**Population Goals and Objectives**

The Town anticipates its population will remain on a very manageable growth pattern for the foreseeable future, gaining only approximately 4 people per year until 2040. As a result, the Town seeks to retain its character as a family oriented community that serves the residents with an exceptional level of resources and services. As such, it has adopted the following goals, policies and implementation strategies:

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| **Population Goal: The Town seeks to maintain the current population growth pattern while improving quality of life among its residents.** |



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| *Population Policy 1: The* Town will promote and foster a sense of community by supporting local community events, festivals, and organizations. | | | |
|  | **Objectives** | **Responsible Parties** | **Timeframe** |
|  | P1.1 Promote a monthly Island Farmers Market. Encouraging more produce vendors to participate. | Planning Commission;  Town Council; Town Staff | Short-term |
|  | P1.2 Promote, support, and assist local organizations in coordinating Holiday Festivals and other community events. | Planning Commission;  Town Council; Town Staff |  |
|  | P1.3 Support continued use and enhancement of the Island Club and its activities and offerings. | Town Council; Town Staff | Short-term |
| *Population Policy 2: The Town will encourage volunteerism for both residents and non-residents.* | | | |
|  | **Objectives** | **Responsible Parties** | **Timeframe** |
|  | P2.1 Promote and encourage beach, park, bridge, causeway, and other natural resource cleanup days. | Planning Commission;  Town Council; Staff | Short-term |
|  | P2.3 Promote the creation of a “Keep Sullivans Island Beautiful” volunteer organization. | Planning Commission; Town Council; Staff | Short-term |
|  | P2.4 Create a volunteer activity calendar on the TOSI website. | Town Staff | Short-term |
| *Population Policy 3: The Town will monitor population and demographic changes.* | | | |
|  | P3.1 Create a population/demographic fact page on the TOSI website. Annually update fact page with latest Census/ACS data. Provide links to other County and Regional data sites for additional information. | Town Staff | Short-term |



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|  | P3.2 Establish an annual survey, led by the Town, of the residential and part-time population on island. | Town Staff | Short-term |

**Housing Goals and Objectives**

The Town strives to retain its character as a single-family oriented community that serves the residents with an exceptional level of resources and services. As such, it has adopted the following goals, policies and implementation strategies:

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| **Housing Goal:** The Town will strive to maintain the low-density character of the community and promote local homeownership. | | | |
|  | **Objectives** | **Responsible Parties** | **Timeframe** |
| *Housing Policy 1: The Town will promote and foster single family development.* | | | |
|  | H1.1 Maintain half-acre lot sizes and other complementary density regulations. | Planning Commission;  Town Council; Town Staff | Ongoing |
|  | H1.2 Regulate short-term, Vacation Rental activity by maintaining regulatory restrictions that address number of tenants, parking, permitted activities, licenses, etc. | Planning Commission;  Town Council; Town Staff | Ongoing |
|  | H1.3 Preserve the diversity of housing styles by encouraging unique design and structure practices. | Town Council; Design Review Board | Ongoing |
|  | H1.4 Establish a task force to review zoning, administrative processes, and historical compatibility on Sullivan’s Island. The goal will be to maintain a sense of place while being respectful of the Island’s traditional mass, height, and scale within each neighborhood. An example of this would be to examine Form Based Codes. | Planning Commission;  Town Council; Town Staff | Complete |
|  | H1.5 Conduct an evaluation of residential design guidelines to ensure consistency with the Island’s open and informal character as it relates to landscape design, fences, site design, and other architectural elements. | Town Council; Town Administration; Planning Commission | In progress |
| *Housing Policy 2: The Town will monitor the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System.* | | | |
|  | H2.1 Monitor changes in federal policy. | Town Staff |  |
|  | H2.2 Monitor and adjust the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as needed while being sensitive to historic structures and surrounding historic districts. | Town Staff | Ongoing |
| *Housing Policy 3: Examine opportunities for Workforce Housing.* | | | |
|  | H3.1 Create a Workforce Housing Committee. | Planning Commission; Town Staff | Short-term |



