Resolution

Town of Carolina Beach
Town Council

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2362

Support for 2026 RCCP Phase 3 Grant Application

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR PHASE 3 FUNDING THROUGH THE NORTH CAROLINA RESILIENT COASTAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR THE CAROLINA BEACH LAKE RESILIENCE AND NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Carolina Beach recognizes the increasing challenges associated with coastal flooding, extreme precipitation, tidal influences, stormwater management, and other natural hazards that impact public infrastructure, private property, environmental resources, and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), through its Division of Coastal Management, administers the Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) to assist coastal communities in identifying vulnerabilities, developing resilience strategies, and advancing projects that reduce risks from coastal hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carolina Beach has participated in the RCCP planning process, including the completion of a risk and vulnerability assessment and the identification of potential strategies and projects to improve the Town's resilience to coastal hazards; and

WHEREAS, Carolina Beach Lake serves as an important natural, recreational, and stormwater management resource within the Town, and the surrounding area experiences flooding and drainage challenges that warrant further evaluation and the development of long-term resilience strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to pursue Phase 3 funding through the RCCP to advance engineering, feasibility analysis, and project design for improvements to Carolina Beach Lake and its surrounding drainage system, with an emphasis on incorporating nature-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that integrating nature-based solutions with appropriate stormwater management improvements may provide multiple community benefits, including reducing flood risks, improving water quality, enhancing natural habitats, and protecting public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, participation in Phase 3 of the RCCP would provide an opportunity to advance the proposed project toward implementation through professional engineering, environmental evaluation, and the preparation of design documents necessary to pursue future construction funding.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:

Section 1. The Town Council hereby supports the submission of an application to the North Carolina Resilient Coastal Communities Program for Phase 3 funding for the Carolina Beach Lake Resilience and Nature-Based Solutions Project.

Section 2. The Town Council identifies Carolina Beach Lake and its associated drainage area as a priority location for evaluating and designing improvements that incorporate nature-based solutions to address flooding, stormwater management, water quality, and environmental resilience.

Section 3. The Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, or their designee, to prepare, submit, and execute documents necessary for the Phase 3 grant application and to coordinate with the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management and other appropriate agencies regarding the proposed project, subject to applicable Town policies and legal requirements.

Section 4. The Town Council supports evaluating a range of nature-based and complementary stormwater management strategies during the engineering and design process to identify solutions that are technically feasible, environmentally responsible, and beneficial to the community.

ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2026.

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

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Albert L. Barbee, Mayor

Attest: Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk