

Table 22. Analysis of Impacts of Pamlico County Policies on Management Topics.

Management Topics	Public Access	Land Use Compatibility	Infrastructure Carrying Capacity	Natural Hazard Areas	Water Quality	Local Concerns
Land Use Policies	Do access policies result in additional river, creek, and sound access? Do policies support appropriate access improvements?	Do policies result in land use and development patterns that protect natural systems? Do policies allow economic development?	Are the land use and development patterns encouraged by the policies consistent with location and capacity of water, sewer, roads, and stormwater facilities?	Do the policies have location, density, and intensity criteria to help new development and redevelopment avoid or withstand hazards?	Do the policies prevent or control non-point source discharges? Do the policies protect open shellfishing waters or help restore conditionally closed shellfishing waters?	Do the policies support county economic development goals? Do the policies protect county’s resource-based industries? Do the policies support county community development goals? Do the policies support local land use goals?
Public access	Beneficial. - Will revise and update Shoreline Access Plan. - Seeks additional access on AIWW in Goose Creek Island and on the Bay River. - Encourages planning for system of small kayak/canoe sites. - Capitalizes on numerous formal and informal access points. - Utilizes publicly owned property. - Provides for financial plan for development. - Encourages marina development with adequate water quality safeguards and ample facilities to protect surrounding properties. - Seeks to protect pristine views through upland marinas and joint development of docks/piers.	Beneficial. Publicly owned access locations will have permanent vegetative buffers on all paved surfaces to protect water quality.	Neutral.	Neutral-Beneficial. Provide for use of property acquired through flood recovery program for access locations where practical, which is a needed and compatible use.	Neutral.	Beneficial. - Policies link additional public access to the county’s tourism goals. - Additional access will facilitate commercial fishing.
Land use compatibility	Neutral.	Beneficial. - Support conservation of coastal wetlands by endorsing CAMA use standards and applying local regulations. - Require identification of high value non-coastal wetlands on site plans and encourages preservation. - Establish permanent 75-foot conservation zone along estuarine shorelines - Classify non-coastal wetlands as Conservation. - Encourage site plans that protect natural systems.	Neutral-Beneficial. Discourage development where soils have septic tank limitations until sewerage system is available.	Neutral.	Beneficial. - Encourage property owners to use erosion prevention methods most effective for protecting wetlands. - Support use standards for estuarine shoreline. - Establish more restrictive conservation zone with 75 feet of mean high water. - Allow only compatible uses in estuarine waters; adopt CAMA use standards. - Encourage preservation of coastal wetlands; support CAMA use standards.	Beneficial. Preserve coastal resources, which are essential for quality of life and local economy.
Infrastructure carrying capacity	Neutral.	Beneficial.	Beneficial. - Encourage land use patterns that protect traffic capacity of NC 55. - Encourage NCDOT to design NC 55 to protect businesses homes in Bayboro. - Request update of 1994 Thoroughfare Plan. - Encourage development densities and land use patterns consistent with water, sewer, and roads. - Discourage development on soils not suited for septic tanks.	Neutral.	Beneficial. - Support stormwater management and soil erosion and sedimentation control for any development > 1 acre soil disturbing activities. - Discourage development on septic tanks where soils are not suitable.	Beneficial. Use water and sewer to guide development to existing communities and to water-oriented retirement and second home communities.

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Areas with natural hazards	Neutral.	Neutral.	Beneficial. County will initiate work with DOT to improve traffic capacity of local road system and to improve evacuation routes.	Beneficial. 1. Require any construction within special flood hazard area to meet requirements of National Flood Insurance Program and local standards. 2. Increase minimum distance between flood level and lowest finished floor elevation. 3. Supports on-going elevation of older structures located in flood hazard areas —focus on keeping neighborhoods intact. 4. Support adoption Hazard Mitigation Plan. 5. Support improvement traffic handling capability of emergency routes. 6. Maintain or improve the county’s CRS rating	Neutral.	Neutral.
Water quality	Neutral.	Beneficial. 1. Safeguard coastal systems — coastal wetlands, estuarine waters, and non -coastal wetlands. 2. Provide more restrictive 75-foot shoreline conservation zone. 3. Maintain low density development patterns and encourage development flexibility to preserve natural systems. 4. Recognize importance of natural systems in local economic development.	Neutral.	Neutral.	Beneficial. 1. Provide 75-foot shoreline conservation zone. 2. Maintains low density development patterns consistent with WQ objectives 3. Encourage development patterns that reduce impervious surfaces. 4. Designate coastal wetlands and non-coastal wetlands as conservation to support role in WQ. 5. Design and operation measures to keep marinas from impacting WQ. 6. Reinforce state’s SE/SC and stormwater management programs. 7. Work with Soil and Water Conservation District to address drainage problems in way that protects water quality	Neutral.
Local concerns Economic development	Beneficial. Link tourism development with public access program.	Beneficial. Encourages use of conservation easements and other tools to preserve important natural systems, such as wetlands, pocosins, and swamps.	Beneficial. Cooperate with BRMSD to make affordable sewer available in priority areas.	Neutral.	Beneficial. Encourage upland marinas to protect scenic values and WQ.	Beneficial. 1. Encourage development of retirement/second home communities as job creation approach. 2. Recruit only compatible businesses and use “certified site” program criteria to ensure development consistent with environmental quality goals. 3. Encourage affordable housing for county’s working families.

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Resource-based industries	Neutral.	Beneficial. Proposed mining operations require EIS.	Beneficial. County considers impacts of service extensions on farming and timber operations.	Neutral.	Neutral.	Beneficial. - Land use patterns that protect farming and timbering. - Considers impact of water and sewer extensions on farming and timbering operations. - Consider use of agricultural districts to help protect farms. - Impact statement for mining operations.
Community development	Neutral.	Neutral.	Neutral.	Neutral.	Beneficial. - Programs to remove abandoned mobile homes and to encourage “junk yard” owners to maintain facilities to minimize environmental impact. - Assist with redevelopment of obsolete and abandoned waterfront uses which may benefit water quality.	Beneficial. - Improve housing stock. - Reduce negative “visual and environmental impact” of abandoned/dilapidated mobile homes and poorly buffered and maintained “junk yards.” - Improve safety by installing “dry” hydrants in new subdivisions.
Land use	Neutral.	Neutral.	Beneficial. Protects capacity of highways and local roads by discouraging proliferation of driveways and strip commercial development.	Neutral.	Beneficial. Encourages reduction of impervious materials to reduce the volume of stormwater runoff to rivers, creeks, and bays.	Beneficial. - Encourages landscaping and vegetation to improve visual attractiveness of new development. - Measures to maintain visual access to water. - Protect visual integrity of wetlands, forests, and farmlands. - Protect capacity of highways and local roads.