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Community Clean-up

On Saturday February 16th approximately one hundred forty five volunteers came together for a substantial clean up in the Socastee Community. The clean up effort was initiated by the Horry County Police Department and included not only officers but the students and faculty of Socastee High School, Socastee residents, and members of Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee (KHCB).

Areas included in the clean up consisted of ten acres of parks, five miles of roadway, one-half mile of trails, three boat landings, and four illegal dumpsites. The litter picked up amounted to eighty 30-gallon trash bags, one hundred and ninety-two 13-gallon bags, one hundred orange trash bags, and three dumpsters.

Socastee is not the only area in Horry County to benefit from spring clean ups. On Saturday April 6th volunteers cleaned five miles of roadway and one illegal dumpsite in and around the City of Loris. Volunteers worked from 8:00am to 12:00 noon and collected 107 bags of litter and filled two dump trucks for a total of 4.5 tons of litter/debris. The event was sponsored by the City of Loris, volunteers included officers from Horry County Police Department, Loris Police Department, Loris Chamber of Commerce, Loris Senior Center, City of Loris employees (Maintenance/Public Works), a City Council Member, and a KHCB member.

In addition to these clean ups, on April 13, the Carolina Forest Civic Association hosted the Spring Cleanup of Carolina Forest. The event began at 9:00am and ended at noon. Eighty six volunteers picked up 131 bags of trash, roadside signs, and other large debris including a car bumper and a plasma TV. Carolina Forest Boulevard and River Oaks Drive were cleaned.

Anyone can get involved and participation is encouraged. Have an area where you live, work or play that needs attention? KHCB can supply bags, gloves, vests, grabbers and arrange for trash pick up. In addition, when a committed group agrees to clean a designated area a minimum of three times a year for two years, KHCB will post a sign with your group's information on it at the site.

For information concerning any future events or how to adopt your own area and receive a sign, contact Nancy Tindall at Horry County Planning and Zoning, (843) 915-5340.

**TAKE PRIDE,
DON'T LITTER!**




KEEP HORRY COUNTY BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

We care! **Community Cleanup Organization:** *We care!*
Your Organization Here



Planning staff member Nancy Tindall gives a talk on safety procedures prior to the start of the clean up.



Loris Police provide safety for volunteers cleaning the roadway

Beach Bulletin



Beach Access Enhancements

Garden City, South Carolina – Horry County Council approved the Beach Management Plan (BMP) on February 5th of this year; state approval was received April 10th. Implementation has begun with three beach access sites in Garden City. With recommendations from planning staff and implementation through the engineering staff of Horry County, work has been started at Cedar Ave., Holly Ave., and Pine Ave. access sites. Improvements include the following:

- Removal or repair of wooden walkovers
- Permeable concrete pavers (for the extension of parking areas)
- Resurfacing and re-stripping of the existing asphalt parking areas
- Basic landscaping (palm trees and dune fencing)
- Bike racks
- New beach showers (and water line/meter)



Planning Staff surveyed access points and noted existing problems at each, such as sand filled parking areas and deteriorating walkovers.



The newly extended concrete paver parking areas will provide additional parking spaces for autos at all three locations as well as 2 or 3 new golf cart parking spaces at the Holly and Pine beach access locations. In addition pervious pavers help with stormwater issues.



Redesigned seating areas have been installed.



Racepath Neighborhood Plan



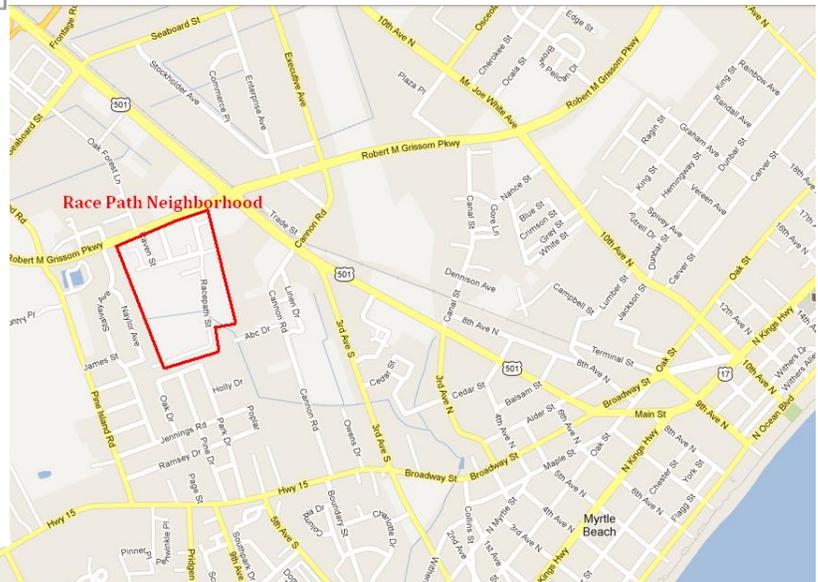
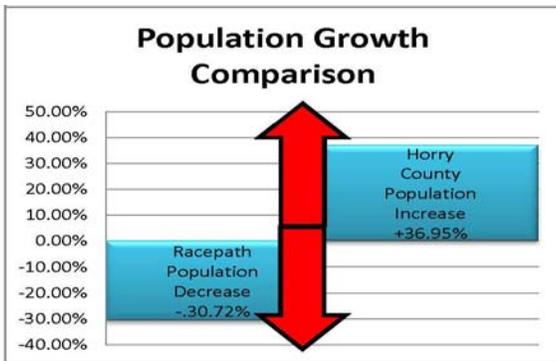
The Horry County Planning and Zoning Department has begun a study and plan for the Racepath Neighborhood in the Myrtle Beach area.