**Community Facilities Goals and Strategies**

The Town anticipates an increased demand for recreation facilities, maintenance and expansion of existing community facilities. The Town is committed to managing the development and expansion of its infrastructure to serve current and future residents as well as providing a diversity of recreation facilities. It is also committed to providing an exceptional level of safety and security for its residents. As such, the Town has adopted the following goal, policies and strategies:

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| **Community Facilities Goal: Maintain essential Town government facilities and other community assets to meet the future needs of the Island’s citizenry, including Town Hall services, maintenance, recreation, and expansion of public infrastructure*.*** | | | | |
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| **Objectives** | | **Responsible Parties** | **Timeframe** | |
| *Administration- Policy 1: The Town will continue to explore opportunities for expanding community facilities.* | | | | |
| CF1.1 Identify areas for expanding recreational opportunities. | | Town Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | |
| CF1.2 Consider the following when locating and improving community facilities:   * Accessibility to all citizens and visitors * Protecting the character of neighborhoods * Preserve natural resources * Cost effectiveness of improvements (Continue to assess Town-owned property as needed) | | Town Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | |
| CF1.3 Establish and maintain Town entrance signage on Ben Sawyer Boulevard and Jasper Boulevard. | | Town Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | |
| CF1.4 Explore opportunities for public restroom facilities. | | Town Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | |
| *Administration- Policy 2: Maintain a fully staffed, capable and professional workforce with primary objective of keeping citizens as informed and as engaged as possible.* | | | | |
| CF2.1 Continue to provide adequate staff support to all boards, commissions and committees. | Building Department  Town Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | |
| CF2.2 Implement new Town website. Periodically assess new website and mobile application technology to keep citizens as informed as possible. Ensure emergency alerts correspond with the Town’s website and written notices. | Town Administration | Ongoing | | | |
| *Water and Sewer- Policy 3: Maintain and improve the existing water distribution and wastewater collection systems.* | | | | |
| CF3.1 Continue pursuing the various goals of the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Program. The program is periodically reviewed and updated through the oversight of the Council Committee for Water and Sewer. | Water and Sewer Dept.  Town Council (W&S Committee) | Ongoing | | | |
| CF3.2 critical facilities at the wastewater treatment plant have been upgraded for resiliency in 2021. | Water and Sewer Dept.  Town Council (W&S Committee) | Completed December 2021 | | | |
| CF3.3 Continue pursuing repair of wastewater collection system to avoid I&I. Phase I completed 2015, Phase II completed 2020. | Water and Sewer Dept.  Town Council (W&S Committee) | Ongoing Phase II I&I Reduction Project completed Spring 2020 | | | |
| *Water and Sewer- Policy 4: Explore methods to educate citizens on water usage and encourage conservation of water sources.* | | | | |
| CF4.1 The Town should evaluate use of advanced meter reading technologies to enhance consumer access to water usage information. | Water and Sewer Dept.  Town Council (W&S Committee) | Short-term 2022 -2027 CIP | | | |
| CF4.2 Explore rate structures that reflect water infrastructure and foster conservation. | Water and Sewer Dept.  Town Council (W&S Committee) | Short-term | | | |
| CF5.1 Ensure appropriate staffing levels are maintained and that all staff, volunteers and reserve officers are adequately trained. | Police and Fire Dept.  Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| CF5.2 Ensure all equipment and supplies are appropriate and up to date and evaluated on an annual basis. Reconstruction of Fire Station | Police and Fire Dept.  Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| CF5.3 Continue to explore innovative approaches to shared services through intergovernmental mutual aid agreements and pursue service excellence through technological advances. | Police and Fire Dept.  Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| *Maintenance- Policy 6: Continue to support other governmental and private entities providing community facilities.* | | | | |
| CF6.1 Construct a new public works building | Administration  Town Council | Short-term | | | |
| CF7.1 Continue regularly scheduled solid waste collection service to ensure a visually attractive for living environment for residents and visitors. | Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| CF7.2 Continue support for Sullivan’s Island Elementary School. | Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| CF7.3 Continue to support the operation of Poe Library. | Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| CF7.4 Continue to support and keep a U.S. Post Office on Sullivan’s Island | Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| CF7.5 Continue to support projects and initiatives for burying utility powerlines where economically feasible. (SCE&G power lines, cable, etc.) | Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| *Emergency Preparedness and Services- Policy 8: Enhance the existing community-wide emergency reaction training program and communication system.* | | | | |
| CF8.1 Prepare appropriate informational sessions for community residents, providing particular focus on new coastal residents. | Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| CF8.2 Assist vulnerable members of the Island’s populations during emergency situations. Ensure an up to date list is maintained for outreach. | Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |
| CF8.3 Continue to improve community-wide system of notification in case of emergency situations (consider all forms of mobile technology | Administration  Town Council | Ongoing | | | |







