

Line in the Sand

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development has been minimally 30 times the erosion rate or 60 feet landward from the first line of stable natural vegetation. The setback requirement could be more than 60 feet depending on a structure's size and average erosion rates. Setback standards govern placement of new structures on lots and rebuilding more than 50% of existing structures.

Based on setback requirements relative to the Static Vegetation Line, Chris Jones the town's code enforcement officer, has listed 28 nonconforming structures in Pine Knoll Shores, 19 houses and nine condos, with a total tax value of \$249 million. Many of these property owners do not have lots deep enough to rebuild landward. Salter Path and Indian Beach also have a significant number of nonconforming properties.

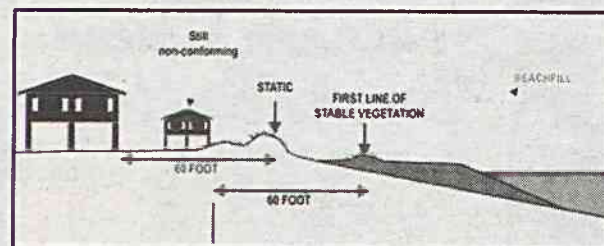
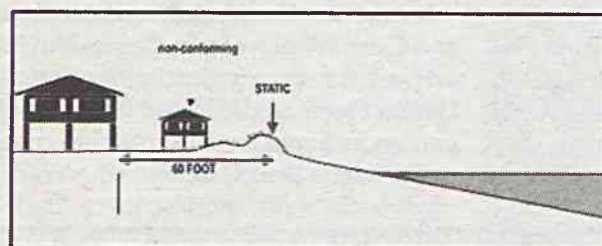
Considering vegetation growth and dune development since beach nourishment, some property owners have wanted rule changes regarding the current Static Vegetation Line. Others feel the new vegetation and new dunes are not substantial and a Static Vegetation Line prevents unwise oceanfront development. The NC Coastal Resource Commission has been conducting public hearings on possible rule changes, which include the definition of stable vegetation, requirements for establishing a Static Vegetation Line, setback factors, and

exemption policies.

This year, Carteret County's Shore Protection Office has been leading an effort to request a declaratory ruling that would nullify the Static Vegetation Line for Pine Knoll Shores, Indian Beach, and Salter Path. The basis for the request is that the beach nourishment project in 2001-02 ended before distributing 50 cubic yards of sand per linear foot, which was required for establishing a static line.

Salter Path residents signed a petition and Indian Beach passed a resolution to request a ruling. Since many nonconforming properties are in Beacon's Reach and some new dune development with vegetation growth is beginning to be noticeable there, Beacon's Reach Master Association supports the request for a declaratory ruling. However, the Pine Knoll Shores Board of Commissioners at its last meeting in June voted 3-2 not to endorse a request for a hearing.

Then on July 21, the Carteret County Commissioners voted unanimously to request a declaratory ruling. The next step is for the county to present its case to the Coastal Resource Commission chairperson, who has to agree to call a hearing. So, the static vegetation line's future in Pine Knoll Shores, Indian Beach, and Salter Path is at this point still uncertain.



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50/cy/ft

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Perpetuity = If non-conforming/unbuildable before static, then forever non-conforming/unbuildable.

Graphic illustrates the impact of the Static Vegetation Line

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supply and wastewater management systems in Brandywine Bay, Spooner's Creek, Fairfield Harbour and Carolina Pines, among others.

When PKS officials decided to take direct control of the town's water system as of this May after purchasing it from Carolina Water in 2005, there was no doubt that Cunningham would come along as part of the package. And that he has, continuing to run the system he knows so well now as an employee of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores.

Julie Anderson

Julie Anderson was not predestined to be the town's new finance officer. It was more a case of being in the right place at the right time and having the right credentials to do the job. Julie was hired last year to serve as the town hall receptionist and deputy town clerk. When a complication in accounting procedures was uncovered a half year ago, Julie found herself pressed into service to help deal with the numbers and get the town's finances back on track.

She brought a lot of experience to the task. A native of Southbridge, Massachusetts, Julie took a degree in business administration with an emphasis on marketing from Nichols College there, working fulltime in the college's finance office for four years in order to complete her college studies at night. After graduation she worked for a manufacturer of personal protection equipment handling marketing, investor relations and mergers and acquisitions, among other things, and followed that up serving with a medical consulting firm in the Biotech Belt outside of Boston involved with development and certification of new inventions in the medical field.

And, to emphasize the fact that she knows how to do things by the numbers, she served as a substitute math teacher in Atlanta before moving to North Carolina last year when her husband, Master

Gunnery Sergeant Cameron Anderson, was transferred to Cherry Point. A close look at Julie's resume, plus her performance in the financial whirlpool that gripped the community in the first few months of the year, left little question that the search for a financial officer was at an end.

Janet Thomas

The timing of Janet Thomas' decision to move back to North Carolina was impeccable as far as PKS was concerned. A certified town clerk with a wealth of experience, she was right down the road in Swansboro when Ronda Lambert stepped down as town clerk in PKS in order to become town administrator in Indian Beach. Mrs. Lambert had served admirably in the PKS post for eleven years.

PKS lost no time engaging the services of Mrs. Thomas, who had served as town clerk in Surf City from 1983 to 2002. Managing municipal affairs is a family affair with Janet and her husband, Patrick, a town manager who has filled that position for a number of North Carolina communities, including Jacksonville and Farmville.

After spending more than five years in Texas, where Mr. Thomas was born, the couple decided to return to North Carolina to be near their children, one in Surf City, the other in Asheville. They made the move last April after Mr. Thomas was retained as Swansboro's new town manager. And so it was that Mrs. Thomas was not far away at all when a new town clerk was needed in PKS.

A native North Carolinian, Mrs. Thomas grew up in Winston-Salem. Her husband also called Burgaw home for a decade while he ran a weekly newspaper there.

The Shoreline plans to publish more comprehensive sketches on Sonny Cunningham, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Thomas in forthcoming issues.

Did you know?

Pine Knoll Shores has been a Tree City USA for eight years. To keep our Tree City beautiful, we strongly suggest planting a new tree when another is removed.

The free pamphlet *Building and Landscaping in Pine Knoll Shores* is

available at town hall. This booklet has good information and contains a listing of trees and shrubs native to the maritime forest.

From the *Community Appearance Commission*.