

ORIENTAL, NORTH CAROLINA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

SAILING CAPITAL OF NORTH CAROLINA

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PART ONE – THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

SECTION 1: SETTING THE STAGE

A. Overview

Oriental, the *Sailing Capital of North Carolina*, is a friendly and welcoming waterfront community nestled among several creeks and the Neuse River in southeastern Pamlico County. From the beginning, the natural harbor attracted commercial interests and Oriental was incorporated as a town in 1899. In the early decades of the town, key industries were farming, fishing, logging and sawmills. Railroad and steamship services transported goods to markets. After the Second World War railroads to small towns virtually disappeared causing Oriental's economy and population to shrink in vitality and size. Commercial fishing and packing helped fill the void, providing employment for many.

As the last sawmill was closing, boaters cruising the new Intracoastal Waterway along with recreational boaters from central North Carolina "discovered" Oriental. In 1960 only a few sailboats called Oriental home, now there are thousands in the area. Eventually recreational boating joined commercial fishing as an important aspect of economic opportunity.

In the 1970's the farmland on Ragan Road, Link Lane and Lupton Drive was subdivided into single family lots as was the land along Whitaker and Pierce Creeks where marinas and boat yards already existed. Many cruising sailors stopping on their travels ultimately bought or built homes in those areas. Boating, water vistas and small-town charm continue to attract newcomers.

By the end of the last century the local economy broadened beyond sailing and commercial fishing to include motor boating, kayaking, recreational fishing and related businesses. Restaurants, inns, shops and services developed to cater to residents and an increasing stream of visitors. Along with the enhancement of water-related activities, a growing interest in visual and performing arts and the pursuit of wellness activities helped stimulate Oriental's growing niche in tourism.

U.S. census data indicate that there has been little change in population between 2000 and 2010. Oriental's population swells by as much as 2500 people, give or take, on holidays, weekends, and especially during Croaker Festival, Spirit of Christmas, the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival, and New Year's Eve Dragon Run. Since the late 1980's and continuing to this day, the town's boundaries have grown through voluntary annexation of mostly residential areas off White Farm Road. Oriental's identity extends to a variety of surrounding neighborhoods whose residents consider Oriental to be "their town," too.

B. Oriental's Long Range Vision - Background

In 2007, the Town Commissioners appointed a Long Range Planning Committee tasked with creating a vision document that would guide the future development of Oriental. This Committee conducted a workshop in September 2008, which created a 30 question survey that organized public input into four areas.

1. Community Identity, Waterfronts, Appearance, and Lifestyle
2. Economic Opportunity, Development and Sustainability
3. Governance and General Operations
4. Growth and Expansion

Respondents were predominately residents but also included part-time and non-residents. In addition to the survey, the Long Range Planning Committee also hosted a workshop that included business owners and non-profit board members. To complete the Vision Document, committee members reviewed the results of the Oriental Planning Conference of 1988, the Waterfront Feasibility Study of 1996 and the 2007 CAMA Land Use Plan Update. The Vision document was completed and adopted in October 2009, is appendix **XX** and available online at www.TownOfOriental.com.

C. Oriental's Comprehensive Plan - Background

With a valid town vision in place, the Town Commissioners in March 2010, appointed a Long Range Planning Committee II tasked with creating a Comprehensive Plan, a 20-year plan intended to be updated every ten years. This committee consulted all of the Town's standing boards, committees and staff for actions and recommendations. The resulting Comprehensive Plan allows the community to respond to opportunities and threats. The plan directs the efforts of the Town's staff, boards, committees, and volunteers. This document can be amended to meet new challenges or situations. The Town Commissioners have incorporated chapter 1 of the Comprehensive Plan into the Town's General Ordinances, which defines the process for periodic review and amendment.

The community is indebted to the Long Range Planning Committee II members named below for their tireless efforts to create the 2012 Comprehensive Plan.