**Cultural Resource Goals and Policies**

The cultural resources on Sullivan’s Island are an essential link to the Town’s rich history and family-oriented quality of life. Retention and preservation of these resources enable residents and visitors to understand what makes Sullivan’s Island unique. As such, the Town has adopted the following goals, policies and implementation strategies:

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| **Cultural Resources Goal: The Town will continue to focus its efforts on protecting sites that are significant to the Town’s history, uniqueness and natural beauty.** | | |
| **Objectives** | **Responsible Parties** | **Timeframe** |
| *Cultural Resources Policy 1: The Town will continue to strive to protect historic resources (sites, structures, archeological features).* | | |
| CR1.1 Identify the property owners of important sites and structures and encourage~~d~~ them to place deed restrictions on these properties, thus protecting these sites for future generations. | Town Administration | Short term |
| CR1.2 The Town should continue to encourage the local historical designation of properties and compliance with the *Secretary of Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties: Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstruction of Historic Buildings*. | Design Review Board  Town Administration | Ongoing |
| CR1.3 Continue to support Design Review Board oversight of the historic overlay districts and individual historic structures and, through Town ordinances, protect historic properties on the Island. Continue efforts, where appropriate, for the inclusion of historical properties on the National Register of Historic Sites. | Town Administration; | Ongoing |
| CR1.4 The Town should conduct or facilitate periodic educational opportunities for citizens to benefit from available tax or other incentives in the maintenance of historical properties | Town Administration; | Ongoing |
| CR1.5 The Town should make such efforts using best management practices and within its scope of responsibilities to protect and preserve scenic/historical sites and view corridors such as Breach Inlet, “The Mound,” Cove Inlet, Battery Logan, Station 26 landing, the old dump site at Station 19 and wherever view corridors are available from public rights-of-way. | Town Administration; | Ongoing |
| CR1.6 The Town should continue to support the preservation and historical records of the historic cemeteries on the Island. Island cemeteries should be researched and the grounds should continue to be maintained and protected. | Town Administration; | Ongoing |
| CR1.7 The Town should continue membership of Certified Local Government Program through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). | Town Administration; |  |
| CR1.8 Continue applying zoning standards and SIS guidelines when elevating historic structures and adding additions. | Town Administration; | Ongoing |
| CR1.9 Consider updating historic surveys for all properties not protected by the Historic Preservation Overlay District. Continue evaluating whether these properties embody a distinguishing character, time period and architecture, which could lead to historic designation. | Town Administration;  Design Review Board | Underway |
| CR1.10 Create a program to identify and distinguish historic properties. | Town Administration and Town Council | Underway |
| CR1.11 Create interpretative signage to acknowledge and share information about historically significant sites on the Island. | Town Administration and Town Council | Underway |
| *Cultural Resources Policy 2: Encourage the preservation and restoration of all Island batteries, including Batteries Capron and Butler.* | | |
| CR2.1 Support such groups as Battery Gadsden Cultural Center, Friends of Battery Logan and others in efforts consistent with this goal. |  | Ongoing |
| *Cultural Resources Policy 3: Continue the mutually beneficial and supporting relationships with the United States National Park Service, Fort Moultrie.* | | |
| CR3.1 The Town should work to maintain a strong mutually cooperative bond with Fort Moultrie in support of activities such as Carolina Day and various other events conducted by the Park Administration. | Town Administration | Ongoing |







