

NB 452-99 Welcome Center  
Consistency Report

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**STATE OF MARYLAND  
CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION**

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August 20, 1999

Ms. Joanne Hunt  
Administrative Assistant  
Town of North Beach  
P.O. Box 99  
North Beach, MD 20714

**RE: Welcome Center, North Beach  
Critical Area Consistency Report**

Dear Ms. Hunt:

Thank you for providing notification of certification that the referenced project is consistent with the Town of North Beach's Critical Area Program. The purpose of the project is to remove two platforms with portable restrooms that are connected to the existing pier and construct a welcome center for visitors to the Town's public beach.

The new welcome center will be located in an Buffer Exemption Area near the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Bay Avenue where there is extensive development activity, including a pier and boardwalk. Staff have met with the Mayor of North Beach on-site to discuss the project. The Mayor has expressed concern for the safety of visitors to the beach, pier and boardwalk. The welcome center will serve as a post for the Town's beach patrol in order to ensure a safe environment for visitors to the area. The center will also be flood proof and will have modern sanitary facilities that are connected to the Town's sewer. The existing portable restrooms are closer to the water and could be a public health hazard if they overflow or are flooded during storm events. Staff agree with your determination that the project is consistent with the Town's Critical Area Program.

The approval of this consistency report will be filed with the Commission. Please inform us of any changes to the project. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (410) 260-7073.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Batchelder  
Natural Resources Planner

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# The Town of North Beach

P.O. Box 99, 8916 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714

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August 20, 1999

Ms. Tracy Batchelder  
Natural Resources Planner  
Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission  
45 Calvert Street, 2nd Floor  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Welcome Center

Dear Ms. Batchelder:

We have reviewed the plans for the Welcome Center and have determined that the project is consistent with the town's critical area program. The following are highlights of the proposed project:

- There is currently no visitor center or shaded area for visitors to our beach area located at the intersection of Bay Avenue and 5th Street. The proposed Welcome Center will not only provide shade and information to visitors, but will also serve as a command post for our beach patrol and will provide modern bathroom facilities.
- Currently there are two one hundred and eighty square foot plat forms with six porta johns connected to the existing pier. These platforms will be removed and incorporated into the sand beach area.
- The proposed Welcome Center will be constructed on six existing pilings and connected to the existing pier. The center will be twenty two by twenty eight feet (616 sq ft) and constructed of concrete slab. Elevation height for the center will be five feet and will be flood proofed.
- There are no habitat protection areas in the project vicinity.

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