2012 Long Range Planning Committee II Members:
Candy Bohmert, Former Town Commissioner
Dick Creighton, Planning Board Member
Harvey Hardison, Planning Board Member
Bill Marlowe, Former Planning Board Chairman and Member
Charlie Overcash, Planning Board Chairman and Member
Dee Sage, Former Planning Board Chairman and Member
Mindy Schmitz, Planning Board Member
David White, Planning Board Member

Ten years later, in May 2022, the Town Planning Board began the ten-year update. Between May 2022 and August 2023, the Town Planning Board gathered information for the Plan update. Sources of information included:

1. A Town Boards Open House at Town Hall;
2. A 17-question survey announced in the water bills, and available to town residents, part-time residents, and non-residents both online at TownDock.net and on paper at Town Hall;
3. Ideas expressed by people who spoke at regularly scheduled Planning Board Meetings and Town Board Meetings;
4. Town Boards input on Goals, Recommendations, and Actions;
5. A workshop to integrate the information and finalize the update.

SECTION 2: VISION

A. Community Identity, Waterfronts, Appearance and Lifestyle

The town's appearance and charm come from its proximity to the Neuse River and the many creeks surrounding it. The harbor waterfront, original village and newer neighborhoods off White Farm Road echo the theme of a lifestyle that is safe, friendly and historically reliant on maritime activities.

Oriental Waterfronts

- Maintain and expand the public's access to the water, water views, launching and docking facilities, and public waterways throughout the community.
- Encourage public and private expansions of commercial and recreational maritime activities and services along Oriental's traditional working waterfronts.

Harbor

- Ensure that future development and redevelopment include the public's interest in preserving and expanding access to the harbor's working waterfront.
- Encourage fishing, both commercial and recreational, as important elements of the local economy and traditional reflections of the town's heritage.

Village

- Encourage preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of older, historic, and original buildings.
- Promote development and redevelopment that reflect the traditional "front porch" welcoming character of the village.

Whitaker Creek, Pierce Creek, Dolphin Point and other areas.

- Encourage development that continues a feeling of small town togetherness.

B. Economic Opportunity, Development and Sustainability

Over the years, Oriental's economic capacity has expanded and contracted based on the success or failure of water-oriented businesses. A comprehensive business development strategy that creates an environment for opportunity, growth and support will help to overcome threats, both real and perceived, which face businesses and

entrepreneurs.

Waterfronts

- Encourage and facilitate the continuation and enhancement of working waterfronts such as fish houses, marinas and boat yards.

Business and Commerce

- Engender an atmosphere of welcome and support for entrepreneurs and business owners.
- Assist in the coordination of community resources, activities and services among the town, its businesses, and volunteers.

C. Town Governance and General Operations

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The town's elected governing body is responsible for enacting the town's procedures and ordinances. The paid staff tends to daily operations and enforcement (GS 160A-148). A long range vision will assist these individuals in anticipating the town's needs while honoring its heritage.

Public Works, Public and Private Services

- Provide an environment that is safe and functional with appropriate and necessary services.
- Manage the town's facilities and assets to preserve and protect the local environment.
- Link together community and county assets, resources, activities and services.

Transportation, Traffic Circulation and Parking

- Provide traffic patterns for vehicular and alternative transportation modes that are safe, fluid, and accessible.
- Implement transportation routes and parking facilities that enhance Oriental's visual appeal.

Open Areas, Trails and Pathways

- Develop pathways, trails and corridors that interconnect the town's recreational facilities, parks, commercial areas and residential neighborhoods.
- Expand Oriental's park space and recreational opportunities in established and future neighborhoods.

D. Growth and Expansion

Just as the town has evolved since its inception, changes will come to Oriental. In the long-range vision process the public has spoken clearly that in general they like Oriental the way it is now and hope, regardless of what changes may come, that Oriental will continue as a small waterfront town welcoming a variety of individuals, interests and pursuits.

- Establish the means to guide growth, expansion, redevelopment and development that adheres to the points brought forward by the public and

contained in this long-range vision.

SECTION 3 – VISION: GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS, ACTIONS AND PARTIES RESPONSIBLE

A. Community Identity, Waterfronts, Appearance and Lifestyle – Oriental’s Waterfronts, Harbor, Village and White Farm Area

The town’s appearance and charm come from its proximity to the Neuse River and the many creeks surrounding it. The harbor waterfront, original village and newer neighborhoods off White Farm Road echo the theme of a lifestyle that is safe, friendly and historically reliant on maritime activities.

GOAL #1a: Maintain and expand the public’s access to the water, water views, launching and docking facilities, and public waterways throughout the community.

GOAL #1b: Ensure that future development and redevelopment include the public’s interest in preserving and expanding access to the harbor’s working waterfront.

RECOMMENDATION:

Create a harbor/waterfront plan that includes a visual depiction that will help business owners, developers and town planners to contour waterfront projects to meet the Town’s Vision.

ACTIONS:

1. Inventory present assets and identify potential opportunities.
2. Recognize the importance of and promote waterfront boardwalks within the town of Oriental.
3. Improve and increase short term docking.
4. Maintain legal access at street ends (Church St., west end; Hodges St., west end; Midyette St., south end; end of South Water St. and Water St.; Wall St., east end; King St., east end; South Ave., west end; Street endings along Camp Creek.)
5. Preserve and increase water vistas and water access points.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Planning Board, Manager, and Staff

GOAL #2: Encourage public and private commercial and recreational maritime activities and services along Oriental’s traditional working waterfronts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Establish a public/private partnership to leverage Oriental’s maritime heritage.

ACTION:

Bring together relevant stakeholders to share information.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Planning Board, Manager and Staff.

GOAL #3: Encourage fishing, both commercial and recreational, as important elements of the local economy and traditional reflections of the town's heritage.

RECOMMENDATION:

Promote a balance between commercial and recreational fishing communities.

ACTION:

Promote educational programs that encourage dialogue between commercial and recreational fishing communities.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Manager, Staff, and the Harbor Waterfronts Committee

GOAL #4: Encourage preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of older, historic and original buildings.

RECOMMENDATION:

Remove barriers to those homes being restored.

ACTION:

1. Review GMO regulations and modify to support preservation of older structures and landmarks.
2. Partner with the Oriental Museum and "Friends of Oriental's History" to promote the town's rich history.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Planning Board, and Tourism Board..

GOAL #5: Promote development and redevelopment that reflect the traditional "front porch" welcoming character of the village. Encourage development that continues a feeling of small town togetherness.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Define the characteristics that make Oriental a welcoming community.
2. Define the characteristics that give Oriental a feeling of small town togetherness.

ACTIONS:

1. Regularly solicit community opinion and adjust policies and ordinances to support as recommended.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Planning Board, Manager and Staff.

B. Economic Opportunity, Development and Sustainability - Oriental's Business, Waterfronts and Commerce

Over the years, Oriental's economic capacity has expanded and contracted based on the success or failure of water-oriented businesses. A comprehensive business development strategy that creates an environment for opportunity, growth and support will help to overcome threats, both real and perceived, which face businesses and entrepreneurs.

GOAL #1: Encourage and facilitate the sustainability of maritime activities and promote the environmental responsibility of maritime activities and working waterfronts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Endorse maritime business development.

ACTIONS:

1. Where possible, remove any barriers to maritime business success
2. Include maritime businesses in Town directory online

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Planning Board, Tourism Board, Manager and Staff.

GOAL #2: Engender an atmosphere of welcome and support for entrepreneurs and business owners.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Direct business owners and entrepreneurs to information and resources that will help them begin and sustain operation.
2. Provide an environment that helps businesses and entrepreneurs to begin and sustain operation.

ACTIONS:

1. Provide, in an easy to understand format, information and guidelines for potential business owners.
2. Work with Pamlico County's economic director, PCC Small Business Center, Chamber of Commerce.
3. Help businesses promote "front porch" and "Sailing Capital of NC"

themes by providing incentives such as links from the Town's websites.

4. Examine current regulations and ordinances to determine how they might better facilitate this goal.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Tourism Board, Manager and Staff.

GOAL #3: Assist in the coordination of community resources, activities and services among the town, its businesses, and volunteers.

RECOMMENDATION:

Coordinate community resources, activities and services.

