

# Nags Head Estuarine Shoreline Management Plan

## PROJECT INFORMATION FACT SHEET

The Town of Nags Head is affected by impacts from coastal hazards like hurricanes, nor'easters, erosion, and sea level rise. The negative impacts of these hazards affect private and public property as well as key infrastructure and natural resources. Mitigating the impacts of these hazards to preserve the community's distinctive heritage and unique lifestyle, critical natural resources and coastal ecosystem are important to the Town and its economy, as reflected in the Town's vision.

The Town of Nags Head Estuarine Shoreline Management Plan is an essential step in mitigating the impacts of flooding, storm surge, erosion, and sea level rise on the estuarine shoreline. The Plan is a comprehensive effort to address the management of 17 miles of estuarine shoreline in the Town while balancing land use, ecosystem health, public health, and recreational opportunities. This planning effort will characterize the existing shoreline and its historical changes; identify shoreline best management practices, uses, and policy; explore the legal and regulatory context of shoreline management and nature-based solutions; and consider the impacts of future hazards such as sea level rise and storm surge.



### PROJECT PURPOSE

The principal purpose of the Plan is to develop strategies that will prioritize living and nature-based shoreline management projects appropriate for each segment of the Town's shoreline.

### PROJECT GOALS

The Town of Nags Head planning staff and volunteer members of the Advisory Committee will work together to:

- Identify strategies and sites where Nags Head's estuarine shoreline can be managed to safeguard critical structures, enhance habitat values, and provide aesthetic and community benefits
- Build public awareness of the risks to the current estuarine shoreline from sea level rise and storm events
- Describe regulatory barriers and pathways to implementation of nature-based solutions
- Preserve or enhance recreational access to the sound

### INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROJECT

Public involvement is critical to our planning process. The Board of Commissioners has appointed an Advisory Council of citizens and partners that meets with consultants and Town staff at regular intervals. Also, the general public will be asked for input and play a role in the Nags Head Estuarine Shoreline Management Plan.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

Public Survey #1 – April 2022  
Public Survey #2 – June - July 2022  
Virtual Public Workshop – June 2022  
Draft Presentation to Town of Nags Head – October 2022  
Final Presentation to Town of Nags Head – November 2022

### QUESTIONS / MORE INFORMATION

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