



Town of Southern Shores

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Resolution 2013-03-01

Resolution Adopting a
Statement of Vision and Policy
Regarding Use and Acquisition of Properties
Owned, Controlled, Administered, or Maintained for Public Purposes

Whereas the Town Council met in Annual Retreat on Tuesday March 19, 2013; and

Whereas a major part of that Retreat was spent discussing each Council member's vision for the future of the Town regarding "Planning for future land use, acquisition, and development", including the more specific sub-topics of:

- Acquisition of Town-owned sites for canal access
- Town-owned sites for beach access
- Town-owned sites for other Town services (i.e., recreation)
- Town acquisition of necessary street right-of-way for multi-use paths
- Possible adoption of a Policy Statement for Land Acquisition
- Possible adoption of a Vision Statement regarding use of Town-owned facilities by only residents and property owners versus being open for use and enjoyment by the general public; and

Whereas the Town must have access to the public trust areas and open spaces which are owned, controlled, administered, or maintained by the Town of Southern Shores; and

Whereas after thorough discussion by the members of the Council, it was the consensus that the Town should be open to the general public as well as to residents and property owners, and that all citizens should be able to use and enjoy the facilities and amenities provided by the Town of Southern Shores; and

Whereas the Council reached consensus that the Town should be committed to seek and act on any opportunity to acquire, in fee simple title or by easement, land to be used for public purposes for enjoyment by its residents, property owners, and the general public; further, the Town is committed to acquiring land for such public uses by gift, donation, negotiated sale, or imminent domain proceeding;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Council of the Town of Southern Shores does hereby adopt the following as a Vision Statement and related Policy Statement reflecting the sentiments of each of its members:

Vision Statement

The Town of Southern Shores shall be an inviting place to live and visit. Residents and the general public shall be encouraged to use and enjoy any resources, infrastructure, services, natural areas, recreation areas, public trust areas, and open spaces owned, controlled, administered, or maintained by the Town of Southern Shores. The Town of Southern Shores shall reserve the right to enact ordinances and policies regarding fees, licenses, or permits to ensure users of such facilities equitably contribute towards the cost of acquisition and maintenance.

Policy Statement

The Town of Southern Shores is committed to ensuring that its residents and the general public, including citizens with disabilities, have reasonable access to natural areas, recreation areas, public trust areas, and open spaces which are now, or in the future, owned, controlled, administered, or maintained by the Town of Southern Shores.

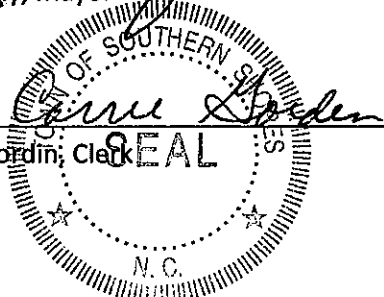
To ensure that the Town of Southern Shores remains an inviting place to live and visit for its residents and the general public, the Town is committed to seek and act on any reasonable opportunity to acquire, in fee simple title or by easement, land to be used for public purposes described in these statements. The Town of Southern Shores is committed to acquiring land for such public uses by gift, donation, negotiated sale, or imminent domain proceeding.

Adopted this the 5th day of March, 2013.



Hal Denny, Mayor

Attest:



Carrie Gordon, Clerk