ACTIONS:

1. Advertise and provide information for tourists electronically and in print.
2. Collect and make available information about the town's activities so businesses can be prepared for events.
3. Support public/private partnerships, activities and services among the town, its businesses and volunteers to promote local travel and tourism and to market Oriental.
4. Join countywide tourism efforts to promote Pamlico County in general and Oriental specifically.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Tourism Board, Manager and Town Board.

C. Town Governance and General Operations: Public Works/Public and Private Services, Transportation/Traffic Circulation/Parking, Open Areas/Trails/Pathways

The Town's elected governing body is responsible for enacting the town's procedures and ordinances. The paid staff tends to daily operations and enforcement (GS 160A-148). A long-range vision will assist these individuals in anticipating the town's needs while honoring its heritage.

GOAL #1: Provide an environment that is safe and functional with appropriate and necessary services.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Establish the physical needs to make Oriental safe and functional.
2. Create a plan to enhance town services as the town's needs grow. (i.e. provide quality waste and recycling services and adequate police protection).

ACTIONS:

1. Create the ADA Transition Plan and begin implementation.

2. Provide quality waste and recycling services.
3. Continue to provide an online educational program for the public on the benefits of recycling.
4. Continue to update a preparedness and recovery manual based on findings from previous tropical weather events.
5. Develop a standard operating procedure for all parks and recreational assets.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Waste/Recycling Coordinator, Manager, and Staff.

GOAL #2: Manage the town's facilities and assets to preserve and protect the local environment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Anticipate population change and project future infrastructure needs.
2. Maintain a qualified staff.
3. Plan for future capital improvement needs.

ACTIONS:

1. Keep the water distribution system up to date.
2. Manage and maintain the water treatment plant.
3. Prepare a long range plan for improving water quality,
4. Provide appropriate training of staff to do much of the maintenance and repair of the town's facilities/assets in-house.
5. Regularly update a plan for future capital improvement needs.
6. Research and seek funding opportunities to pay for actions.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Manager and Staff.

GOAL #3: Link together community and county assets, resources, activities and services.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Build positive communication avenues among individuals responsible for town governance, its citizens and business owners.
2. Build positive communication avenues between town and county officials.
3. Build positive relationships between town and county economic development efforts.

ACTIONS:

1. Create procedures that assure public input where appropriate.
2. Participate in quarterly County Leadership meetings.
3. Ensure that the town is represented on committees, boards and

associations that promote Pamlico County economic development.
4. Compare all official plans and resolve inconsistencies.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Manager and Staff.

GOAL #4: Provide traffic patterns for vehicular and alternative transportation modes that are safe, fluid, and accessible.

RECOMMENDATION:

Anticipate and plan for environmentally and physically safe transportation patterns and modes.

ACTIONS:

1. Repair and replace sidewalks as needed.
2. Periodically update the adopted bicycle plan for Oriental.
3. Partner with NCDOT to provide safer alternative transportation spaces.
4. Add bike/walking lanes to streets where practicable.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Planning Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Manager, Police Chief and Staff.

GOAL #5: Implement transportation routes and parking facilities that enhance Oriental's visual appeal. Look for opportunities as they arise.

RECOMMENDATION:

Anticipate and plan for transportation routes and parking needs that reflect increased tourism and a larger residential population in Oriental.

ACTION:

Establish a transportation and parking plan that anticipates increased traffic but also enhances Oriental's visual appeal.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Planning Board, Manager and Staff.

GOAL #6: Expand Oriental's park space and recreational opportunities in established and future neighborhoods.

RECOMMENDATION:

Integrate recreational facilities and increase recreational capacity throughout town.

ACTIONS:

1. Encourage established neighborhoods which currently do not have public recreational areas to consider park/recreational areas.
2. Regularly update a comprehensive recreational plan for Oriental.
3. Consider a youth-oriented park on or near the 800+ block of Midyette Street.
4. Ensure through regulation that park/recreational space is reserved in future developments and annexations.
5. Seek funding options for enhancing park and recreation areas in Oriental.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Planning Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Manager and Staff.

GOAL #7 Aggressively pursue grant and funding opportunities to repair, maintain, and enhance the Town of Oriental.