**Economic Goals and Objectives**

The Town of Sullivan’s Island maintains a quaint business district that provides both visitors and residents a place to congregate and patronize. Likewise, the natural amenities\* such as the beaches and water provide access for those same groups. The local economy depends on both the business district and the natural environment to thrive. As such, the Town has adopted the following goals, policies and implementation strategies:

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| **Economic Goal: Preserve the business district size, scale, and local atmosphere.** | | |
| **Objectives** | **Responsible Parties** | **Timeframe** |
| *Economic Policy 1: Through land use and zoning regulations, monitor existing and future business uses.* | | |
| E1.1 Maintain zoning regulations that preserve the character and do not change the fabric of the district. | Planning Commission;  Town Council; Town Staff | Ongoing |
| E1.2 Review and amend (if needed) commercial design guidelines within the Commercial District. Monitor and regulate design through the Design Review Board (DRB). | Planning Commission;  Town Council; Town Staff; DRB | Ongoing |
| *Economic Policy 2: Revisit the Community Commercial District Master Plan* | | |
| E2.1 Update the Plan when needed. Following the Stith Park Master Plan; make sure they are complementary. | Town Staff | Short-term and long-term |
| E2.2 Re-evaluate parking within the Commercial District. | Town Staff | Ongoing |
| *Economic Policy 3: Monitor the range of economic opportunities within the Town to continuously meet the needs of the local and visiting population.* | | |
| E3.1  Support private and public investment in the local historic, cultural and natural resources as a driver for economic development. | Town Staff | Ongoing |
| E3.2 Review ACS, Census, and business license data annually and monitor changes in home occupations. | Town Staff | Ongoing |
| E3.3 Encourage service-based businesses that provide daily services to residents rather than tourists and visitors. | Town Staff | Ongoing |
| E3.4 Invest in community-wide streetscaping, local art, murals, sidewalk art and other assets to enhance pedestrian activity and the Town’s unique sense of place. | Town Staff | Ongoing |

\*Natural Amenities Goals & Objectives will be located in the Natural Resources Section

**Transportation Goals and Objectives**

The purpose of Sullivan’s Island transportation planning efforts is to ensure a safe, functional and well-maintained network that is consistent with the character of the Island and lifestyles of the population. The network and infrastructure should strive to make it feasible and safe for Town residents and visitors to enjoy various modes of transport, including automobiles, bicycles and walking, as well as to recognize the growing use of golf carts. In addition, as part of a larger metropolitan area, the Town should be an active partner in regional and public transportation discussions and policy making:

