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TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PLANT SEA OATS

CAROLINA BEACH, NC---The Town of Carolina Beach is seeking volunteers from the community to help plant sea oats on the south end of the beach near Hamlet Avenue and the oceanfront. Planting takes place on Friday, May 5, 2006 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The town will provide the plants, refreshments and training on how to properly plant sea oats. In addition, free parking for volunteers will be available in the Hamlet Avenue Parking Lot during the planting session. Volunteers may contribute any amount of time they have during the hours of planting; all help is appreciated. Contact the Town of Carolina Beach Public Information Office at (910) 458-5663 to volunteer or for more information.

Sea oats (*Uniola paniculata*) are important because they help to stabilize the sand on the dunes and can help the dunes to accumulate sand, rather than eroding. However, when people walk over and across sand dunes, the plants become dislodged and this leaves the dunes unprotected from wind and rain erosion. Planting sea oats in heavily trampled areas can help restore and protect the dunes that in turn help protect the houses behind the dune area. (The sea oats that will be used were grown in the Town of Carolina Beach Municipal Green House.)

The town has grown thousands of sea oats that need to be planted, so volunteers are greatly needed. Assisting the town with rebuilding the dunes through sea oats planting is an excellent community service opportunity for businesses, churches, civic groups and other organizations.

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