



# Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Item No: **E-5**  
Meeting Date: **April 3, 2024**

**Item Title:** Consideration of resolutions in support of conservation easements in Nags Head Woods and at the Soundside Event site

**Item Summary:**

Attached for Board review and adoption are two resolutions in support of future conservation easements in Nags Head Woods (three parcels) and at the Soundside Event site (shoreline buffer on four parcels). The resolutions express the Town's support for application of the 2024 NC Land and Water Fund (NCLWF) Program Grants as follows:

- The Town will work to develop a conservation easement for environmental protection on the three parcels in Nags Head Woods and for a 50' shoreline buffer on the four parcels at the Soundside Event site in support of a living shoreline.
- The Town will continue to work with The Nature Conservancy to create, dedicate, hold, and monitor the Nags Head Woods easement and with the Dare County Tourism Board for protection of the estuarine shoreline at the Soundside Event Site. All these easement would be subject to final board approval at a later date.

Number of Attachments: 4

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**Specific Action Requested:**

Resolutions provided for Board review and adoption.

Submitted By: Amy Miller, Dep Town Manager/Finance Officer      Date: February 28, 2024

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**Finance Officer Comment:**

The Town has applied for two 2024 NCLWF grants: Nags Head Woods (acquisition) for a conservation easement, giving up rights on the properties including development and timber. The Nature Conservancy will hold and monitor the easement. Soundside Event Site (restoration) to design and construct a living shoreline on approx. 550 linear feet including the parcels owned by the Town and the Tourism Board, both jointly and separately. This represents one of the pilot sites in the adopted Estuarine Shoreline Master Plan. The easement would be for a 50' shoreline buffer (minimum). Each separate grant application included a Letter of Intent. One from TNC to hold and monitor the Nags Head Woods easements, and one from the Tourism Bureau in support of the living shoreline conservation easement on their properties.

Signature: Amy Miller      Date: February 28, 2024

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**Town Attorney Comment:**

N/A

Signature: John Leidy      Date: February 28, 2024

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**Town Manager Comment and/or Recommendation:**

The Town has applied for grants for these projects. Any easements would be subject to final board approval and dedication and acceptance by the parties at a later date. Easements would be contingent upon receipt of grants.

Signature: Andy Garman      Date: February 28, 2024