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Damaged Signs?

Did Hurricane Matthew damage your sign? If so, please be aware that Horry County has ordinances regulating not only the installation of new signs, but also regulating the maintenance and replacement of existing signs. The purpose of the sign ordinance is to provide fair and comprehensive regulations that will promote highway safety, protect property values, restrict sign overload, provide a pleasing overall environmental setting and allow signs appropriate to the planned character of the individual zoning districts.

The definition of a sign is “ any letters, pictorial representation, symbol, emblem, flag, banner, illuminated or animated device, displayed in any manner

Ordinances Governing Signs

- Article X of the zoning ordinance
- Forestbrook-South Myrtle Beach
- Highway 501 Overlay
- Highway 544 Overlay
- Highway 707 Overlay
- Holmestown Road Overlay
- Little River Overlay
- Socastee Overlay
- South Kings Highway Overlay

whatsoever, which directs attention of persons to such device, and which is located within view of the general public from a public way.”

Horry County permits several types of signs such as wall signs, freestanding signs, subdivision signs, temporary signs and off-premise signs.

All districts are governed by the general sign ordinance found in Article X of the zoning ordinance. In addition to these regulations some districts within overlay zones will find added instructions governing signs. The general ordinance along with any overlay ordinance will regulate the type, the size, the height, the placement, and in some cases even the appearance of a sign. In addition to the above, a sign may also be required to have landscaping installed around it as governed by the landscape buffer and tree preservation ordinance.

The best way to maneuver through the requirements for a sign is to contact the Planning & Zoning Department to inquire as to which regulations for your particular sign will need to be followed. The actual permitting process begins with the submittal of a building permit application, a sign permit application, sign renderings, site plans and in some cases engineered drawings.

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In the event a sign is damaged or destroyed during a storm or accident, please contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 843-915-5340 BEFORE repairing or replacing the sign. Maintenance and or repair regulations vary per area.

Highways & Bikeways

East Coast



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The Grand Strand is experiencing extensive movement in the development and visibility of the East Coast Greenway, which is a 2,900 mile bicycle and pedestrian route that extends from Maine to the Florida Keys. The route connects communities on the Eastern Seaboard to one another and to nature. Such success would not be occurring without the long-term commitment of local jurisdictions and the financial support of the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study Team. Since the development of the East Coast Greenway Master Plan for Horry and Georgetown Counties in 2003, the cities of Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Surfside, and Georgetown, along with Horry and Georgetown counties, have been working towards the development of the spine route through the Grand Strand. Each year, there is a GSATS funded project underway in this region, as they dedicate 80 percent of their Transportation Alternatives Funds to the build out of the East Coast Greenway.

Currently, there are three projects underway in unincorporated Horry County, including:

- The installation of wayfinding signage along the entire current route of the ECG;
- The completion of the greenway design for Waccamaw Drive in Garden City; and
- The commencement of the greenway design for Frontage Road B-2 and River Oaks Drive in Carolina Forest.

Did you know that the City of Myrtle Beach is the first city to complete the entire length of the East Coast Greenway through its jurisdiction? You can now ride 12 continuous, off-road miles from the Carolina Forest Bike and Run Park trailhead to Myrtle Beach State Park. You can explore the East Coast Greenway by foot or by bike in Horry County. Visit the East Coast Greenway website to plan your next excursion: <http://www.greenway.org/explore/maps>.

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Regional coordination is leading to the success stories in our area. Leigh Kane, Community Development Planner, recently presented at the joint Georgia Planning Association/South Carolina American Planning Association Conference in September on this very topic. She was joined by Kathryn Zerigue with the East Coast Greenway Alliance, Jonathan Sherwood with the Lowcountry Council of Governments, and Jane Love with the Chatham County—Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission. Mrs. Kane served as Co-Chair of the South Carolina East Coast Greenway Steering Committee for the last two years and continues to represent Horry County on this group as their Secretary. This group consists of planners, engineers, cycling organizations, and advocates that are helping to support the completion of the East Coast Greenway through our state. This group also explores ways to increase value in the greenway by tying the route to natural, cultural, and historically significant areas of our state. If you are interested in becoming engaged in this statewide group or supporting the development of the East Coast Greenway in Horry County, please reach out to Leigh Kane for more information— kanel@horrycounty.org or 843-915-7034.

