

## **Draft Goals for the Lake Mattamuskeet Watershed Restoration Plan**

A watershed restoration plan is a voluntary plan that provides the framework to restore an impaired waterbody and provides guidance for future protection of that waterbody. Plans identify goals and actions for the specific watershed. The stakeholder team for the Lake Mattamuskeet Watershed Restoration Plan have worked to draft the following goals and put them out to the public for their review and comment.

### **Draft Goals for the Lake Mattamuskeet Watershed Restoration Plan are:**

Goal 1: Protect the way of life in Hyde County: Maintain existing land uses and industries in the watershed (residential, farming, fishing and tourism) while supporting the lake's natural resources (waterfowl and wildlife).

Goal 2: Reduce flooding: Improve the ability to control lake levels to prevent flooding of residential, business and farm properties as well as to grow more submerged and emergent vegetation as waterfowl habitat in and around the lake.

Goal 3: Restore water quality: Reduce nutrients, sediments and phytoplankton blooms to improve water quality and clarity, promoting the growth of submerged aquatic grasses and removing the lake from the state's impaired water listing.

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