

Future Land Use

Character Areas

- Residential**
 The residential designation is characterized by neighborhoods with mostly single family detached homes, including year-round and seasonal residences as well as short-term rentals.
Typical Uses
 Detached single family homes, occasional duplexes, accessory structures, associated community recreational facilities, civic association owned beach access, and occasional institutional uses (e.g., - church).
- Recreational**
 The recreational designation includes privately-owned active and passive recreational facilities that serve the residents of the community. This designation also includes existing environmentally sensitive areas that are currently being used for active and/or passive recreation.
Typical Uses
 Marinas, recreational paths, beach/sound access areas, and community recreational facilities.
- Municipal/Educational**
 The municipal/education designation includes community serving town facilities and an elementary school. Other governmental uses, like utilities, police, or emergency response, are also appropriate.
Typical Uses
 Government support uses, cemeteries, open space areas, and schools.

- Commercial**
 The commercial designation focuses on small-medium scale, neighborhood serving commercial development that is compatible with the existing coastal character of the community. This designation is located along US 158 and at the Ocean Boulevard and Duck Road intersection. Pedestrian friendly uses and interconnectivity with surrounding businesses and neighborhoods is encouraged. It may be appropriate to have buildings pulled up to the street with parking in the rear.
Typical Uses
 Commercial, retail, services, or offices. Attached multi-family residences and upper story residential uses are possible if context appropriate.
- Conservation/Open Space**
 The conservation/open space designation focuses on preserving environmentally sensitive natural areas and existing open spaces. These natural areas are comprised of wetlands, community open spaces, wildlife habitat, beaches and dunes, and/or existing forested areas. Development is not encouraged in this designation.
Typical Uses
 Utility related uses, recreational paths, passive recreation, habitat preservation.
- Wetlands**
 Wetlands provide habitat for many diverse species and are natural buffers between uplands and waterways. These areas were delineated using National Wetlands Inventory data; on the ground field survey is needed to identify accurate wetlands location.