BIKE & RUN PARK TRAILHEAD OPEN

The Bike & Run Park is available for those wishing to park there to explore the East Coast Greenway. For those wishing to ride or run the mountain biking trails at the park, please monitor the facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CarolinaForestBikeandRunPark/>) and Cape Fear SORBA website (<http://blog.capefearsorba.com/>) to find out when you can participate in a volunteer-led clean up of the trails.

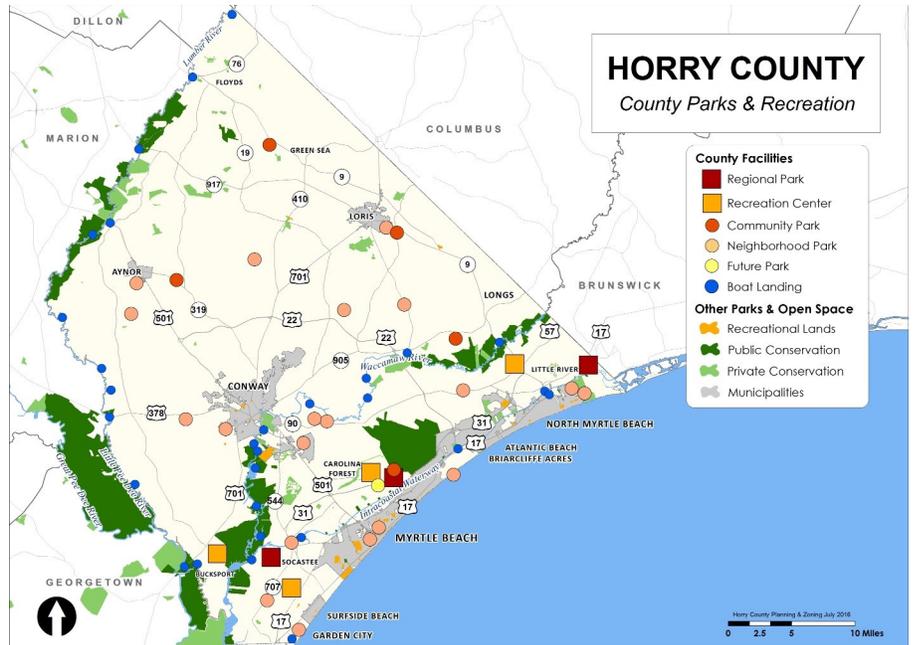
Horry County Parks & Open Space Inventory

The Horry County Parks and Recreation Department was formally established in 1997 to meet the immediate and long-term recreation needs of residents in unincorporated Horry County. At that time, Horry County had few recreational facilities and programs. In 2000, Horry County Council established the Horry County Parks and Open Space Board to support the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department and to conserve open space. The Board is housed within the Planning & Zoning Department and is charged with developing a Parks and Open Space Plan, in addition to serving as a mechanism to accept land and financial donations to support the county’s park and open space network.

In the summer of 2015, the Planning & Zoning Department, with the assistance of the Parks and Recreation Department and an intern, conducted a county-wide inventory and assessment of all county-owned or maintained recreational facilities. The inventory details the amenities available at all county recreation facilities. Because there are so many municipal parks and preserved open conservation lands, this inventory only provides a summary of these facilities to frame how the county’s facilities fit into the greater green infrastructure network.

