# CAMA LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM

Overview

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## MISSION

Protect, conserve and manage North Carolina's coastal resources through an integrated program of planning, permitting, education and research.



## Elizabeth City District Office

**NC Department of Environmental Quality** ON COASTAL **CAMA** Elizabeth City District Office **NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE** District Office District Office **District Office** 

- Permitting
  - Field Representative
  - Local Permitting Officer
- Planning
  - District Planner



## Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) of 1974

- Cooperative State-Local Program
  - Local initiative for planning
  - State supportive standard-setting and review
  - Enforcement a concurrent joint responsibility
- Land Use Plans
  - County Plan Required
  - Two-Tier ApproachAECs / Non-AECs



#### **Environmental Overview**

## Areas of Environmental Concern

- Public Trust Areas
- Estuarine Waters
- Coastal Shorelines
- Coastal Wetlands
- Ocean Hazard



#### **Environmental Overview**

## Other Natural Features

- Flood and Natural Hazard Areas
- Watersheds
- Storm Surge Areas
- Freshwater Wetlands
- Soil Characteristics
- Natural Heritage Areas



### Planning Program Overview

## Land Use Planning Rules (15A NCAC 07B .0700 / .0800)

- Land Use Planning Requirements
  - Elements of the Plan
  - Management Topics
- Plan Review and CRC Certification
  - State Review and Comment
  - Public Hearing and Local Adoption
  - Certification of the Plan
- Implementation Reporting



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## Management Topics

- Public Access
- Land Use Compatibility
- Infrastructure Carrying Capacity
- Natural Hazard Areas
- Water Quality



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## Use of the Certified Plan

- Permit Consistency Determinations
  - Case-by-Case Decisions
  - No Variance Process
  - Enforceable Policy
- Administration Options



## Website



