

Beaufort Comp Plan and UDO Update

Steering Committee Worksheet

The NC Coastal Resources Commission requires that Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Land Use Plans address the following topics, which begin to form the foundation of the land use plan. In the space provided, please indicate what is most important to you when addressing these issues in Beaufort.

- 1. Significant existing and emerging conditions** – What are the dominant growth-related conditions influencing land use, development, water quality, and the environment in and around the town?

- 2. Public Access** – Issues related to maximizing public access to the beaches and public trust waters of the coastal regions.

- 3. Land Use Compatibility** – Issues related to ensuring that development and use of resources or preservation of land balance protection of natural resources and fragile areas with economic development and avoids risks to public health, safety, and welfare.

- 4. Infrastructure Carrying Capacity** – Issues related to ensuring that public infrastructure systems are sized, located, and managed so the quality and productivity of Areas of Environmental Concern (AECs) and other fragile areas are protected or restored. *(Note: AECs generally equate to sandy beaches, coastal wetlands, estuaries, shoreline, nearshore aquatic habitat, and anywhere the saltwater meets the land.)*

- 6. Natural Hazard Areas** – Issues related to conservation and maintenance of barrier dunes, beaches, floodplains, and other coastal features for their natural storm protection functions and their natural resources giving recognition to public health, safety, and welfare issues.
- 7. Water Quality** – Issues related to maintenance, protection, and (where possible) enhancement of water quality in all coastal wetlands, rivers, streams, and estuaries.
- 8. Local Concerns** – What other *non-CAMA* issues are of particular concern to you and the community? What else should the town be concerned about? What is not covered by the lists above, as it relates to land use, development, growth, facilities, infrastructure, and operations in the town?
- 9. Your Main Concern for this Plan** – From your perspective as a member of the community and the steering committee, and (preferably) within the confines of the abilities of a comprehensive plan, what is the single most important thing that this plan can (or should) accomplish?