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| Transportation Goal: *Ensure the transportation needs of those who live, work and play on Sullivan's Island are met.* | | |
| **Objectives** | **Responsible Parties** | **Timeframe** |
| *Transportation Policy 1: The Town will continue to keep processes in place that ensure Sullivan’s Island receives its fair share of federal, state and county funding to enhance the roadway and pedestrian systems* | | |
| T1.1 Continue exploration of federal, state and local funding opportunities to enhance Sullivan’s Island’s transportation network | Town Administration | Ongoing |
| T1.2 Coordinate with SCDOT and pursue funding through all funding sources, such as the Charleston County Transportation Committee (CTC) or other repaving or maintenance funding sources | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| *Transportation Policy 2: Support and promote community bicycle and pedestrian efforts to promote safety and access for both residents and visitors* | | |
| T2.1 Create a Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee | Town Administration | Ongoing |
| T2.2 Continue to support the needs of the East Coast Greenway Trail System and Battery 2 Beaches. | Town Administration | Ongoing |
| T2.3 Look for ways to improve pedestrian connectivity along Middle Street, especially the South side | Town Administration | Ongoing |
| T2.4 Continue to explore the establishment of new pedestrian connectivity opportunities and cross-walks island-wide. Particularly neighborhoods on the northeastern side crossing Jasper Boulevard and Middle Street to access the beach, parks and SI Elementary School. | Town Administration | Ongoing |
| T2.5 Seek grants and resources to establish safe routes for students attending Sullivan’s Island Elementary School | Town Administration; Town Council |  |
| T2.6 When available, seek funding and opportunities to provide additional handicap parking spaces and improve beach path approaches | Town Administration | Ongoing |
| *Transportation Policy 3: Develop a community-wide education program regarding the rules and regulations for operating golf carts*  *or Low Speed Vehicles (LS*V) *on Town streets.* | | | |
| T3.1 Collect all applicable state and Town regulations regarding the operation of LSVs. | Town Administration | Short-term |
| T3.2 Distribute printed copies of rules and regulations and post these on the Town website | Town Administration | Short-term |
| T3.3 Enforce the rules and regulations regarding golf cart usage | Town Staff; Law Enforcement | Ongoing |
| *Transportation Policy 4: Continue to Improve Roadways on the Island* | | | |
| T4.1 Implement plans, as funding is available, for street tree planting, as well as pursuing a commitment from South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) to place all utility lines underground with decorative, environmentally sensitive lamp posts replacing the streetlights currently on the poles | Town Council; Town Administration | Long-term |
| T4.3 Work with DOT to improve island wide signage and better direction for visitors re. beach access and parking. | Town Administration | Short-term |
| *Transportation Policy 5: Continue participation in all opportunities for public transportation* | | | |
| T5.1 Remain active in CARTA | Town Council | Ongoing |
| *Transportation Policy 6: Address Community Parking Needs* | | | |
| T6.1 Examine parking management solutions for Middle Street for the entire community commercial district | Town Administration | Ongoing |
| T6.2 Restripe parking lines within the Commercial District | Town Administration | Short-Term |
| T6.3 Ensure ADA compliance with all parking facilities on the island | Town Administration | Ongoing |
| T6.4 Revisit parking management plan and streetscaping for commercial district and Middle Street. | Town Council; Town Administration | Mid-Term |







**Land Use Goals and Objectives**

The purpose of Sullivan’s Island land use planning efforts is to ensure that the Town maintains its small-town character and controls the land uses currently present on the Island, as well as maintain future growth. The following objectives and policies are a guiding framework to achieve these ends:

