

Shoreline Stewardship Committee Charter

1. Shoreline Stewardship Committee:

The name of this committee shall be the "Shoreline Stewardship Committee" (SSC). The purpose of the Shoreline Stewardship Committee is to ensure the preservation, conservation, and sustainable management of the coastal areas within the Cape George Colony jurisdiction. The committee shall work towards safeguarding the shoreline environment, promoting responsible coastal development, and mitigating the impact of natural and human-induced threats on coastal ecosystems.

2. Mission:

The mission of the Shoreline Stewardship Committee is to protect, enhance, and restore the ecological integrity of our coastal areas while supporting the socioeconomic interests of local communities. The committee shall strive to strike a balance between environmental conservation, coastal resilience, and sustainable use of coastal resources.

3. Objectives:

a. Identify Vulnerable Areas: The committee will conduct comprehensive assessments to identify and map vulnerable shoreline areas that are at risk of erosion, flooding, or other environmental threats.

b. Implement Conservation Strategies: Develop and implement strategies to conserve and restore the natural habitats, biodiversity, and ecosystem services provided by the shoreline environment.

c. Shoreline Management Planning: Collaborate with relevant members to formulate and execute shoreline management plans that incorporate principles of sustainable coastal development and climate change adaptation.

d. Member Awareness and Education: Promote member awareness and education programs to foster understanding and appreciation for the importance of shoreline stewardship and conservation.

e. Regulation and Compliance: Recommend and support the adoption of policies, regulations, and best practices that ensure responsible coastal development and compliance with environmental protection laws, and keeping permits current.

f. Research and Monitoring: Facilitate and support scientific research and monitoring efforts to assess the health of shoreline ecosystems, understand threats, and evaluate the effectiveness of conservation measures. Monitor, maintain and repair the berm. Perform regularly scheduled on-site inspections and report any concerns and document problems or future issues through the SSC.

4. Membership:

a. Composition: The Shoreline Stewardship Committee shall consist of members of the Cape George Community, representatives from relevant committees, to include those with expertise

and interest in coastal protection. Cape George management and liaison members will be needed to represent and communicate with the board.

b. Appointment: Members will serve voluntarily.

c. Chairperson: The committee shall elect a Chairperson from among its members who will preside over meetings and represent the committee in official communications. The Chairperson is approved by the Cape George Board and will serve for a two year time period beginning after the August Board Meeting.

5. Meetings:

a. Frequency: The committee shall meet regularly, at least once every month, and as needed for urgent matters.

b. Quorum: A minimum of two-thirds of the committee members shall constitute a quorum for conducting official business. Zoom sessions may be utilized when a vote is needed.

c. Decision Making: Decisions shall be made through a democratic process, and the Chairperson shall cast a deciding vote in the event of a tie.

6. Reporting:

The Shoreline Stewardship Committee shall submit periodic reports on its activities, progress, and recommendations to the relevant governing body and members. Pre-Storm notification and Post-Storm report will be provided.

Funding:

The committee shall seek funding from government grants, private donations, sponsorships, and other lawful means to support its operations, research, conservation projects, and member outreach efforts.

8. Amendments:

Amendments to this charter may be proposed by committee members and shall be subject to approval through a majority vote during an official meeting. The amendments will then be submitted to the Board for approval.

9. Dissolution:

The Shoreline Stewardship Committee may be dissolved if deemed necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of its members or if the relevant governing body decides to disband the committee.

10. Adoption:

This charter shall be adopted upon approval by a majority vote of the committee members and Cape George Board. It shall remain in effect until duly amended or dissolved.

Approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees - August 24, 2023.