

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR 2024 NCLWF RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANT**

February 26, 2024

RE: NC Land and Water Fund 2024 grant application

We are writing in favor of grant funding from the NC Land & Water Fund Restoration Program to support the Town of Nags Head's estuarine shoreline project. As an estuarine shoreline property owner at the proposed project site location on Croatan Highway (parcels 030879000, 030880000, 030881000, 008795000, 008854000, 012422000 and 012422001) we are interested in, and committed to working towards solutions and techniques to address the ongoing shoreline erosion within the estuarine shoreline area. This living shoreline projects is taking an innovative and comprehensive approach that will allow for new nature-based solutions to be implemented for the appropriate management of sensitive habitats, and a coordinated and collaborative effort with ongoing town studies and plans.

The Town of Nags Head and the Dare County Tourism Board (dba Outer Banks Visitors Bureau) are working together to ensure the success of the living shoreline project and allow for a seamless approach to moving projects forward on the ground. We will work with the NCLWF and the Town to develop a conservation easement for the required property buffer for the purposes of environmental protection and recreational uses of the estuarine shoreline environment as required by an awarded grant. We support this project as an important example that other North Carolina coastal communities could use as a model for managing and restoring their shorelines. Grant funding from NC Land & Water Fund is essential and timely for the completion of this project, which has local, regional, and statewide benefits and importance. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lee Nettles  
Executive Director, Outer Banks Visitors Bureau  
February 26, 2024



Diane Bognich  
Director of Finance and Administration, Outer Banks Visitors Bureau  
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