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*One voice to preserve, protect & enhance the Currituck Outer
Banks for residents, owners, visitors & businesses*

**COMMUNITY NEEDS 2018
APPROVED BY THE COROLLA CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

- Complete the multi-use path from the horse fence to the Dare County line. Set money aside now so when issues are resolved in problem areas, money is ready and waiting. Enhance the existing path by installing low-level “ambient” lighting, enhancing night time security.
- Historic Corolla Park: Re-evaluate the cost/benefit of locating a boat display building at the Park, in consultation with the community. Preserve Historic Corolla Park as a pristine, open space with unobstructed views to the sound, and maintain the live oaks that are prevalent throughout the park.
- Provide Outer Banks residents and property owners information about taxes and fees, including (1) the amounts that are generated on the Currituck Outer Banks, (2) how those taxes - specifically the Occupancy Tax - are budgeted and spent, and (3) current fund balances.
- Improve communications with all County residents and property owners well in advance of all proposed county-funded projects and programs and give them the information and lead time necessary for citizens to provide insightful input.
- Continue meaningful communications with the Corolla Civic Association, recognizing that it is the designated voice of the COBX community comprising more than 600 residents, property owners, and businesses.
- Changes to Zoning and Regulatory Rules: Corolla is over-crowded and new construction trends are cramming more people per acre restraining rental rates, reducing property values and increasing fire hazards to neighboring homes.

BUDGET NOW FOR FUTURE ACTION

- Begin planning to implement beach replenishment and start setting aside funds now that would pay for beach nourishment sending a positive message to investors.
- Hire a consultant to monitor grants available to the County for all types of projects from stormwater management, bike/pedestrian paths, parks and recreation, to beach nourishment.
- Consult with the COBX community on the number and location of air-up & air-down stations being proposed
- Consult with the community regarding the need for and design of a playground on the north side of Historic Corolla Park. Consider acceptance of offers by the private sector to construct playing fields (i.e., soccer) on the north side of the park instead of the proposed boat facility.
- Complete the NC 12 Beautification project and use county funds to contract for the periodic maintenance and trash clean-up all along NC Route 12 (more frequently in-season, and less in the off-season) similar to the beach clean-up contract now in place
- Investigate and implement means by which Corolla and off-road residents, businesses and property owners can remotely communicate with, view, and possibly participate in county meetings without having to drive for hours to participate in Commissioner meetings or other board meetings. Move County communications to 21st Century standard business practices.

BEGIN DETAILED PLANNING TO ASSESS SCOPE AND COSTS OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Investigate opportunities for public land acquisition or rights-of-way for needed facilities, infrastructure, and open space that will preserve, protect, and enhance the beaches and all areas of the Currituck Outer Banks.
- If and/or when the Mid Currituck Bridge is permitted for construction, investigate creation of “welcome center space” at the terminus of the bridge. This could include picnic pavilions, children’s playground, a fenced dog park, boat ramp, and other amenities that would benefit those visiting or living in Corolla or the off-road area. Investigate the opportunity to locate a Community/Senior Center at this site that would be in conjunction with an auditorium in a Welcome Center that could provide video information, similar to what is done at the Wildlife Resource Center, about vacationing adventures and opportunities at the COBX. Note the welcome centers in Dare County at the terminus of the Virginia Dare Bridge and the Wright Memorial Bridge. Improve upon those concepts and amenities for Currituck County.