

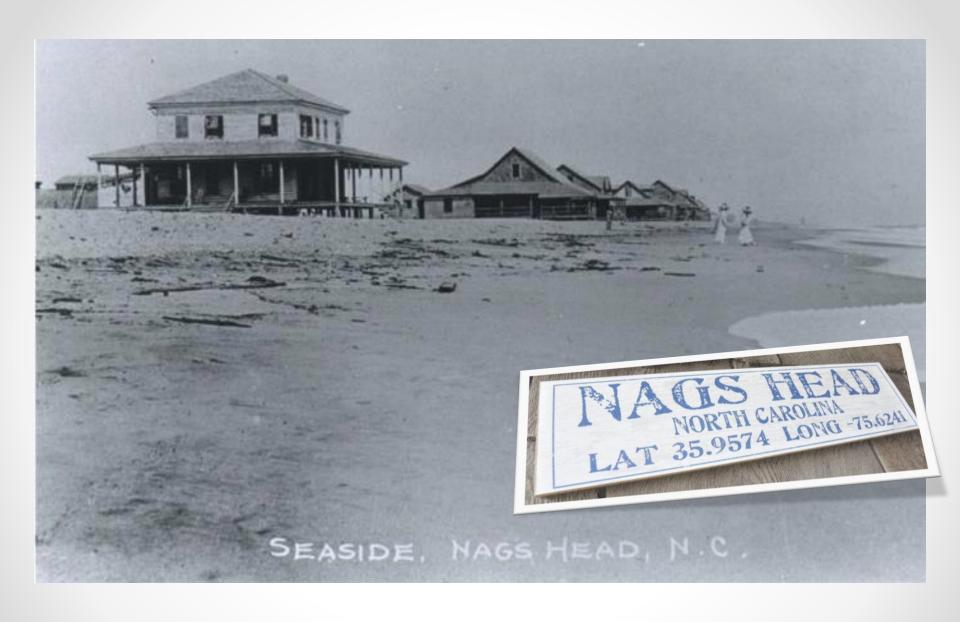


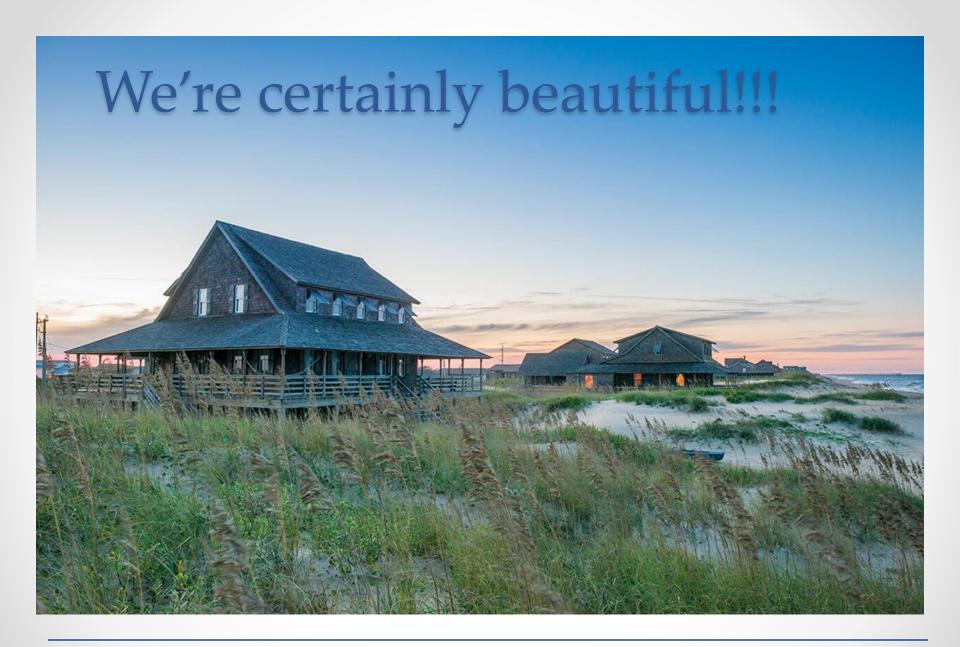
## **Smarter Critical Systems and Built Environment: Infrastructure Solutions**



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# And we're developed...



90% developed

50% of homes 1980 or older





# Rising Waters....





# Septic Health Initiative

85+%

properties utilize onsite wastewater Mid 90's

Committee began meeting on

septic health

2000

**BOC** Adopted Initiative

2005

Decentralized Wastewater

Management Plan

2005-(ongoing) Implementation of plan



# Septic Health Initiative

## Goals-

- Assist property owners with maintaining their systems
- Reduce Need for Central Sewage
- Improve Quality of Surface and Ground Water by Improving performance of Individual septic Systems





# Septic Health Initiative Incentives

- 1. Inspections
  - o Free
- 2. Repairs/Replacement
  - Non-compounding low interest loans
- 3. Pump Outs
  - Water credits
- 4. Education
  - 4. Outreach to community
- The Town of Nags Head wants every property to have a healthy on site sewage system. That's why we're offering property owners:

  FREE ON SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM INSPECTION

  \$30 WATER

  DILL CREDIT

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- 5. Water Quality (monitoring)
  - Monitor water quality throughout the town



# All Types of Systems





# Beautiful, but not perfect!





# Swimming Advisories

Article Name	Article Active	Article Autho
Water quality swimming advisory lifted for oceanside site in Onslow County	11/1/2018	P. Smith
Water quality swimming alert lifted for oceanside site in Carteret County	10/23/2018	P. Smith
Water quality swimming alert lifted for sound-side site in Pamlico County	10/19/2018	P. Smith
Water quality swimming advisories lifted for two ocean-side sites in Carteret Co	10/19/2018	P. Smith
Water quality swimming alert issued for sound-side site in Pamlico County	10/18/2018	P. Smith
<u>Water quality</u> advisories and alerts lifted for five coastal swimming sites; four	10/17/2018	P. Smith
Water quality swimming notifications issued for eight sites in Carteret, Onslow	10/16/2018	P. Smith
Water quality swimming alerts lifted for ocean-side sites in Brunswick County	10/13/2018	P. Smith
<u>Water quality swimming alerts lifted for ocean-side sites in Oak Island</u>	10/11/2018	P. Smith
Water quality swimming alerts issued for three ocean-side sites in Brunswick Cou	10/11/2018	P. Smith
<u>Precautionary swimming advisory lifted for Bald Head Island, alerts issued in Oa</u>	10/10/2018	P. Smith
Water quality swimming advisory lifted for sound-side site in Carteret County	10/9/2018	P. Smith
Precautionary advisory lifted for most swimming sites in coastal waters followin	10/5/2018	E. Bryan- Millush
Swimming advisory lifted for most ocean sites in Brunswick County, alert lifted	10/2/2018	P. Smith
Precautionary advisory lifted for swimming sites on Ocracoke Island	9/29/2018	P. Smith
Precautionary advisory lifted for ocean swimming sites in New Hanover County	9/29/2018	P. Smith
Precautionary advisory lifted for most ocean swimming sites in Carteret, Pender,	9/28/2018	E. Bryan- Millush
Bacteria testing shows swimming sites in Dare, Currituck counties meet	9/24/2018	P. Smith

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## **Current Status**

- Average 200-300 inspections annually
- Average 50-100 pump outs annually
- Approx. Lending- \$230,000(2013current)



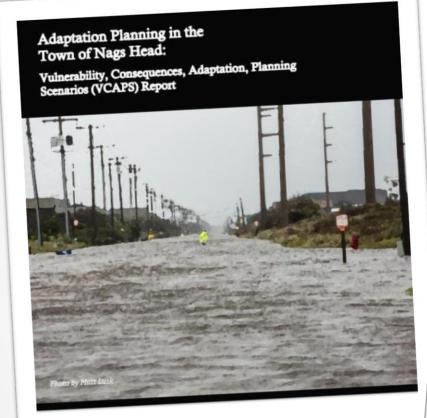


## What have we learned?

- Many systems are over used-increased occupancy
- Average failure rate 22 years
- Tanks need to be pumped more frequently based on use
- More use of water control fixtures
- Septic tank filters work (2002)
- Elevated groundwater for longer periods of time



# Planning



August 2017



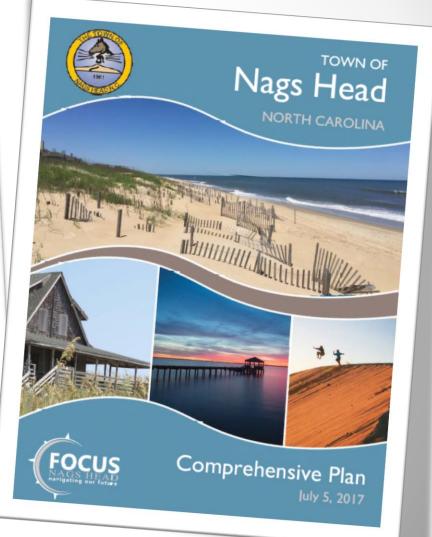
















## **Stormwater Planning Process**

### **Water Quality**

Disconnect upstream runoff from point discharges and use natural systems for treament

## Low Impact Development

Address runoff at the source by way of Low Impact Development applications & policy development

#### **Flood Control**

Employ groundwater lowering to create additional natural storage to mitigate peak flow



Active maintenance program through routine & remedial maintenance

**Funding** 

Cooperative Efforts- Via cost share agreements with state agencies and grant sources





#### **Flood Control**

Minimizing downstream effects of stormwater runoff



### **Reduce Hardscapes**

Through compact design and reduced impervious surfaces



### **Water Quality**

Reducing pollutants loads on our waterbodies



### **Functional**

Sustainable stormwater management



### **Natural Landscape**

Encouraging vegetation preservation



### **Cost-Effective**

Flexibility with availability of low-cost practices



### **Preserve Open Space**

Maintain valuable features and function via conservation



### **Character**

Distinctive and attractive community landscapes

# Groundwater Lowering









## Questions



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