The inventory revealed that Horry County Parks and Recreation operates more than 30 parks on over 618 acres of land, offering 39 baseball/softball fields, 15 tennis courts, 19 multi-purpose fields, 13 outdoor basketball courts, 26 playgrounds, and 2 disc golf courses. Horry County Parks and Recreation Department also maintains 27 boat landings, while Horry County Public Works and Engineering maintain 22 public beach accesses and an expanding bicycle and pedestrian network. Horry County residents also benefit from all of the recreational amenities available in area municipalities, along area waterways, and within 55,000 acres of protected open space.

The Horry County Parks and Open Space inventory can be found at www.horrycounty.org/boards/ParksandOpenSpace. The Inventory is being used to inform the development of the Horry County Parks and Open Space Plan, which is under development.



INTERESTED IN DONATING TO SUPPORT PARKS & OPEN SPACE?

The Parks and Open Space Board encourages the donation of land and funds to support the implementation of the county’s Parks and Open Space Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and Recreational Needs Assessment. Contact Leigh Kane at 843-915-7034 or kaneL@horrycounty.org for more information.

Handicap Ramps

The Planning & Zoning Department has recently received several variance requests for handicapped access ramps and lifts to be constructed into the required building setbacks. To address the aging population in Horry County, staff recognized that the Zoning Ordinance governing structures projecting into building setbacks required an amendment. This amendment intends to support and encourage safety and mobility modifications necessary to structures that will facilitate aging in place for Horry County residents.

After research, staff recommended that ramps and lifts be allowed into required building setbacks, however there are some limitations that were also included. In order to prevent someone from building a large cumbersome structure to the edge of their property, staff wrote the amendment to the zoning ordinance with the stipulation that handicap structures encroaching into the required setbacks would be allowed provided the landings are no larger than the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for landings. In addition, this is for unenclosed ramps, lifts, and the necessary landings. If the construction design includes a roof element then the entire structure would be required to meet all setbacks. Commercial buildings are also allowed to place handicap ramps, lifts and associated landings into the required setbacks, but only if the building was in existence prior to the adoption of the American with Disabilities Act in 1990. Commercial buildings are also required to meet the same size limitations as set for residential ramps, lifts and structures.



This amendment received Planning Commission approval on August 4th and I & R committee approval on August 23rd. Horry County Council gave the amendment final reading and adoption of the ordinance on October 4th.

Hurricane Matthew Sign Damage

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All applications go to Jennifer Lewis in the Planning & Zoning Department and are reviewed for zoning approval. These can be submitted by email to lewisje@horrycounty.org or by mail at 1301 2nd Avenue, Suite 1D09, Conway, SC 29526, or dropped off at the front counter in the Planning Department located at the above address. Reviews have a 3 to 5 day time frame for permitting once all required documentation is received. After approval, signs can be permitted through the Code Enforcement Department.

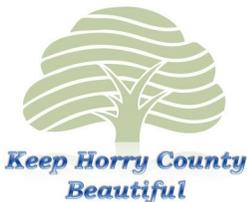


Hurricane Matthew wrecked signs all across the County.



The Horry County Parks and Open Space Board will meet on October 25th at 12:30 p.m. at the Horry County Government and Justice Building in Conway. The Board will be discussing the update to the Horry County Parks and Open Space Plan. The Board will also be considering an appointment to the Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee.

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS!!! There are multiple positions available on the Board, including County Council Districts 1, 3, and 10. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on this board, please contact Leigh Kane for more information at 843-915-7034 or kaneL@HorryCounty.org. For more information on this board, visit <http://www.horrycounty.org/boards/ParksandOpenSpace>.



Keep Horry County Beautiful held a Strategic Planning Meeting in June which resulted in an update to the action plan. In addition, KHCB is making the final purchases approved in the Keep SC Beautiful (KSCB) Grant, as well as the Community Pride Grant. Both of these grants were funded by Palmetto Pride. While the KSCB grant covered supplies, the Community Pride Grant was requested for the design and installation of interpretative signage to be installed with the Environmental Sculptures located in Horry County. All sculptures have been installed, and the signage should be in position by the end of the year.

