

August 20, 2024

Dear Holden Beach Commissioners,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the storm water proposal outlined in Resolution 24-07. I have been a resident of this town for just over 3 years, residing at 259 OBE, and in this short time, I have witnessed firsthand the worsening of storm water issues as development in the "East End" of Holden Beach has increased.

I am appreciative of the towns effort to improve our beach strand and dune structures and recognize they have mitigated the risk of salt water overwash from hurricanes and king tides, however, the problem of prolonged rainwater standing remains a significant concern.

Recent experiences have highlighted the urgency of this issue. Last week, while I was fortunate enough to avoid rental cancellations at my home, I am aware that multiple properties in our neighborhood faced disruptions due to standing water. Next door to my home, at 261 OBE, there is currently a full pool of standing water where the land was recently cleared and graded. I have seen excess water on the street in front of my home in the past, but it has never been this bad. Since federal protection for wetlands have been eroded, as a beach community, we have a responsibility to establish a storm water plan that will protect our homes, beaches and wildlife.

Moreover, there are pressing safety concerns associated with these storm water issues. Renters, tourists, and even locals may face uncertain and hazardous conditions when navigating these areas. Ensuring that our storm water management is effective will help mitigate these risks and provide a safer environment for everyone.

Additionally, the standing water fosters mosquito breeding, posing a growing public health issue. As the mosquito season progresses, the excessive standing water on the East End will likely exacerbate health risks, which we must address proactively.

In summary, the storm water problems we face are overdue for resolution. I wholeheartedly support the adoption of Resolution 24-07 and urge the board to prioritize and implement solutions to these longstanding issues. Although I am unable to attend the upcoming meeting due to prior commitments, please know that I stand firmly behind this initiative and am hopeful for a positive outcome.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Meredith Altieri

To: Holden Beach Commissioners
From: Irvin Woods, owner of 289 OBE

Re: August 20, 2024 Commissioners Meeting, Agenda #14, Storm Water management

I fully support any Town efforts, including adopting Resolution 24-07 which could lead to an improvement over our current and recurring storm water problems.

Over the past 20+ years my wife and I have owned now three different homes including our current and only one at 289 OBE. As the "East End" has been discovered and more homes are being built here the drainage and standing water problems have only gotten worse.

Due to a good beach strand and improvements of our dune structures along "Isolated OBE" from 253 to 293 OBE we rarely have salt water overwash from hurricanes or king tides. We do however have frequent events with rainwater standing for extended periods of time. I'm fortunate that I didn't have cancellations of rentals at my home last week but am aware of multiple homes in this neighborhood rendered unrentable due to standing water. This is not only an inconvenient nuisance, but very costly to homeowners and the lost tax collections for Occupancy and Sales Taxes.

Regarding public safety. The phrase "turn around, don't drown" is drilled into us by public safety officials. When renters or tourists (or locals) encounter large expanses of standing water, what should they do? Many locals may decide they know that the underlying road is firm and proceed. Maybe that's safe. But should a stranger do the same?

Mosquitoes are already coming out on the East End and I fully expect that public safety and health issue to quickly get worse with the excessive standing water on our section of the beach.

Addressing these issues is long overdue. Let's get moving on finding some solutions to longstanding problems.

