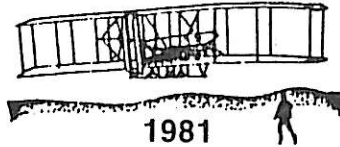


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PRESS RELEASE

The Town of Kitty Hawk is pleased to announce that its efforts to preserve a large portion of Kitty Hawk Woods maritime forest have been completed with the delivery in escrow to the Town Attorney of two deeds from Kitty Hawk Woods Partnership for approximately 550 acres of forest area. Of the 550 acres, 450 acres will be subject to a conservation easement to the State of North Carolina. The additional 100 acres not subject to the conservation easement will be managed under the same plan as the 450 acre tract. The deeds will be recorded after certain liens and other escrow conditions have been satisfied.

The gift to the Town of the title to the Kitty Hawk Woods tracts represents the fruition of efforts by the Kitty Hawk Woods Partnership to acquire a permit to fill other areas of the partnership property.

By acquiring the title to the forest area, the Town will be able to assure that the unique environment of the forest and its wildlife can be preserved for future generations. The Town plans to prepare an amendment to the land use plan and zoning ordinance designating the tracts as municipal conservation districts which will prevent the development of the area and limit the land use to those consistent with the state conservation easement and the applicable management plan developed for the tracts.

While there has been concern expressed by some members of the public that the Kitty Hawk Woods tracts would not be preserved, the Town feels that the state conservation easement and the deeds to the Town put the Town in the best position possible to assure that the Kitty Hawk Woods will be preserved.