The Racepath Neighborhood Plan addresses these four topics:

- Public Safety;
- Building and Zoning Code Enforcement;
- Housing; and,
- Public Infrastructure.

This neighborhood plan gives the community an opportunity to be involved in addressing issues that have hindered the progress of this area. At past meetings, residents mentioned the following issues they would like to see addressed by this plan:

- Paving of roads with sidewalks;
- Streetlights for safety;
- Better stormwater drainage and sewer connections;
- A new community center and community sign;
- More police presence; and,
- Better housing.



Figures: Location and recent population figures of the Racepath neighborhood.

Community Planning Area 1



Community Planning Area One includes the communities of North Myrtle Beach, Little River, Atlantic Beach, Cherry Grove, Longs, Arcadian Shores and Briarcliffe Acres. It encompasses an area of 123 square miles, and based on the 2010 Census, is home to 43,215 people. The following Horry County Councilmen represent Community Planning Area One: Harold G. Worley (District 1), Brent Schulz (District 2), W. Paul Prince (District 9), and Jody Prince (District 10).

The interchange at 17 and 22 is going through significant renovation. A new boat landing is under construction on the northwest corner. Encroachment Permits were filed with SCDOT for the beautification project located on the east sides of the interchange. Trees and wildflowers are scheduled to be planted. In addition a sidewalk will be added to connect the existing trails of Arcadian Shore to the sidewalk located along N. Kings Hwy. This sidewalk connects to the East Coast Greenway north of this area.

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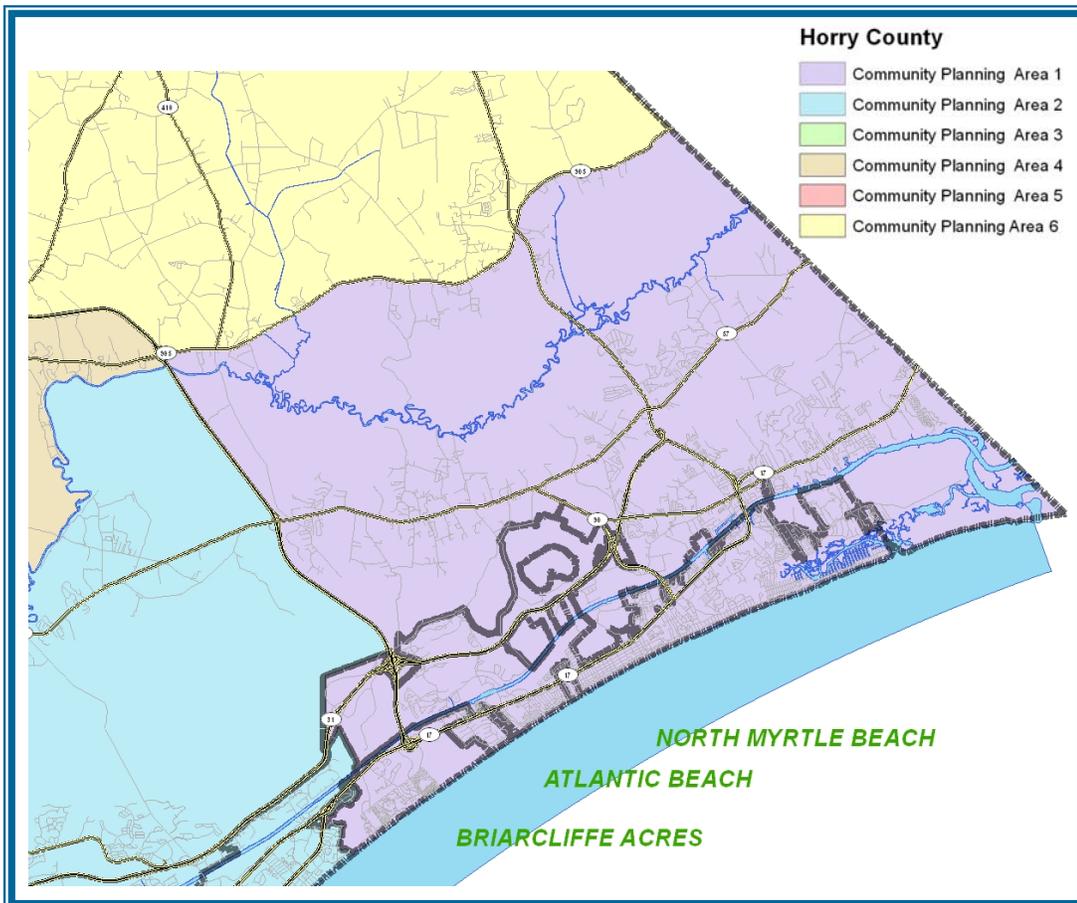
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The **Horry County Parks and Open Space Board** and staff are currently involved in looking for ways to promote the establishment of more bike and pedestrian trailways throughout Horry County, including completion of the East Coast Greenway and compilation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Horry County. For more information, visit <http://www.horrycounty.org/boards/openspace/Board.asp>



