

Town of Cape Carteret

FAST FACTS

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Permanent Population:	2,228	NC OSBM estimate - 2021
Population Including Seasonal:	2,455 +/-	
Total # of Housing Units:	1,142	2020 Census data Single family homes = 88%, manufactured homes = 12%
Total Land Area:	1,561 +/- acres, or 2.4 sq. miles	
Vacant Developable Land:	318 +/- acres	
Total # Real Parcels:	1,599 parcels; ~ 369 are undeveloped	
Waterfront Length:	6.0 +/- miles along Bogue Sound and tributaries 1.8 +/- miles along Pettiford Creek	
Total Taxable Value:	~ \$456 million	average parcel value is ~ \$247,000
Total Town Budget, FY 23-24:	~ \$2.10 million	Town continues to carefully control expenditures
Total Capital Project Fund:	~ \$1.29 million	Significant investment in storm water and bicycle paths
General Fund Tax Rate, FY 23-24:	21.00	cents
Total # of Town Employees:	15	Full-time, including 4 General, 7 Police, 3 Public Works, and 1 Planning Fire and EMS provided by separate agency Solid waste provided by private contractor Building inspections provided by Carteret County

* Primarily developed as a single-family residential community; seeking to create opportunities for limited multi-family development in the future in appropriate areas

* Three distinct residential communities - Old Cape Carteret, Bayshore, Star Hill

* Comprehensive Plan identifies area bounded by NC 58, NC 24, Taylor Notion Road, and Ardan Oaks as future "Town Center" area; mixed use with distinct sense of place desired - contingent upon cooperative relationships with impacted land owners

* Privately owned Star Hill Golf Course consists of 235 acres, 27 holes

* Town manages 10 water access facilities, including large membership boat launching facility, kayak launching facility, and 8 other water access points available to Cape Carteret residents only

* Town also offers 4 other park facilities, with limited amenities but plans for future improvement

* 2.4 miles of dedicated asphalt bicycle path along NC 58, NC 24, and Taylor Notion Road; plans to construct additional 1.1 mile in 2023 to complete loop

* Storm water improvements currently underway for Sutton Drive, Ardan Oaks, Bogue Sound Drive, and Neptune Drive; more locations planned

Key Town Values:

- Maintain small-town atmosphere, residential feel
- Maintain low tax rate for property owners
- Achieve high quality standard for Town services
- Priority on community aesthetics
- Responsible, balanced environmental stewardship
- Friendly, civil community
- Well-informed Town citizenry
- Enhanced bicycle and pedestrian connectivity
- Self sufficient community

Current and Recent Major Projects / Initiatives:

- Completion of bicycle path
- Address key problem storm water locations
- Improve aesthetics of NC 24 corridor
- Improve linkages and safety along NC 24
- Park improvements - amenities and land
- Investigation of new Town government facility
- Customer friendly approach to new commercial development
- Simplified Unified Development Ordinance
- Implementation of Town Center concept, with new road, pedestrian, and bicycle connections
- Secure long-term facility for boat launching facility
- New website, other customer service and IT improvements
- Relocation of Police Department to Town Hall building