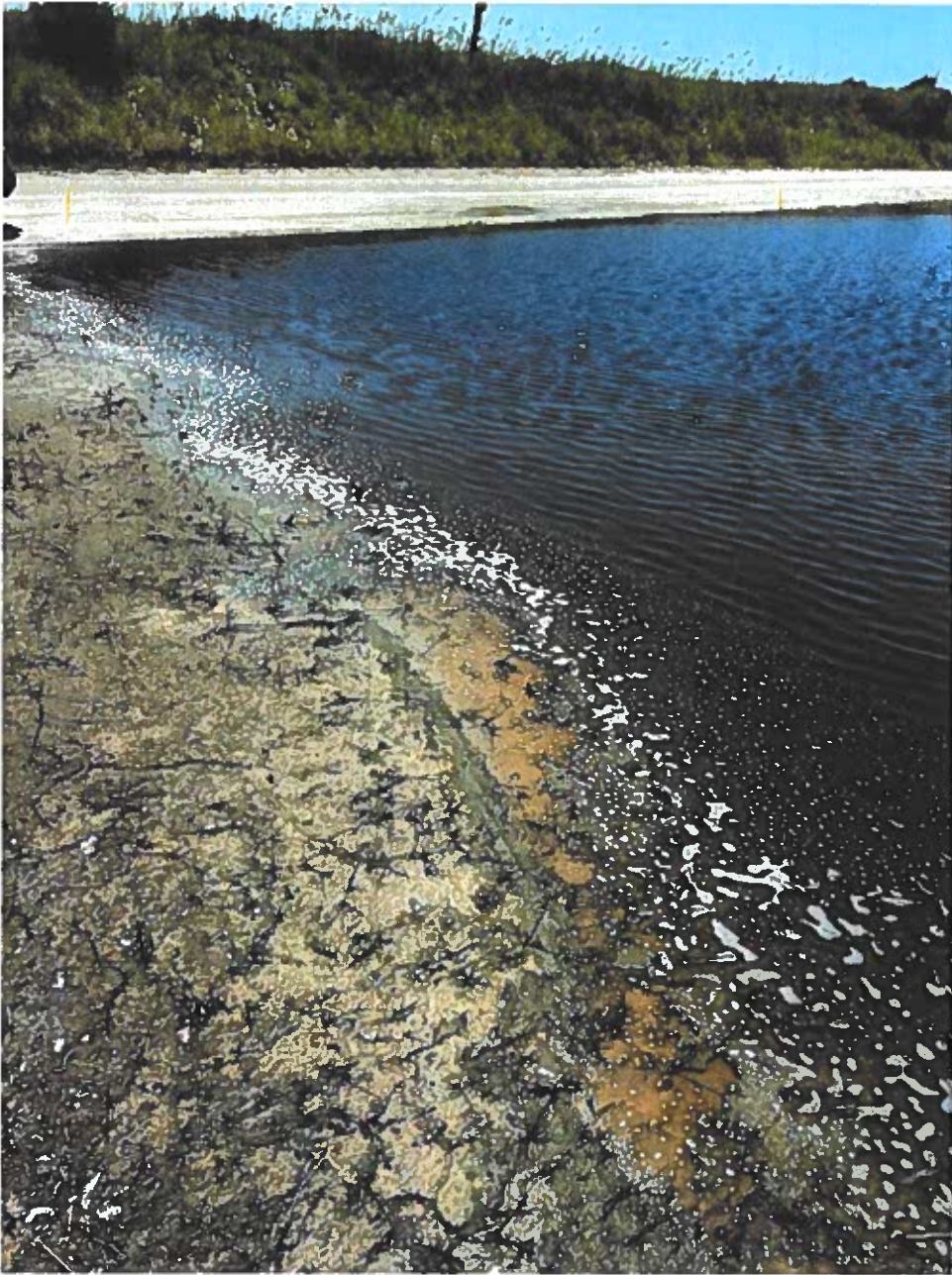
I'm at the beach now but will have renters next Tuesday so I won't be able to attend your meeting.

Thanks, Irv Woods

Heather Finnell

From: Karen Toombs <k2oombs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 2:09 PM
To: alan@alanholdenrealty.com; tmmyers56@gmail.com; rsmith9431@gmail.com; drpagedyer@gmail.com; tracey7.thomas@gmail.com; rpaarfus@gmail.com
Cc: Heather Finnell
Subject: Re: Storm water plan

We spent the weekend moving sand, gravel and water and managed to get the majority of the concrete dry. We had less than 1 inch of rain last night according to my rain gauge and a large portion flooded again. What is in the pictures attached was dry for hours yesterday afternoon. Less than 1" of rain resulted in a rise of 5" on the cesspool. If we get any kind of significant rain before the cesspool is drained we will become an island once again which is clearly unacceptable. The water extends from 269 OBE to west of 259 OBE and from the road at OBE through the vegetation up to McCray. This is Day 11 and nothing has been done to remedy the situation. Anyone who hasn't done so please come on by and see first hand what's happening







Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 16, 2024, at 9:58 AM, Karen Toombs <k2oombs@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Thank you,

> Karen and Jim Toombs

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Heather Finnell

From: Marshall Beach, Jr. <marshall.beach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 7:31 PM
To: Heather Finnell
Subject: HB Stormwater plan adoption and implementation

Hi Heather,

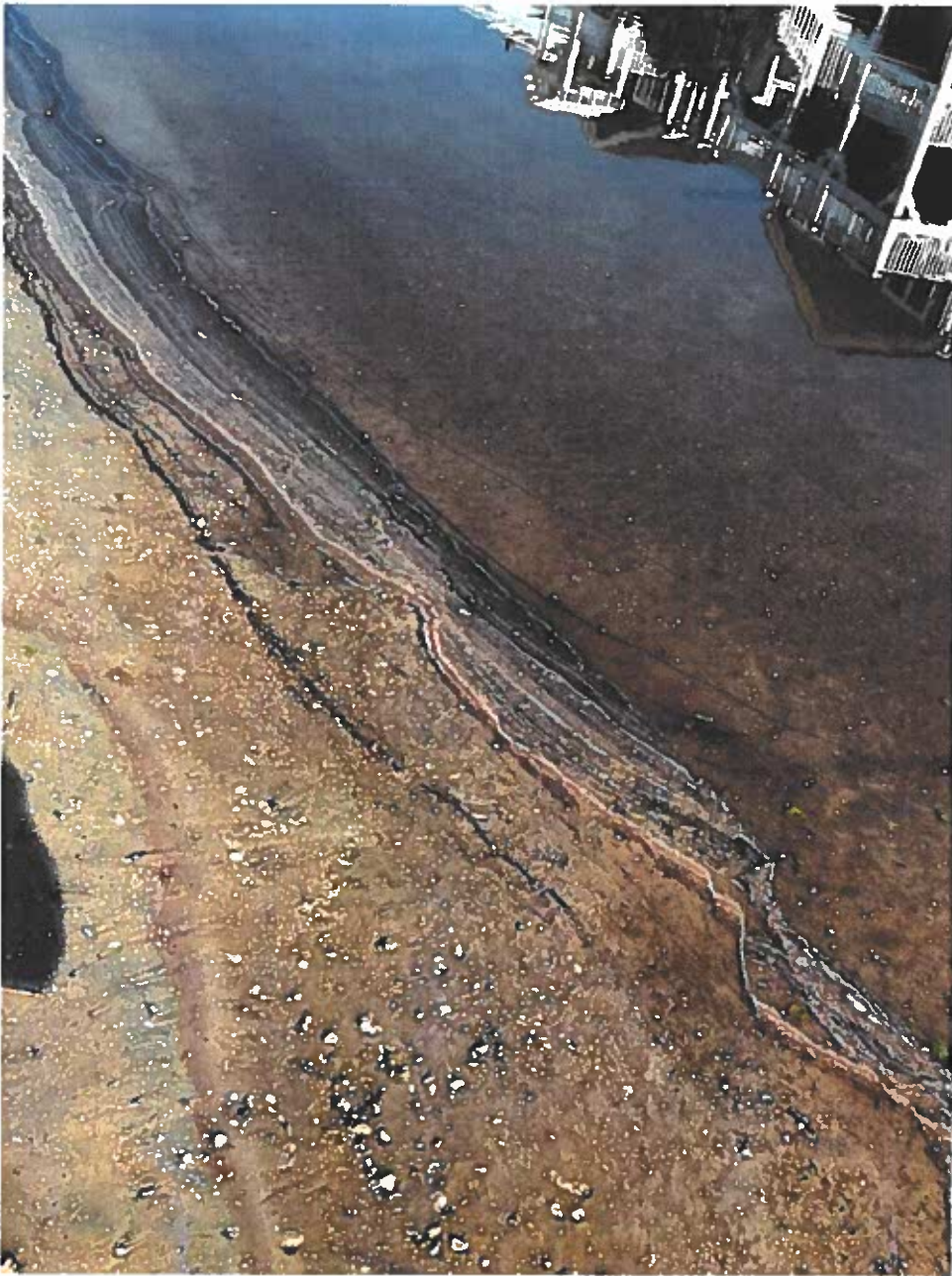
I am a homeowner on Holden Beach and would like to voice my support for the adoption, funding and implementation of the Stormwater plan up for discussion at tomorrow's town meeting. Last week's flooding proved we have a big problem on our hands and I'd like to see the town take action.

