Currituck Beach Management Plan

The County’s response and next steps

Community briefing • November 5, 2026

What the petition asked the Board to do

1,023 signatures

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What the Coastal Protection Engineering Beach Management Plan recommended

Central Reserve/Refuge Reach

“a buyout and removal program”

North Corolla Reach

“a beach nourishment program”

Spindrift Reach

“the use of shoreline modeling”

South Pine Island Reach

“The same shoreline modeling approach”

Where the County focused

North Corolla Reach

Recommended Action: Beach Nourishment

WHY BEACH NOURISHMENT?

MEETS COUNTY GOALS
Only alternative evaluated that is expected to meet all County goals for the Reach.

POSITIVE BENEFIT–COST RATIO
Expected to provide a positive benefit-cost ratio.

SHORELINE PROTECTION
Helps protect oceanfront property and reduces erosion and storm impacts.

SUPPORTS RECREATION
Maintains wider, healthier beaches for residents and visitors.

BUILDS LONG-TERM RESILIENCE
Strengthens our coast and prepares for future storms and sea level rise.



Extends from horse fence south to Seabird Way

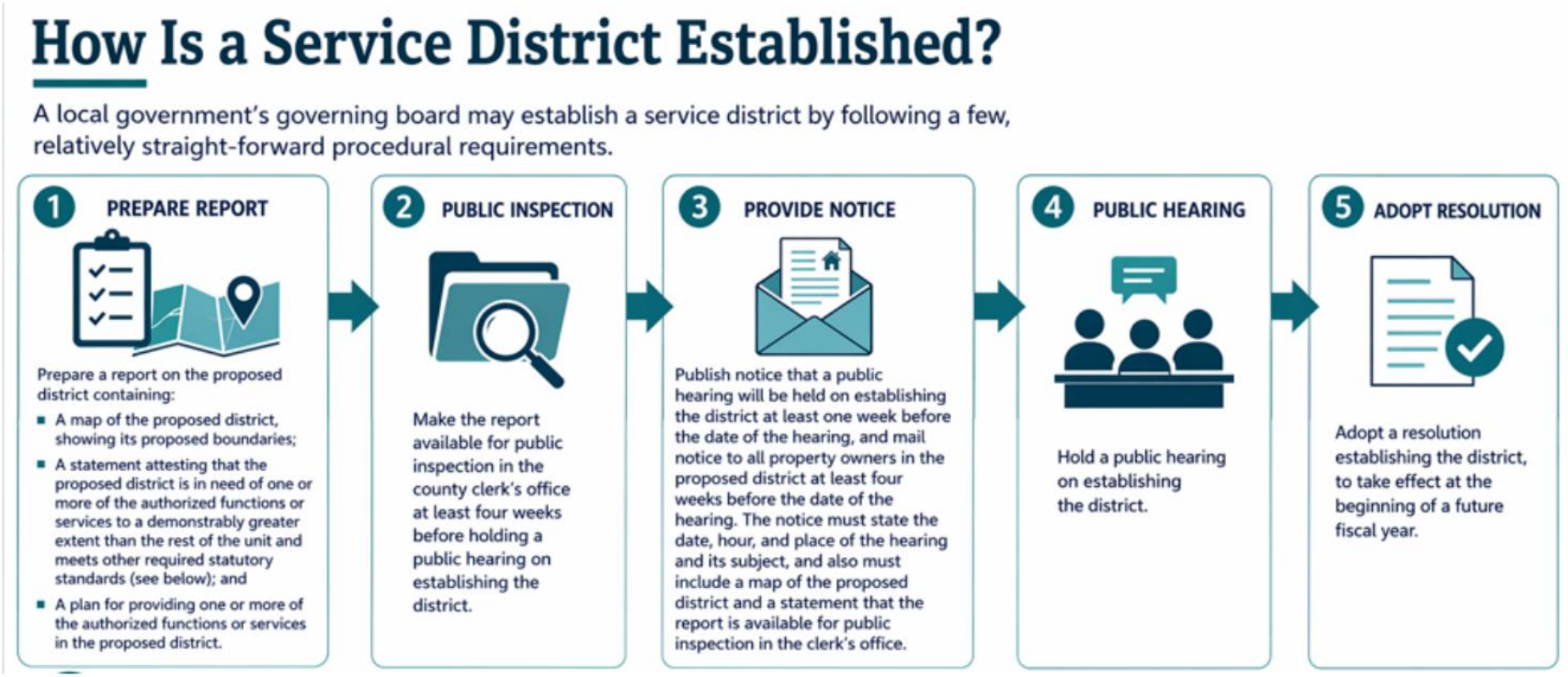
Horse Fence to Seabird Way

What the project could cost



$35.3 million • preliminary project estimate

How a service district would be formed



A proposal, public notice, hearing and Board vote

What staff’s tax example assumed

$225,000

annual revenue per 1¢ of tax

$6.4 million

per year in the five-year financing example

28.5¢ per $100

illustrative rate on assessed property value

$32 million financing example • No rate adopted

Corolla nourishment tax district

Area used in the County staff's tax estimate

North →



Seabird Way **Horse Fence**

Inside Ocean Sands

Atlantic Ocean to Currituck Sound

Illustrative only • Boundaries remain undecided

Sources Nov. 2 Board discussion and final BMP aerials

What if it included all Ocean Sands?

The southward extension discussed by commissioners

Staff estimate area **North →**



Seabird Way **Horse Fence**

Southward extension • close-up



Toward Section A **Seabird Way**

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How the project would start



First step • an interagency kickoff

When construction could start

North Corolla Reach

Hypothetical Schedule

This timing may result in either no bids to construct the project in 2028 or significantly higher bid prices to construct in 2028. For that reason, the schedule in the plan indicates a potential summer 2029 construction window (Figure 100).

	Milestone	Start Date	Completion Date	Number of Months
1	Project Initiation (Interagency Kickoff Meeting)	November-2026	November-2026	1
2	Borrow Area Development/ Refinement	December-2026	August-2027	9
3	Beach Nourishment Design	December-2026	May-2027	6
4	Development of Environmental Documentation	January-2027	October-2027	10
5	Federal Review of Permit Applications	November-2027	February-2028	4
6	State Review of Permit Applications	November-2027	March-2028	5
7	Obtaining Easements for Construction	June-2027	May-2028	12
8	Development of Construction Plans and Specifications	November-2027	March-2028	5
9	Solicitation of Bids	April-2028	April-2028	1
10	Award Construction Contract	May-2028	June-2028	2
11	Construction	July-2028	October-2028	4

Summer 2029 is the more practical window

What else the County would do



Monitor beaches, plan funding and refine risk

Commissioner Tony Angell's motion

"I'll make the motion to go ahead and start the project initiation and start researching the service districts and where the boundaries could potentially fall and how much that would generate for each one of those and what it would look like."

Motion carried by voice vote

Project initiation and study of district options

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