



# Coastal Land Design, PLLC

Civil Engineering/Landscape Architecture

## Project Examples

### BHI Creek Access Park

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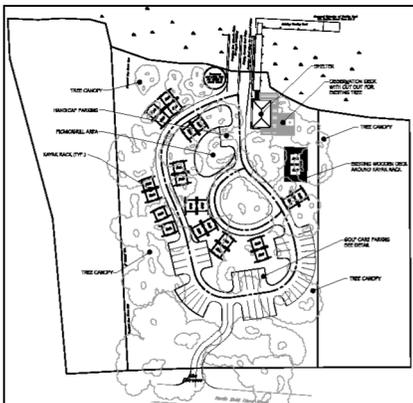
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The Village of Bald Head Island, the local municipality for Bald Head Island, NC, wanted to increase access to its public waters. The old Creek Access Site was at maximum capacity and did not adequately fulfill the needs of residents or public visitors. Coastal Land Design was contracted to develop a site plan for the expansion and apply for a Park and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) and Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) grant. After the submittal packages were put together Coastal Land Design was then contracted to perform a comprehensive design and submit for all necessary permits.

Previously, the site contained a gravel driveway, a single boat ramp, a dock, a floating dock, a covered shelter, one kayak rack surrounded by a permanent deck, and several temporary kayak racks. The expansion added 20 parking spaces, additional kayak racks and a second boat ramp constructed adjacent to the existing one. Service to the existing ramp was improved by the addition of a launching boardwalk on the existing dock. Also, the existing floating dock was extended with the dock allocation from the acquired lot.



Due to the impact to the tidal salt marsh and the proximity to highly sensitive waters, several regulatory agencies were involved. The agencies were the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Coastal Management and additional local agencies.



The expansion of the Creek Access Site provides a much needed water oriented park where island residents and visitors can experience the educational and recreational values of a North Carolina Barrier Island. The Creek Access Site is now a launching point for kayak trips exploring the surrounding sound, marshes and backwaters. The site is home to summer camps/programs providing classes on water quality testing, fiddler crab population studies and aquatic species collection and identification. The site is also used as an observatory for native wildlife and seasonal migratory waterfowl.

