

Centerville's New "Coastal Remediation Nursery"

You've heard the buzz around town and questions are being asked, so we'd like to shed some light on the subject that everyone is talking about!

The former Suni Sands Motel on Craigville Beach Road in Centerville was acquired by the Town in 2008 using Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of creating Open Space. Demolition of the structure began during the last week in June and was completed on July 7, 2009. Split rail fencing has been installed around the property line to prevent parking and set the stage for the future "Coastal Remediation Nursery".

Structures and Grounds Landscape Foreman Joe Marshall and Alisha Parker Stanley, Property Management Coordinator for the Growth Management Department, are working together to cultivate multiple beds consisting of organic beach grass, beach plums, existing bayberry on site, and additional native plants that can be utilized in other areas of our Town including; beaches, dunes, ponds (salt and fresh water), along roadways, and future open space and recreation land.

Passive recreational walking paths are integrated in the plan and will be established on site for visitors to enjoy the Nursery and have an opportunity to learn about the plant materials in each bed. The educational signage posted at each bed will offer a brief narrative of the material, the Latin name it was derived from, and it's most effective use.

Producing low maintenance native species for disbursement to areas in need will save the Town a considerable amount of money in the long run. This project is a prime example of the utilization of municipal open space land and sustainable land management.

