



Town of Duck 2022 Vision

In 2022, the Town of Duck, North Carolina, is a thriving coastal community. We respect and value our delicate, yet dynamic barrier island environment -- clean waters and beaches, maritime forests, wetlands, and dunescapes. Residents and visitors alike are drawn to neighborhoods that reflect our small town atmosphere. Our village is a source of pride, offering diverse experiences by way of a cohesive and eclectic mix of independent businesses, shops, and restaurants. At the hub of our community is the Town Hall and Park, where we interact, share ideas, and build connections. Duck's vitality, founded on grassroots engagement, encourages meaningful participation from all of its stakeholders. Long-term financial stability, sustainable services, measured growth and a focus on quality of life distinguish Duck as an attractive destination for everyone.

Duck is a community that expresses its beliefs in certain unifying principles:

Duck and Our Village

Surrounded by our residential neighborhoods, Duck Village is the heart of Duck. Our collection of small shops, restaurants, offices, parks and boardwalks combine to shape the Duck experience. The development of the Village has a coastal residential style and scale and its continuity creates an energetic and walkable experience. Our quality of life is enhanced through innovative solutions that protect and preserve the Village's unique character and environment.

Enhanced Movability

Duck is a pedestrian first community that is safe and easy to navigate by walking and cycling. Our multi-use trail, soundside boardwalk and beach trail provide a variety of ways to explore and discover Duck. Collaboration with various organizations enables us to optimize our traffic flow in our unique seasonal environment.

Environmental Stewardship

There is a conscious respect for Duck's fragile and extraordinary environment. We protect and preserve opportunities for our residents and visitors to enjoy our ocean, sound, and natural coastal habitats. We value our pristine, safe, uninterrupted beaches, which are our most valuable asset. We promote strategies to increase environmental awareness and sustainability.

Active, Engaged Community

Duck is built on participation. We are an inclusive community that welcomes and embraces the diversity, talents, and expertise of all of our stakeholders. Pride and ownership is felt by all who live, work, and visit here. People feel connected by a shared motivation to preserve the unique nature of this special place.

Vibrant, Thriving Business Community

The business community plays an important role in creating the Duck experience. A high level of collaboration and coordination ensures that we have a vibrant village where each and every individual can enjoy the arts, nature, music, shopping, and dining unique to Duck.

Responsive and Responsible Leadership

Duck maintains a responsive and responsible government. Council, staff, and the community work together to offer high quality services intended to add value to the entire Town. We have an educated, experienced and motivated staff empowered to execute the Town's objectives. Continuity of leadership preserves our established values and vision.

DUCK TOWN COUNCIL 3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
The Council set 3 to 5 year goals through a consensus process.

Explore and implement a more effective outreach program to the business community

- Convene a meeting to encourage the creation of an independent and active merchants association that will result in their participation in improving the Town
- Partner and support as appropriate

Complete study of comprehensive pedestrian plan and implement solutions that ease congestion and increase safety

Using the Shoreline Erosion and Management Feasibility Study, finalize and implement a comprehensive beach management plan to preserve our greatest asset

Maintain the amenities of the Town to their current standard and make improvements where necessary and/or appropriate

Develop and implement a 5 year financial plan to optimize our resources

- Address human resources, infrastructure, fund balance, revenues, and future circumstances
- Develop a fiscal plan that sets a tax rate designed to reasonably fund projects and services and reflects the desire for flat/slow tax growth
- Work to get the most value for our tax dollars and communicate these decisions to all stakeholders

Complete southern extension of soundside boardwalk as approved and analyze feasibility of a northern extension

Continue to implement strategies designed to engage the stakeholders of the Town

- Foster community participation with ongoing events
- Maintain high level of communication and inclusion
- Solicit feedback on specific topics; consider whether regular survey would be useful

Design and construct a living shoreline erosion project to protect the park

Develop a long term plan for the renovation or reconstruction of the public safety building

Continue to advocate for traffic improvements including the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge, opposition to the widening of NC12, evaluation and implementation of stormwater improvements, and evaluation of public parking alternatives