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| **Land Use Goals:** | | |
| **Objectives** | **Responsible Parties** | **Timeframe** |
| *Land Use Policy 1: Preserve the single-family residential character of the Island* | | |
| LU1.1 Keep housing density low through maintaining half-acre lot sizes and other regulations | Town Council; Planning Commission | Ongoing |
| LU1.2 Continue to prohibit multifamily development | Town Council; Planning Commission | Ongoing |
| LU1.3 Continue to restrict the short-term rental market and enforce all policies pertaining to the regulations. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| LU1.4 Consider creation of an “institutional” or “governmental” zoning district to properly separate more intensive uses from residential properties by way of zoning standards. | Town Council; Town Administration; Planning Commission | Completed |
| *Land Use Policy 2: Preserve and maintain the eclectic nature of the Island architecture* | | |
| LU2.1 Continue to implement policies and encourage building options that prevent demolition of structures that contribute to the historic fabric and eclectic sense of place. | Town Council; Town Administration; Design Review Board | Ongoing |
| LU2.2 Encourage training and certification of board members and staff involved with historic review. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| LU2.3 Explore advantages of tax incentives in historic preservation efforts. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| *Land Use Policy 3: Balance the viability of the commercial district with the residential nature of the Island.* | | |
| LU3.1 Consider implementing a process to update the Master Commercial District plan. | Town Council; Town Administration; Planning Commission | Ongoing |
| *Land Use Policy 4: Discourage loss of historic commercial structures not located within the commercial district due to inability to use the structures because of zoning restrictions and maintenance requirements.* | | |
| LU4.1 Investigate methods to allow and encourage adaptive reuse of military era structures island-wide. | Town Council; Town Administration; Planning Commission | Ongoing |
| *Land Use Policy 5: Enhance and increase public and protected open space whenever possible****.*** | | |
| LU5.1 Encourage the transformation of Town-owned property into public protected open space. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| LU5.2 Investigate protection, such as a conservation easement, on the designated conservation recreation space. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| LU5.3 Encourage public use of Town owned properties by establishing passive use corridors and other measures that allow the public to feel safe and enjoy the lands and expansive views from these public properties. | Town Council; Town Administration | Short-term and mid-term |
| LU5.4 Establish a public dock for crabbing and other water related activities within the Conservation and Recreation Land Use areas. | Town Council; Town Administration | Short-term and mid-term |
| *Land Use Policy 6: Address neighborhood and community design concerns regarding sense of place on the Island.* | | |
| LU6.1 Establish a task force that will revise land use regulations by review of the existing Zoning Ordinance to ensure that future construction is respectful of the Island’s traditional mass, height, scale, proportionality to lot size, neighborhood compatibility, and historic resources. | Town Council; Planning Commission | Nearing completion |
| LU6.2 Conduct an evaluation of residential design guidelines to ensure consistency with the Island’s open and informal character as it relates to landscape design, fences, site design, and other architectural elements. | Town Council; Town Administration; Planning Commission | In progress |



Natural Resource Goals and Objectives

As a low-lying barrier island, the Town of Sullivan’s Island faces many benefits and challenges involved with living in such a dynamic ecosystem. This element strives to retain and preserve the Island’s natural resources and also protect the community’s health and quality of life. As such, the Town has adopted the following goal, policies and strategies:

