

The Pleasure Island Sea Turtle Project
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Mr. Lynn Barbee
Mayor, Carolina Beach and
Carolina Beach Town Council
1121 N. Lake Park Blvd.
Carolina Beach, NC 28428

Dear Mr. Barbee and Council:

***Please note new information for Freeman Park Below:**

We are submitting a quote for the monitoring and relocation of the sea turtle nests for the 2023 sea turtle nesting season for Carolina Beach and Freeman Park. We are a 501C non-profit corporation comprised of volunteers. Many volunteers like myself have been involved in nesting activities at Carolina Beach since the volunteer program formed 22 years ago. This is my nineteenth year serving as volunteer coordinator for Carolina Beach, and my eighteenth year as the holder of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission endangered species permit for Carolina Beach (copy attached). We will be operating as a group under my permit. This permit will enable us to conduct activities involving nesting, hatching, and stranded sea turtles anywhere in North Carolina.

Surveying of the beachfront and/or monitoring of nests would begin May 1, 2023 and continue until the end of the hatching season on or before November 30, 2023.

Our fee will be \$6000, which covers our leased 4x4 vehicle that being used for ferrying volunteers to Freeman Park, and moving supplies to support our walking beach patrol. Our fee includes all aspects in the Scope of Work (attached). In addition, the Project requests 30 parking passes for volunteers travelling from outside of Carolina Beach. It is assured that these passes are for turtle work only.

***Any and all nests laid in the *vehicular section* of Freeman Park will be relocated to Carolina Beach for monitoring at the discretion of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. In 2023, we plan to let any nests past the "pinch point" i.e. the *Non-vehicular section* remain on Freeman Park. This is a major change which will require a special team of volunteers to monitor and will require some cooperation from the Town. This will not affect our bid amount. See attached document for plan. ***

We appreciate our relationship with the Town and again look forward to working with you, the town officials, and the citizens of Carolina Beach in the protection of this unique marine animal. We feel that we are an asset to the Town due to the popularity of our Sea Turtles and the educational programs that we provide to tourists and locals alike.

If you have any questions, please give us a call. Thank you for your consideration.

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Cc: Bruce Oakley, Town Manager; Kim Ward, Town Clerk; Debbie Hall, Finance Manager

Dear Mayor Barbee, Councilmen Healy, Benson, Hoffer, and LeCompte

Pleasure Island PAWS is a Non Profit group on Carolina Beach. We are requesting \$2,000.00 in funding to trap/neuter/vaccinate/return feral and free roaming cats in Carolina Beach. Carolina Beach has been a dumping ground for unwanted cats in New Hanover County for years. These cats have become feral and reproduced causing an overpopulation of cats on the island.

We have been working on controlling the feral cat population on the Island since 2001, way before we started Pleasure Island PAWS, and most of the funds came out of our pockets. We have worked in conjunction with Friends of Felines, the local trap/neuter/vaccinate/return program for feral cats. Together we have worked on many problem areas on the island. Since 2001 the feral cat population has reduced greatly, however there is still much more to be done to take control of the feral cat population on the Island.

The funds we are requesting will help us to continue to work on the overpopulation issues on the Island.

The parameters for our mission are as follows:

- Cats must be feral/free roaming or un-owned.
- Cats must have a caregiver to provide food/water and as much shelter as possible.
- We will speak with each person asking for assistance to make sure it is okay to trap on the property.
- Cats will be trapped in a humane trap with a cover over it to keep them quiet and calm.

Cats will be transported to a licensed Veterinarian Hospital, and once there they will be under anesthesia, given a physical and oral exam, and then be spayed/neutered and vaccinated for rabies and distemper. They are then placed in a covered carrier and observed for 24 hours before they are taken back to the area in which they were trapped and released.

With this money we will be able to reduce the number of cat complaints to the town.

We rely solely on donations, and spend as much money as we have available on spay/neuter, medical and food for feral cats that have gone through our program. Our budget varies based on donations, and our average spay/neuter cost per cat is \$35, which includes spay/neuter, rabies vaccine, distemper vaccine and ear tip.

Pleasure Island PAWS Mission Statement since 2011 has been:

Pleasure Island PAWS is a non-profit organization that relies on donations. Our purpose is to provide the following services to Carolina Beach. To assist residents experiencing economic hardship with access to food and medication for dogs and cats. To provide trap-spay/neuter - release program for feral cats. To assist with disaster preparation and relief efforts for dogs and cats. To facilitate the use of low-cost spay/neuter clinics.

We are all volunteers that work out of our homes, and have no paid employees.

Our major sources of funding have been through donations.

Financial Statement enclosed.

Cc: Bruce Oakley - Town Manager
Kim Ward - Town Clerk