

RESOLUTION 24-07
RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STORMWATER MASTER PLAN
FOR
THE TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH

WHEREAS, The Town of Holden Beach North Carolina is an island community situated in southeast Brunswick County surrounded by high quality primary nursery and shellfishing waters; and

WHEREAS, Holden Beach is subject to flooding by stormwater to varying degrees depending on weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Holden Beach has long standing problem areas where flooding is a recurring problem; and

WHEREAS, said flooding has become increasing evident as the Town has developed over the last 55 years; and

WHEREAS, stormwater flooding negatively impacts emergency response, public evacuation and water and sewer continuity of operations; and

WHEREAS, stormwater planning was identified as a Board of Commissioners' objective in FY23/24; and

WHEREAS, a Stormwater Master Plan Report was prepared by McGill Associates; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners identified evaluation of the stormwater study recommendations and the development of an implementation plan including funding as a FY 24/25 organizational goal; and

WHEREAS, said Stormwater Master Plan was presented to the Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting of 18 June 2024; and,

WHEREAS, staff has been engaged with the Army Corps of Engineers and federal legislators to identify potential federal funding streams in addition to alternative funding strategies to develop a Stormwater Management utility; and

WHEREAS, it appears that an opportunity exists for partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers through the federal Environmental Infrastructure (EI) Assistance Program which provides 75% funding of project costs; and

WHEREAS, current available EI funding for North Carolina projects stands at \$13 million; and

WHEREAS, pending federal legislative actions propose to increase funding for North Carolina EI projects to \$50 million; and

WHEREAS, the McGill Report articulates opinion of probable construction costs depending on which solutions are selected and prioritized to be between \$2.1 million and \$5.8 million; and

WHEREAS, participation in the EI program will require execution of Public Partnership Agreement (PPA) with the Corps before federal funding can become available; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a Master Plan is a necessary preliminary step to qualify for participation in the federal EI program and/or to develop alternative funding strategies and alternatives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the June 2024 McGill Stormwater Master Plan Report is hereby adopted for the purpose of planning, programming and budgeting subject to appropriations and project prioritization as may be determined by the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager or his designee is directed to integrate the projects and protocols identified by the Report into the Town's Capital Improvement Plan and to coordinate required efforts to execute actions necessary for Board of Commissioners decisions related thereto.

This the 20th day of August, 2024.

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk