

“Northern  
• Dare  
Library”

- Kill Devil
- Hills Library

Manteo  
Library

Hatteras  
Library



Presentation To

**The Dare County Library Board  
on DD Month YYYY**

**PROPOSAL FOR  
A DARE COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCH  
IN LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 3  
TO EXTEND LIBRARY SERVICES  
INTO NORTHERN DARE COUNTY**



# LIBRARY BRANCH DISTRIBUTION\*

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- District 1 (Roanoke Island, Dare County Mainland): Manteo Branch
- District 2 (Nags Head, Colington, Kill Devil Hills): Kill Devil Hills Branch
- District 3 (Kitty Hawk, Southern Shores, Duck): None
- District 4 (Hatteras Island): Hatteras Branch
- District 5 (At large): None

\*By Dare County Legislative District



# DISTRICT 3 ACCESS TO SERVICES

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- **Degraded District 3 physical access to Kill Devil Hills Library Branch**
  - **Traffic congestion and delays on travel arteries (NC 12, NC 158)**
    - Near-capacity Dare and Currituck OBX tourist/visitor density
    - Longer tourism peak/shoulder seasons
    - Distance/Time (north Duck to KDH Branch): 17 miles/1½ hours (in season)
  - **Lack of convenient alternative (public) transportation**
  - **Lengthy and dangerous bicycle/pedestrian access from north of NC 158**
- **Expanding resident population**
  - **County grew by 8.8% over past decade (2020 Census); 1.6% annual growth**
  - **District 3 has more than 19% of Dare County's resident population\***

\* Kitty Hawk: 3,666    Southern Shores: 3,022    Duck: 400    Unincorporated (Martin's Point): ~385 homes



# DISTRICT 3 SURVEY (2019)

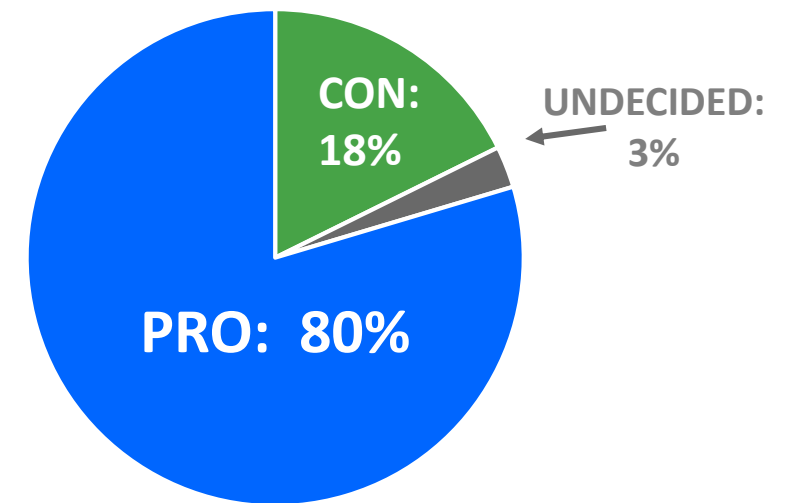
## KEY FINDINGS:

- 91% found a Northern Branch important for essential library services
- 80% support a Northern Branch
- 75% would use library more if a branch were located in Southern Shores
- Most desired services:

- Browse/check out/return books (91%)
- Adult & childrens' programs (82% combined)
- Read news/periodicals (43%)
- Computer access and education

\* Survey was voluntary and available on <https://www.southernshores-nc.gov/exploratory-committee-potential-branch-library/>

## INTEREST IN HAVING LIBRARY BRANCH IN SOUTHERN SHORES



## SURVEY RESPONSES: 403

SOUTHERN SHORES	237	(59%)
DUCK	37	(9%)
KITTY HAWK	51	(13%)
MARTIN'S POINT	21	(5%)
OTHER DARE COUNTY	8	(2%)
HOMEOWNER (NON-RES)	40	(10%)
NON-DARE COUNTY	9	(2%)
(Percentage of total responses)		





# PROPOSED LOCATION

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**Current Dare County-owned facilities in District 3 are inadequate for library branch use**

## **Appropriate commercial space is available**

- **Centrally located in District 3 at 6 Juniper Lane, Southern Shores**
- **2570 sq. ft. part of a TowneBank- owned building**
- **Size comparable to Hatteras Library Branch**
- **Convenient to high traffic shopping and errand locations (MarketPlace/Walmart / Home Depot)**
- **Physical space modification required for library use**
- **TowneBank offering 10-year lease at one dollar per year**



# PROJECTED COST

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- **Lease:** **\$1/year(10 years)**
- **Construction/compliance:** **\$150-200K**
- **Collection/equipment:** **\$150-175K**
- **Annual operating cost: \$150-200K**
- **Potential grants available to reduce County expense**



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# BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

**ENDORSE DISTRICT 3 LIBRARY BRANCH  
PROPOSAL AND SUBMIT TO DARE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH NEXT  
DARE COUNTY LIBRARY BUDGET**