RECOMMENDATION:

Encourage town staff to apply for grants with the assistance of outside agencies and with other appropriate third parties.

ACTIONS:

Seek grant opportunities and promote partnerships with appropriate partners for grants and other funding sources.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Manager and Staff.

D. Growth and Expansion

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Oriental's future growth and vitality may be affected by potential environmental changes, such as rising water levels and the strength and frequency of large storms. The town's large estuary location makes it extremely vulnerable to storm surge inundation, wave and wind damage. Oriental's vitality comes from its unique position on the lower Neuse and bisected by three of its tributaries. This setting is what makes this town unique compared to most others.

GOAL #1: Establish the means to guide growth, expansion, redevelopment and development that adheres to the points brought forward by the public and contained in this long-range vision.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Revise the Town's regulations and ordinances to reflect the Town's Vision

and Comprehensive Plan.

2. Adhere to appropriate “Smart Growth” principles.

ACTIONS:

1. Seek professional planning assistance and appropriate legal advice when making changes to the town’s regulations and ordinances.
2. Continue review of the Growth Management Ordinance with a view to simplify, add flexibility and clarity.
3. Consider incorporating proven planning “tools” such as overlay districts for sensitive areas (i.e. Harbor, Working Waterfronts, and the Village).

“Smart Growth” Principles:

- Compact building design
- Create range of housing opportunities and choices
- Create walkable neighborhoods
- Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
- Foster distinctive, attractive neighborhoods with a strong sense of place make development decisions predictable, fair, consistent, and cost effective
- Mix land uses
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical
- Provide a variety of transportation choices
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing neighborhoods

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Planning Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Tourism Board, Water Board, Waste/Recycling Coordinator, Manager, Staff and Legal Counsel

GOAL #2: Establish a plan in conjunction with the Harbor Waterfront Advisory Committee to anticipate the effects of environmental changes that may impact the vitality of waterfront areas and their future use and development, and seek ways to mitigate damage.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Promote the lower estuary marine habitats that nearly surround the town and waterfront area.
2. Pursue natural shorelines solutions, environmentally friendly building practices, municipal, commercial and residential clean water standards that provide citizens and visitors a safe place to live, boat, fish and swim.

ACTIONS:

1. Work with REALTORS® to help inform commercial and residential buyers of potential losses caused by storm damage and ways to mitigate them.

PARTIES RESPONSIBLE: Mayor, Commissioners, Planning Board, Harbor Waterfront Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Manager, Staff

PART TWO – CENSUS DATA and CHARTS

SECTION 1: COMMUNITY PROFILE

Numbers documented in Part Two were obtained from the Bureau of Census American Community Survey data (<https://data.census.gov>). Data for 1990 were not available for many categories. A more detailed current profile of Oriental is provided by Onboard Informatics at [city-data.com](http://www.city-data.com/city/oriental-north-carolina.html). The website for Oriental is: <http://www.city-data.com/city/oriental-north-carolina.html>.

A. Population-US Census Data for Oriental and Pamlico County

Population - US Census Data				
	1990	2000	2010	2020
Oriental	804	845	900	1,136
Pamlico County	11,372	12,934	13,144	12,293

B. Age Distribution-US Census Data for Oriental and Pamlico County

Age (Years)/Sex Distribution - US Census Data				
	1990	2000	2010	2020
Oriental				
<19	N/A	100	91	96
20 – 49	N/A	302	158	149
50+	N/A	473	651	891
Total	804	875	900	1136
Sex (M/F)		419/456	446/454	535/601
Pamlico County				
<19	2,983	2,971	2,625	2,177
20 – 49	4,378	5,880	4,320	3,420
50+	3,950	1,868	6,199	6,696
Total	11,311	10,719	13,144	12,293

Sex (M/F)	N/A	6,513/6,421	6,710/6,434	6,248/6,045
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C. Household Size and Type-US Census Data for Oriental and Pamlico County