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| Natural Resources Goal: *Retain and preserve all of the Island’s natural resources including open-spaces, dunes and dune vegetation, tree canopy and native wildlife of front and back beaches through best management practices and public services.* | | |
| Objectives | Responsible Parties | Timeframe |
| Natural Resources Policy 1: The Town will ensure local ordinances, administrative policies and plans preserve these natural resources. | | |
| NR1.1: Identify existing public accesses needing constructed walkovers that include appropriate access and parking for handicapped visitors. Pursue funding through gifts and grants to construct and maintain beach accesses. | Town Administration; Town Council | Ongoing |
| NR1.2: Inventory and evaluate each beach access to determine ways to limit damage and mitigate environmental impacts. | Town Administration; Town Council | Completed |
| NR1.7: Create and budget for a maintenance cycle to keep the beach accesses well maintained and useable. | Town Administration; Town Council | Underway |
| NR1.3: Town should install and maintain sufficient and appropriate signs at beach accesses to inform visitors of ordinances that protect natural dunes and beach resources | Town Administration; Town Council | Completed Maintenance ongoing |
| NR1.4: Continue to provide for adequate animal waste, refuse and recycling resources at beach access paths. Encourage citizen volunteer groups and private litter management programs for all public spaces. | Town Administration; Town Council | Ongoing |
| NR1.5: Update and incorporate into the Town’s Beachfront Management Plan a program to stabilize, maintain and enlarge the dunes. Enforce ordinances pertaining to walking or climbing on the dunes. | Town Administration; Town Council | Ongoing |
| NR1.6 Ensure emergency preparedness protocols of Chapter 4 correspond with community resiliency goals and objectives. | Town Council; Administration | Ongoing |
| Objectives | Responsible Parties | Timeframe |
| Natural Resources Policy 2: The Town recognizes the need to protect the areas of the Island vulnerable to flooding and erosion that may jeopardize public infrastructure and private property. | | |
| NR2.1 Identify and pursue funding sources, including but not limited to public and private grants | Town Administration; Town Council | Ongoing |
| NR2.2 Determine if “best practices” to control erosion are being utilized and, if not, seek to have best practices identified and implemented | Planning Commission; Town Council | Short-term |
| NR2.3 Seek methods to mitigate the erosion problems in the Island’s most vulnerable areas. | Town Council | Ongoing |
| NR2.4 Collaborate with SCDOT, Charleston County, and DHEC-OCRM to establish and improve stormwater drainage improvements island-wide and improvements of all marsh outfalls. Where appropriate, use Town staff to facilitate and implement all improvement projects. | Town Council; Town Administration | Underway |
| Natural Resources Policy 3: The Town will identify and implement strategies that create and enhance green spaces and passive parks within the community. | | |
| NR3.1 Complete the Sullivan’s Island Accreted Land Management Plan with the broadest possible community participation and input, as an integral part of the Town’s resiliency plan. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR3.2 Consider other opportunities for “pocket” parks, scenic overlooks and other passive recreational areas. Preserve public access to open-spaces and public lands community-wide. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR3.3 Continue to encourage conservation easements to protect open space on the Island and continue to encourage conservation easement structures as part of the Island’s policy of retreat from beachfront development. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR3.4 Move forward with construction of Phase 2 of the Nature Trail in the maritime forest. | Town Council; Town Administration | Underway |
| Continue planning and seeking grant funding to expand the nature trail to phase 3. | Town Administration | Short term |
| Objectives | Responsible Parties | Timeframe |
| Natural Resources Policy 4: Encourage the use of native vegetation and protection of existing trees on public and private property. | | |
| NR4.1 Maintain existing ordinances to maximize the opportunities for the use of native vegetation. | Tree Commission; Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR4.2 Continue to set an example by planting native plants in public areas. | Planning Commission; Town Council |  |
| NR4.3 Review and update, as required, the existing tree protection ordinance. | Tree Commission; Town Council; Town Administration |  |
| NR4.4 Consider adopting policies and programs to keep the Tree City USA designation | Tree Commission; Town Council; Administration | Ongoing |
| NR4.5 Support and expand the activities and offerings for the Town’s Arbor Day celebration | Tree Commission; Town Council; Administration | Short term and Mid term |
| Natural Resources Policy 5: Continue to recognize that the marshes, beaches and waterways on and adjacent to the Island are critical habitats that require special protection | | |
| NR5.1 Continue supporting efforts to protect these areas, not only for the wildlife habitat that exists there but also for the enjoyment and safety of the residents of the Town. | Town Council | Short-term |
| NR5.2 Continue to participate in the ocean water quality monitoring program | Planning Commission; Town Council | Mid-term |
| NR5.3 Continue to participate in the ocean and marsh water quality monitoring program | Town Council | Short-term |
| NR5.4 Continue partnership with Charleston County to ensure full compliance with NPDES Phase II requirements and take any other steps necessary for timely permitting of stormwater systems. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| Objectives | Responsible Parties | Timeframe |
| NR5.5 Continue to encourage the use of pervious surfaces with all public and private development. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR5.6 Evaluate and maintain zoning regulations that limit the amount of impervious surface coverage for development and protect adjacent properties from surface stormwater runoff. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| Natural Resources Policy 6: The Town recognizes that Sullivan’s Island is a major nesting and hatching site for migratory sea turtles and birds, and thus special protection efforts are required. | | |
| NR6.1 The Town will continue to enforce existing ordinances that will support the protection of seasonal turtle and bird habitats. | Town Council | Short-term |
| NR6.2 Encourage and support community participation to protect turtle and seabird habitats. | Planning Commission; Town Council | Mid-term |
| Natural Resources Policy 7: Monitor silting in the waterways on or adjacent to the Island and determine what if any actions should be taken to preserve the waterways and encourage adequate drainage of the island-wide stormwater system. | | |
| NR7.1 Recognize strategies for maintaining drainage into the marsh and creek waterways while preserving this area as a vital habitat for birds and other marine life. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR7.2 Explore potential grants and other funding options to accomplish regular, reliable, effective dredging of the Intercoastal Waterway, Cove Creek and other waterway areas. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| Objectives | Responsible Parties | Timeframe |
| Natural Resources Policy 9: Sullivan’s Island must be prepared to adapt to the effects of sea level rise (SLR) and king tides. | | |
| NR9.1 Coordinate with the Charleston Resilience Network, DHEC-OCRM, the City of Charleston, Sea Grant Consortium, NOAA, and other public and private organizations to consider policies that encourage resiliency towards the impacts of flooding and high water | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR9.2 Continue participation in FEMA’s Community Rating System (CRS) to reduce flood risk on Sullivan’s Island and decrease flood insurance costs. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR9.3 Develop a comprehensive sea level rise adaptation strategy that explains high water impacts and identifies goals, needs, and strategies to ensure Sullivan’s Island is resilient to flooding and high-water impacts in the future. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR9.4 Ensure the Comprehensive Plan’s SLR adaptation strategies, and any future resilience and SLR adaptation plan, corresponds with all state and county plans. Ensure goals and strategies are updated and tracked to improve eligibility for state and federal grant opportunities. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |
| NR9.5 Complete the Accreted Land Management Plan as an integral part of the Town’s comprehensive SLR and resiliency strategy. | Town Council; Town Administration | Ongoing |