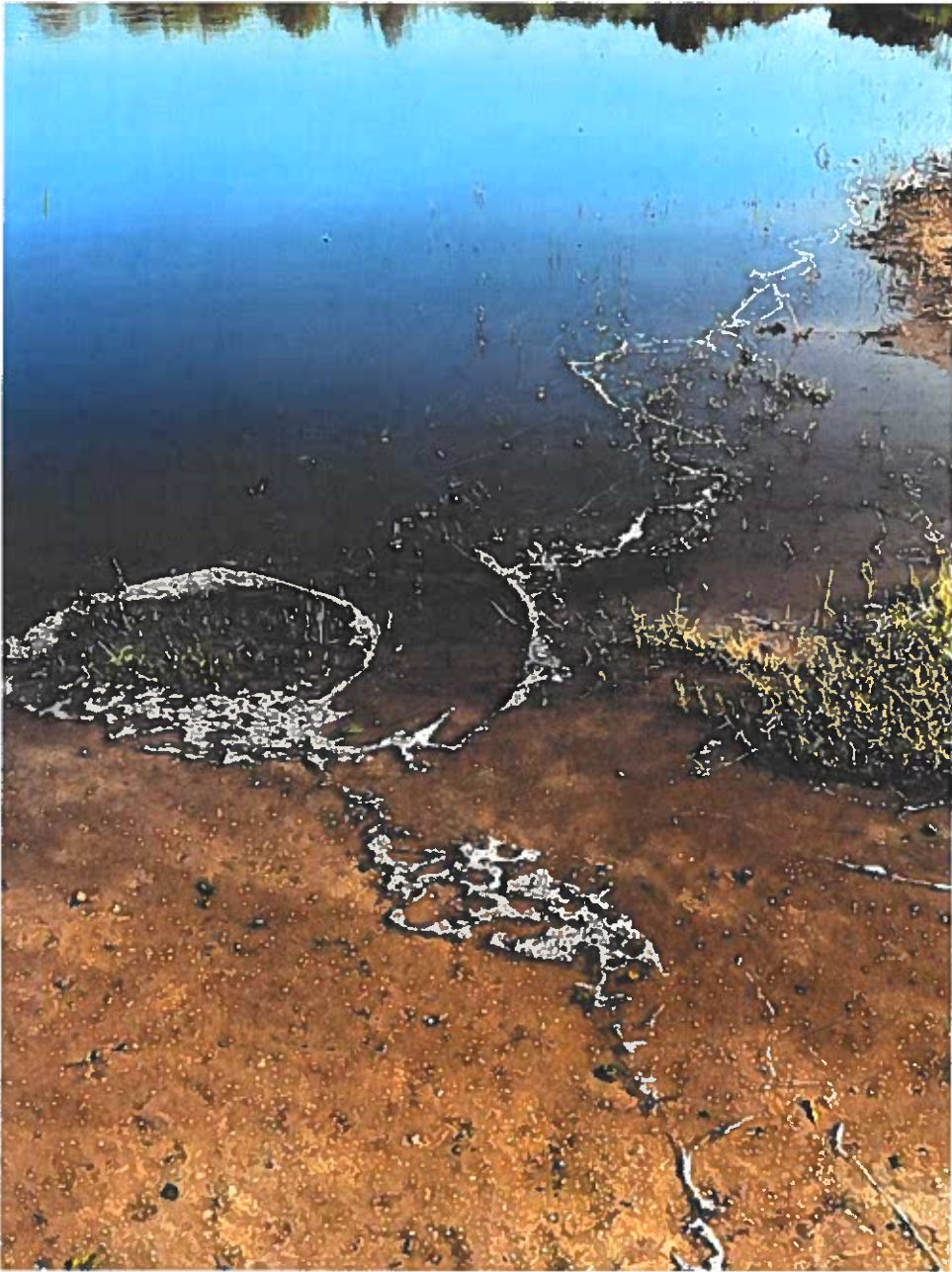
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267 OBE Concurs with response to the progressive flooding issues that our end of the island is experiencing.