In 2012, the **Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee (KHCB)** was involved in a total of 14 Community Cleanup events, collecting 4,055 lbs. of trash. KHCB secured \$11,000 in grants, beautified two areas of the county (Conway, Carolina Forest) and enrolled five groups in the newly created "Community Cleanup Program". For more information either search for "Keep Horry County Beautiful (KHCB) on Facebook or go to: <http://www.horrycounty.org/planning/KHCB/KHCBDefault.pdf>



The Horry County Board of Architectural Review

The **Horry County Board of Architectural Review (BAR)** approved its 5th Renovation Special Tax Assessment case in December for 706 Elm Street, the home formerly owned by Conway Mayor, Greg Martin. This home will be updated and its historic significance maintained. For more details, please visit <http://www.horrycounty.org/planning/BAR/Default.pdf>



Picture:
706 Elm Street, Conway, SC
Source: Google Maps



Horry County Affordable and Workforce Housing Commission

The **Horry County Affordable and Workforce Housing Commission** is drafting a Priority Investment Zone for the Racepath neighborhood. Zoning Ordinance changes for the Racepath neighborhood are also underway. The AHC is coordinating with staff on the Racepath Neighborhood Plan. The AHC continues to track foreclosure data. For more information, please visit <http://www.horrycounty.org/planning/AWHC/Default.pdf>

2013 Meeting Calendar

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
<p>16 County Council; 6:00PM</p> <p>17 Affordable Workforce Housing Commission; 1:00PM</p> <p>23 Keep Horry County Beautiful; 2:30PM</p>	<p>7 County Council; 6:00PM</p> <p>13 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30PM</p> <p>15 Affordable Workforce Housing Commission; 1:00PM</p> <p>21 Board of Architectural Review; 2:30PM</p> <p>21 County Council; 6:00PM</p> <p>27 Memorial Day (Office Closed)</p> <p>28 Keep Horry County Beautiful; 2:30PM</p> <p>30 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00PM</p>	<p>4 County Council; 6:00PM</p> <p>6 Planning Commission; 5:30PM</p> <p>10 Zoning Board of Appeals; 5:30PM</p> <p>18 Board of Architectural Review; 2:30PM</p> <p>18 County Council; 6:00PM</p> <p>19 Affordable Workforce Housing Commission; 1:00PM</p> <p>25 Keep Horry County Beautiful; 2:30PM</p> <p>24 Planning Commission Workshop; 3:00PM</p> <p>27 Planning Commission; 5:30PM</p>
		

One last note:

Horry County Council Passes Amendment Pertaining to HVAC Units and Generators

On January 22, 2013 Horry County Council approved third reading of Ordinance 97-12 pertaining to HVAC units and generators encroaching into side yard and rear yard setbacks. The Amendment of Appendix B, Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, Section 907B states:

In one and two family dwellings, HVAC units and generators may encroach into side yard and rear yard setback areas.

In all other cases HVAC units and generators must meet the setbacks of the Zoning District.

Portable generators on a temporary basis are exempt.