Household Size and Type - US Census Data				
	1990	2000	2010	2020
Oriental				
Own	N/A	353	370	474
Rent	N/A	87	107	137
Vacation/ Recreation	N/A	136	137	NA
Total		576	614	611
Family	N/A	293	293	387
Non-Famly	N/A	147	184	224
Pamlico County				
Own	N/A	4,256	4,337	4,045
Rent	N/A	922	1,153	1,075
Vacation/ Recreation	N/A	1,603	1,202	
Total		6,781	6,692	5,506
Family	N/A	3,718	3,724	3,534
Non-Famly	N/A	1,460	1,766	1,972

D. Income Level-US Census Data for Oriental and Pamlico County

Household Income - US Census Data				
	1990	2000	2010	2020
Oriental				
<\$34,999	N/A	242	139	225

\$35,000 - \$99,999	N/A	199	192	206
\$100,000+	N/A	41	139	180
Number of Households		432	470	611
Pamlico County				
<\$34,999	N/A	2,647	2,317	2,114
\$35,000 - \$99,999	N/A	2,200	2,549	2,312
\$100,000+	N/A	307	597	1,080
Number of Households		5,154	5,463	5,506

E. Education Level-US Census Data for Oriental and Pamlico County

Education Level - US Census Data (25 yrs and over)				
	1990	2000	2010	2020
Oriental				
< Associate	N/A	82	315	334
Associate	N/A	52	84	148
Bachelor's	N/A	166	258	262
Graduate or Higher		99	157	260
Pamlico County				
< Associate	1,829	7,346	7,207	6,790
Associate	115	617	902	1,053
Bachelor's	72	883	1,044	1,185
Graduate or Higher	19	486	680	967

F. Commuting Time to Work-US Census Data for Oriental and Pamlico County

Commuting Time to Work - US Census Data
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	1990	2000	2010	2020
Oriental				
Vehicle	N/A	200	327	250
Walked	N/A	22	8	7
Other	N/A	10	17	0
Works at Home	N/A	22	34	41
Mean Travel Time	N/A	30.8 min	33.5 min	19.7 min
Pamlico County				
Vehicle	8,626	4,484	782	4,042
Walked	90	154	116	31
Other	145	93	96	79
Works at Home	118	171	144	251
Mean Travel Time	26.1 min	28.9 min	25.7 min	26.1 min

G. Racial Demographics-US Census Data for Oriental and Pamlico County

Racial Demographics - US Census Data				
	1990	2000	2010	2020
Oriental				
White	N/A	794	823	1,084
Black	N/A	64	51	25
Hispanic/Latino	N/A	12	10	11
Other	N/A	5	16	16
Total		875	900	1,136
Pamlico County				

White	8,365	9,464	9,828	9,216
Black	2,946	3,178	2,618	2,061
Hispanic/Latino	61	171	412	243
Other	1,372	121	286	756
Total	12,744	12,934	13,144	12,276

PART THREE – RELATED PLANS AND STUDIES

SECTION 1: Plans Relative to the Physical Development and Social Well-Being of the Community (Individual Plans/Documents are located separately at Town Hall)

- A. CAMA Land Use Plan – created 2004, updated 2007, 2023
- B. Oriental Thoroughfare Plan, August 1988 – NC Dept. Of Transportation
- C. Storm-Water Runoff Study for the Town of Oriental, 1988 and redone by ECCOG 2014
- D. CAMA Plan – original cover included, updated 2023
- E. Long-Range Tree Planting Master Plan, June 1995
- F. Oriental Bicycle Plan, April 2011

SECTION 2: Other Plans and Studies Recommended and Approved by the Town Board

- A. RENA (resilience) study through NCDEQ for recurring flooding
- B. Signed on to Pamlico Flood Mitigation Ordinance and Plan 2021
- C. USDA study of flooding on Hodges Street
- D. Dredging projects
- E. Shoreline restoration/acquisition Whittaker Pointe
- F. ADA transportation/accessibility plan study 2023
- G. Visioning the Future of the Harbor Area, November 4, 2006 – Facilitated by ECC (This is a summary of a survey. The complete report is in a separate binder.)
- H. Coastal Initiative Application, June 1988

I. Oriental Planning Conference, March 1988 (An overview of the Town's assets.)

J. Trees for Oriental – Implementation Guide, June 1995

K. Tree Recommendations for Oriental, NC 1997