



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 2

**DATE OF MEETING:** November 7, 2011

**REQUESTED BY:** Dee Turner, Planner II, Planning & Community Development Department

**SHORT TITLE:** Rocky Point Regional Park Update

**BACKGROUND:** Planning Department staff, along with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, have been working to develop a conceptual plan for the Rocky Point Regional Park (RPRP), located adjacent to Heide Trask High School. This park is identified as a recommended regional park opportunity within the 2010 Pender County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Implementation Plan (attached) for RPRP provides a guideline for development of this park, taking in to consideration current conditions of the site, funding opportunities, recreational opportunities, as well as inhibitors for park development.

The site is 130.14 acres and is owned by the County. Based on the approved wetlands delineation, staff calculated the site contains approximately 63 acres of total wetlands (48.4%), leaving 67 acres of uplands (51.6%). The wetlands delineation is shown as Map D – Wetlands and is attached.

A conceptual plan for the park has been developed with input from the public involvement process, staff, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Margaret Gray of McKim & Creed created a conceptual plan of the park which was presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on October 11, 2011. A copy of the conceptual plan is attached.

Staff would like to present the conceptual plan to the Board of Commissioners, as well as obtain feedback from the Board as to the interest of the Board in conducting additional planning and conceptual design work for this park project. The objective would be to have sufficient conceptual and budget plans in place should grant or other monies become available to the County to construct a portion or all of this park project.