



Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: **Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) Grant Application**

Board Meeting Date: **October 27, 2026**

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Overview: The Town seeks Board approval to engage WithersRavenel for \$5,000 to prepare a new RCCP Phase 4 grant application and update construction cost estimates for the Water Street Drainage Improvements Project ahead of the November 10, 2026, application deadline.

Expanded Overview: The Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) , administered by the Division of Coastal Management (DCM), helps coastal communities identify risks, set resilience goals, and develop projects that address local hazards. Funded by the NC General Assembly and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the program provides financial and technical assistance to support local resilience planning and project development. Eligible applicants include municipal and county governments with North Carolinas 20 coastal counties.

A total of \$2.5 million is available to eligible applicants within the 20-county region. Applications for Phases 3 and 4 are being accepted through November 10, 2026. The Town has already completed Phases 1-3. In fact, the Town received a Phase 3 grant in the amount of \$45,000 in 2022 for the design of the Water Street Drainage Improvements Project. In 2023, the Town submitted a Phase 4 construction grant in the amount of \$441,200, but it was not funded. (See page 19 Managers Project Brief for a more detailed summary)

In the time since the Town applied for funding in 2023, a stormwater master plan was conducted which should provide strong evidence that the Town making progress in identifying areas that can benefit from stormwater drainage improvements.

Withers and Ravenel have submitted a proposal to draft a new RCCP application and update construction cost estimates for a lump sum of \$5,000.

Background Attachment(s): 1. Resolution 2026-R13

2. Water Street Drainage Improvement Engineered Design

3. RCCP Overview

4. WithersRavenel Presentation

5. Proposal (not available, will be provided/uploaded when received)

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Resolution 2026-R13 and the proposal from WithersRavenel in the amount of \$5,000 to finalize all steps necessary to proceed with the RCCP Phase 4 grant application on behalf of the Town of Swansboro.

Action: _____