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the KHCB Committee. If you are interested in serving please contact Nancy Tindall as shown below for details.

The Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of most months at 11:30 a.m. in the Horry County Government and Justice Building in Conway. The next meeting is November 22nd and the public is invited to attend. KHCB is always seeking community cleanup partners. If you would like to adopt a road or park in your community, or for more information, please contact Nancy Tindall at (843)915-7893 or tindalln@horrycounty.org.



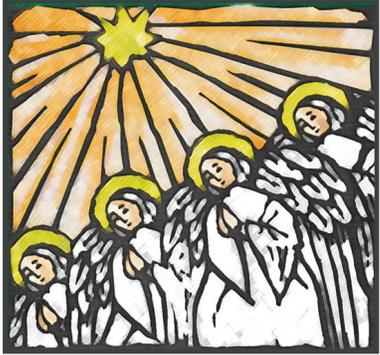
The Horry County Board of Architectural Review

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review (BAR) & Historic Preservation will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday, October 18th, 2016. A triple Legacy Business Recognition Dedication is scheduled for Friday, October 21st. The BAR will recognize the following;

1. WF Cox located at 3959 Main St. in Loris at 10:00 a.m.
2. Wolpert's Department Store located at 4111 Main St. in Loris at 10:30 a.m.
3. Loris Drug Store located at 4125 Main St. in Loris at 11:00 a.m.

For more information about these projects or to contribute to them please contact Mary Catherine Hyman at 843-915-7891 or email at hymannm@horrycounty.org.

2016 Meeting Calendar

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
 <p>4 County Council; 6:00 PM 13 Planning Commission; 5:30 PM 17 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30 PM 18 County Council; 6:00 PM 18 Board of Architectural Review; 2:30 PM 25 Parks and Open Space Board; 12:30 PM 27 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00 PM</p>	<p>1 County Council; 6:00 PM 3 Planning Commission; 5:30 PM 11 Veteran’s Day — Offices Closed 14 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30 PM 15 County Council; 6:00 PM 15 Board of Architectural Review; 2:30 PM 22 Keep Horry County Beautiful; 11:30 AM 24/25 Thanksgiving—Offices Closed 28 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00 PM</p> 	<p>1 Planning Commission; 5:30 PM 6 County Council; 6:00 PM 12 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30 PM 23 Christmas — Offices Closed 26/27 Christmas — Offices Closed 29 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00 PM</p> 

One last note:

Maybe You’ve Seen These Faces Around Our Office

Desiree Jackson grew up in Murrells Inlet and graduated from Socastee High School in 2004. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Master of Arts in Teaching with a focus in Pre-K thru 12 Music, from Coastal Carolina University. Prior to coming to Planning & Zoning, she worked as the manager of a bowling/movie center in Murrells Inlet. Here at Planning & Zoning, she works as an administrative assistant and issues zoning compliances.

Taylor Smith is also a local girl from Horry County, graduating from Carolina Forest/Early College High School with an Associates in Arts Degree in 2012. She then earned an Associates in Science from HGTC. She worked for various local companies before coming to Horry County as an administrative assistant working with the public at the front counter in our office.

Denice Levi was raised in Winchester, VA. and earned an Associates Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix in 2005. Prior to earning her degree, she successfully owned her own business for 8 years, and worked for local government agencies in Virginia. When her husband retired they moved to Little River and Denice took a position with Planning & Zoning as an Administrative Assistant.

And our most recent hire is Carol Melnick, who has joined our team as a Senior Planner. Carol grew up in Brooklyn, New York and earned a BS and Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark College of Engineering. She recently moved here from Monmouth County, New Jersey, where she was the County’s Traffic Engineer and manager of the Traffic Safety Engineering division. Carol looks forward to contributing her knowledge and experience to the citizens and visitors of Horry County.