

Bowsertown Progress Report

to

Dare County Board of Commissioners

from

Manteo Rotary Club

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History

- Manteo Rotary Club 2003
 - Centennial Project
 - Mission: To investigate potential uses for the Bowsertown Landfill Site and make recommendations to the Dare County Board of Commissioners
- UNC Coastal Studies Institute 2003
 - Coastal Sustainability Program
Outreach and Education
 - Facilitate consideration of potential uses for Bowsertown Landfill and Workforce Housing sites



Activities

- Preliminary Environmental Testing **Nov 2005**
 - Performed by Dr. Damian Shea, NCSU
 - Funded by DENR DWR and Dare County
- NCDENR Ecosystem Enhancement **Dec 2005**
 - Cost estimate for coastal wetland restoration
\$17,617,600
- Public Input Meetings **Jan / Mar 2006**
 - Facilitated by Manteo Rotary Club and CSI
 - Guest speaker: Dr. Damian Shea
 - Aerial photographs provided by Dare County GIS (Greg Ball)
 - Purpose: public education, engagement & comment
 - Public Suggestions: Open space, park, kayak/canoe launch, playground, picnic facilities, walking trails, wildlife viewing, recreation uses (basketball, soccer, ball fields), community center with swimming pool & gymnasium



Activities

- Design Development June 2005 - ongoing
 - Facilitated by CSI & Manteo Rotary Club
 - Funded by CSI
 - Synthesis:
 - Public Input
 - NCSU College of Design student project
 - Manteo High School AP Environmental Science
 - UNC Albemarle Ecological Field Site Capstone Project
 - Dare County Parks & Recreation Director
 - Dare County Public Works Director
- Transfer Operations Ceased early 2007
- Bowsertown Advisory Committee Formed Aug 2007
- Site Closure by Dare County 2007
 - Transfer shed sold and dismantled
 - Other site work planned – fall 2007



Review of Site



Recommendation based on input:

Three Use Categories:

✓ Passive Recreation

- Open Space
- Walking Trails / Paths
- Wildlife Viewing
- Open playing fields

✓ Public Water Access

- Kayak & Canoe launch
- Accessible Dock
- Shoreline protection
- Environmental enhancement

✓ Housing

- Workforce housing



Recommended First Project:

Public Water Access:

- Accessible Dock
- Shoreline protection
- Environmental enhancement
- Kayak & Canoe launch
- Picnic areas
- Site Preparation for Passive Recreation Uses



Next Steps:

Respectfully request:

Dare County Board of Commissioners
authorize the
Bowsertown Advisory Committee
identify funding sources
for projects at the Bowsertown Site

Discussion...questions?

