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## DUNES AND VEGETATION PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Applications for Dunes & Vegetation Permits must provide the following for permit review:

- Site Plan** - A site plan indicating the existing and proposed locations of the principal and accessory structures on the lot and associated parking areas, septic system, driveways, storm water system, and any and all other structures or impervious surfaces that are intended for location on the property
- Topography** - The site plan shall be transposed on a topographic map of the property
- Natural Area Reserve** - The site plan shall indicate the proposed area to be reserved as natural area on the property
- Fill Areas** - The site plan shall indicate the proposed use of fill on the property
- Compliance with Design Standards** - The site plan shall demonstrate compliance with required design standards in Section 6.4
- Flag Natural Areas** - The applicant shall be required to physically flag the required natural areas on the property.

Following submission of the above items, a site visit with staff shall be conducted. Approval will be authorized if the proposed plans are determined to be compliant.

### WHEN IS A DUNES AND VEGETATION PERMIT REQUIRED?

- All new residential and non-residential development(s)
- Changes in use, expansions, and new buildings for already existing residential, non-residential, or mixed-use developments as per the following:
  - Changes in use to a higher intensity, such as a change from residential to commercial. The requirements shall be applicable to the entire lot;
  - All non-residential expansions of buildings, except the first one hundred (100) square feet of gross leasable area. This requirement shall be applicable only to the expansion area;
  - Expansions exceeding 50 percent of the pre-expansion floor area must bring the entire site into compliance
  - Renovations with a total cost exceeding 50 percent of the appraised value of the building as established by the Carteret County Tax Office.
- EXEMPTIONS:
  - Removal of sand, seashells, or similar small materials in such amounts as may be carried easily upon the person;
  - The normal maintenance of existing non-native landscape plantings upon any lot or parcel including, but not limited to, lawn maintenance; the relocation, removal, and/or replacement of non-native shrubs; and the cutting and/or removal of non-native nuisance vegetation;
  - The removal of trees with a caliper less than three (3) inches at a height of thirty-six (36) inches;
  - The cutting of brush or vegetation with a caliper less than three (3) inches at a height of thirty-six (36) inches above adjacent grade by a registered land surveyor or engineer for the purpose of completing survey work on a parcel of property;
  - The cutting of brush, vegetation and/or trees with a caliper of less than three (3) inches at a height of thirty-six (36) inches above adjacent grade to allow for the evaluation of a parcel for on-site septic wastewater system purposes;
  - The clearing of no more than five hundred (500) square feet of property to allow for the incidental use of an undeveloped property by the owner within any consecutive three-year time period.