as it is, and as hard as you are working, is not giving us the results that we need," Decker said, before outlining changes that state officials are working on for the N.C. Department of Commerce.

Manager Rich and Kris Noble attended the listening sessions and will remain active as the state progresses towards their plan of action.



NC Catch Activities/ NC State Fair

Kris Noble, founding member of Outer Banks Catch and NC Catch volunteered on behalf of Hyde County on Saturday, October 25, 2013 at the NC State Fair in the North Carolina Catch booth located in the "Got to Be NC" tent located on the State Fair Grounds.

Free samples of fresh NC shrimp stewed with potatoes, onions and cornmeal dumplings prepared by Sharon P. Kennedy and son Wyatt were served by the

thousands along with the message to always buy fresh, North Carolina seafood.

North Carolina Catch supports the work of the four local seafood promotion initiatives that stretch from Currituck County to Brunswick County. Carteret Catch, Ocracoke Fresh, Brunswick Catch, and Outer Banks Catch have emerged as the buoys and markers that guide consumers to local fish

and shellfish sources. The groups help educate consumers on the culinary and nutritional rewards of choosing local seafood, as well as the economic, cultural, and ecological benefits for local communities and for the state.

Sharon Peele Kennedy's stewed shrimp recipe can be found by visiting:

<http://www.nccatch.org/stewed-shrimp-cornmeal-dumplings-recipe-2/>

"I grew up carrying a spatula in my hand instead of a baby rattle. My father and mother were both wonderful cooks," Sharon writes in her recipe book, "What's for Supper."

Airport Advisory Board Members Reappointed

At the October 2013 regular meeting of the Hyde County Airport Advisory Committee reappointments were made to the current roster of members. Seats of Arthur Keeney and Tim Whitfield are slated to expire in January 2015.

Billy Williams and Sharon Spencer will serve until January 2016. Wilson Daughtry, Gregory Gibbs and Earl Pugh, Jr. will serve until January 2017. Upon expiration of these terms, all member terms will be 3-year terms. Billy Williams currently serves

as the Committee Chair.

The Airport Advisory Board makes recommendations to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners on issues pertaining but not limited to airport improvements, leases, activities and budgetary issues.

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Engelhard Airport Farm Lease

The Sealed Bids will be received, beginning on November 1, 2013 for the work described herein and the closing date shall be 5:00 p.m., November 22, 2013, for the farming of approximately 300 acres located in the Engelhard Township, Hyde County, N.C. described as the Airport Farm.

Bids will be accepted in the Hyde County Manager's Office located in the Government Center, 30 Oyster Creek Road, Swan Quarter, N.C., by mail or courier at P.O. Box 188, 30 Oyster Creek

Road, Swan Quarter, N.C., 27885.

Each Bid should contain a sealed envelope with the completed Bid. The Bids will be publicly opened and read at 1:00 P.M. on November 25, 2013 at the Hyde County Airport Advisory Board meeting held at the Hyde County Airport located at 470 Airport Road, Engelhard, N.C. Prospective Bidders may attend the Bid Opening.

Work shall include but not be limited to application of lime and fertilizer to

the entire acreage and maintenance of the ditches and drainage of the premises. Good farming practices are to be used to maintain the condition of the farm at the end of the lease as it was in the beginning of the lease.

Questions about this Advertisement for Bids should be directed in writing to Jane Hodges, P.O. Box 188, Swan Quarter, N.C. 27885. Telephone: (252) 926-4372. Email: jhodges@hydecountync.gov

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