

Pleasure Island Bike Pedestrian Greenway

Public Meeting:

New Hanover County requesting a Public Meeting Regarding the below:

Date:

August 27, 2008 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Carolina Beach Elementary School

Request:

Easement provided by Sunny Point (MOTSU : Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point) to New Hanover County for a Multi-use Path that would extend over most of the fire break (estimated to be 50'-75' wide) that separates the Town of Carolina Beach and the Town of Kure Beach from the Sunny Point property. Basically, we are seeking an easement for a continuous strip of land from Sumter Ave in Carolina Beach, thru the Air Force Recreational Area, to the Fort Fisher Historic State Park (which is just south of Kure Beach).

The Bike Pedestrian Path shall be a paved way (typically 12-foot wide) for pedestrians, cyclists, skaters, and other non-motorized users.

Purpose:

A bike pedestrian public transportation route that will extend from the Northern Tip of our island (at the Snow's cut Boat Access area) to the Southern Tip of our Island at Federal Point (Approximately 9.5 Miles)

Benefits:

- Providing an alternative, more healthy and enjoyable, means of transportation.
- Connecting/linking our significant number of parks: Carolina Beach State Park, Freeman Park, Fort Fisher Historic Site, Fort Fisher Recreation Park, the Aquarium, Wildlife Resources Federal Point boat access and Snow's Cut boat access, Mike Chappell Park and the Joe Eaks Park.
- Providing a safer means for Cyclists (note Dow Road is currently listed as a bike route) and pedestrians including children having a safe routes to schools, parks, beaches and play grounds.
- The Fort Fisher Air Force Recreational Area shall have this amenity to offer to its visitors.
- Making Pleasure Island a greener environment.

As Pleasure Island continues to grow, we need to maintain a safe enjoyment of our island and its resources that both residents and visitors treasure. As a small island with a central industry of tourism, a walking and biking user friendly environment should be synonymous. However our infrastructure reality reflects an entirely different picture.

Our roads, sidewalks and shoulder paths that we do have really become compromised when our tourist season hits full stride. Our discontinuous sections of sidewalk and shoulder paths become dangerous for our children, citizens and visitors alike. The implementation of the Pleasure Island Bike and Pedestrian Greenway will offer our island the means to become bike and pedestrian friendly, allowing all our parks and assets to be linked with a path way system.

The Pleasure Island Bike Pedestrian Greenway can return the quiet and safe enjoyment of our island and further provide a more healthy future for all of our citizens and visitors. Our children could once again enjoy safe routes to schools, parks beaches and play grounds. Families could once again have an alternative to using their cars for errands events and for just safe family fun to bike ride or simply just taking a stroll with one another.