**Resiliency and Sea Level Rise Goals and Policies**

Sullivan’s Island faces many challenges involving localized flooding from king tides and storm events. This section is intended to provide goals, policies and a series of initiatives that are designed to strengthen the Town’s resilience to sea level rise.

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| **Natural Resources Goal: Identify initiatives that will improve the Town’s ability to withstand the effects of sea level rise, resulting in more frequent tidal flooding and other flooding events.** |



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| ***Natural Resources Policy 1*** *Establish stormwater management systems to reduce and adapt to the effects of sea level rise (SLR): storm events, king tides and other regular flooding events. Ensure public safety given flooding potential.* | | | |
|  | **Strategies** | **Responsible Parties** | **Timeframe** |
|  | NR10.1 Coordinate with the Charleston Resilience Network, DHEC-OCRM, the City of Charleston, Sea Grant Consortium, NOAA, SCOR, and other public and private organizations to consider policies that encourage resiliency towards the impacts of flooding and high water | Town Council  Town Administration | Ongoing |
|  | NR10.2 Continue participation in FEMA’s Community Rating System (CRS) to reduce flood risk on Sullivan’s Island and decrease flood insurance costs. | Town Council  Town Administration | Ongoing |
|  | NR10.3 Develop a comprehensive sea level rise adaptation strategy that explains high water impacts and identifies goals, needs, and strategies to ensure Sullivan’s Island is resilient to flooding and high-water impacts in the future. | Town Council  Town Administration | Underway |
|  | NR10.4 Ensure the Comprehensive Plan’s SLR adaptation strategies, and any future resilience and SLR adaptation plan, corresponds with all state and county plans. Ensure goals and strategies are updated and tracked to improve eligibility for state and federal grant opportunities. | Town Council  Town Administration | Ongoing |
|  | NR10.5 Complete the Accreted Land Management Plan as an integral part of the Town’s comprehensive SLR and resiliency strategy. | Town Council  Town Administration | Ongoing |
|  | NR10.6 Develop a comprehensive stormwater master plan to identify problem areas, consider solutions, and create a list of implementable projects to improve the conveyance of stormwater from private properties to the outfalls on the back of the island. | Town Council  Town Administration | Underway |