

REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF “THE MOREHEAD CITY PLAN 2032”, THE TOWN OF MOREHEAD CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes requires municipalities to have an adopted comprehensive plan or land use plan as a condition of adopting and applying zoning regulations. In addition, the Coastal Area Management Act of 1974 (CAMA) requires North Carolina communities in the twenty coastal counties to prepare a land use plan that outlines existing conditions and analyzes planned future actions in sensitive coastal areas in accordance with guidelines set forth by the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission (CRC).

The Town, in coordination with consulting firm Kimley-Horn, has been working on the development of a new comprehensive plan since early 2022. Throughout the process, input has been provided through five steering committee meetings, six focus group discussions, public workshops held during two phases of plan development, and online surveys.

The plan is currently scheduled to be reviewed for preliminary review and recommendation by the Planning Board in January 2023 and preliminary approval by the City Council on February 14, 2023. Following preliminary approval, the next steps towards plan adoption would include completeness and agency review by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management, final adoption through the Town, then certification of the document by the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission.

Notices of the public meeting and public hearing were published in the Carteret News-Times.

This draft plan is available for download at the project website:

<https://engagekh.com/tmcp2032>