Thank you,

Myron Greer



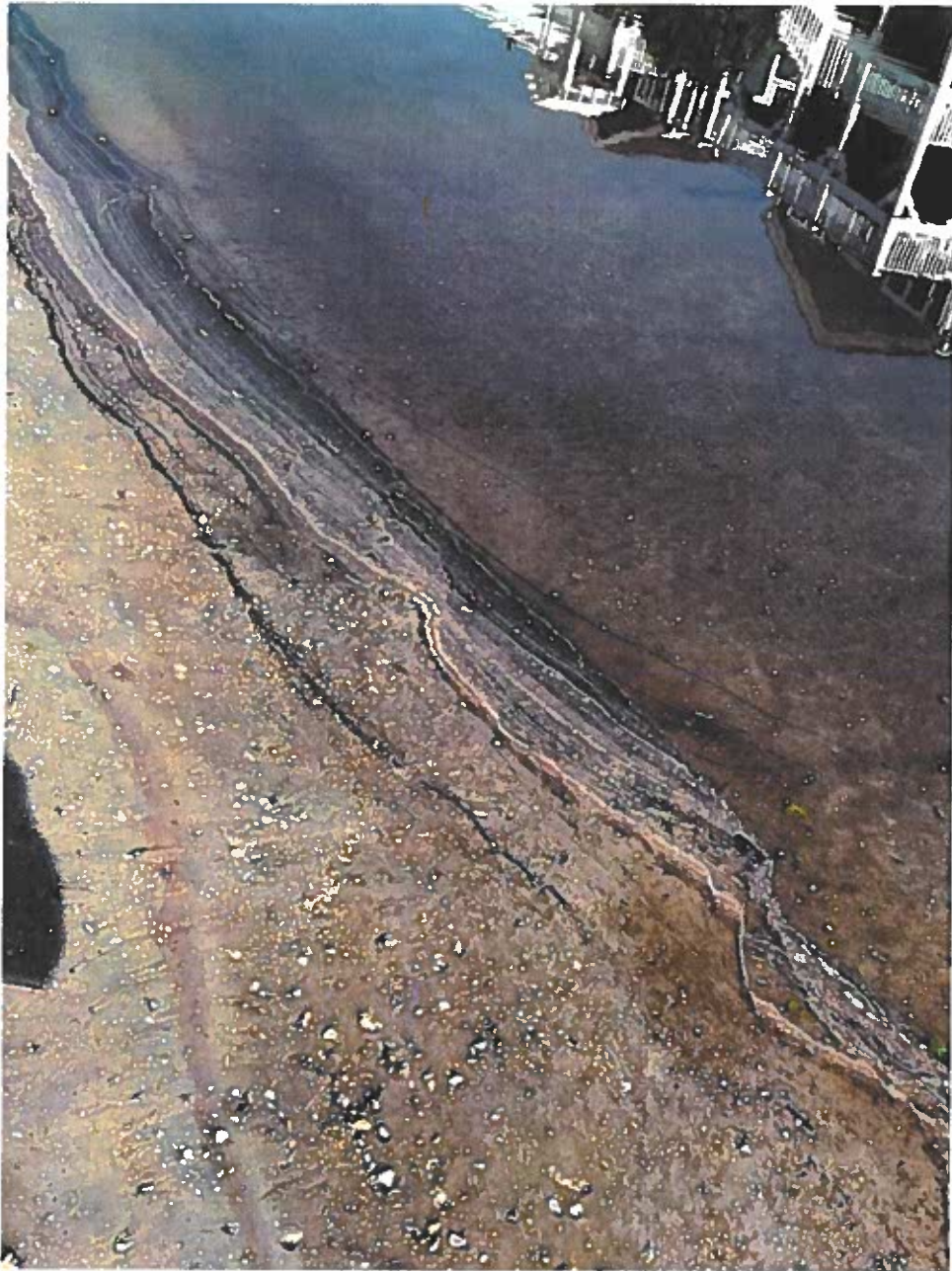
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