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Mission: Reverse Island's Population Decline



A Short Story of Citizen Activism on Folly Beach in the 1980's

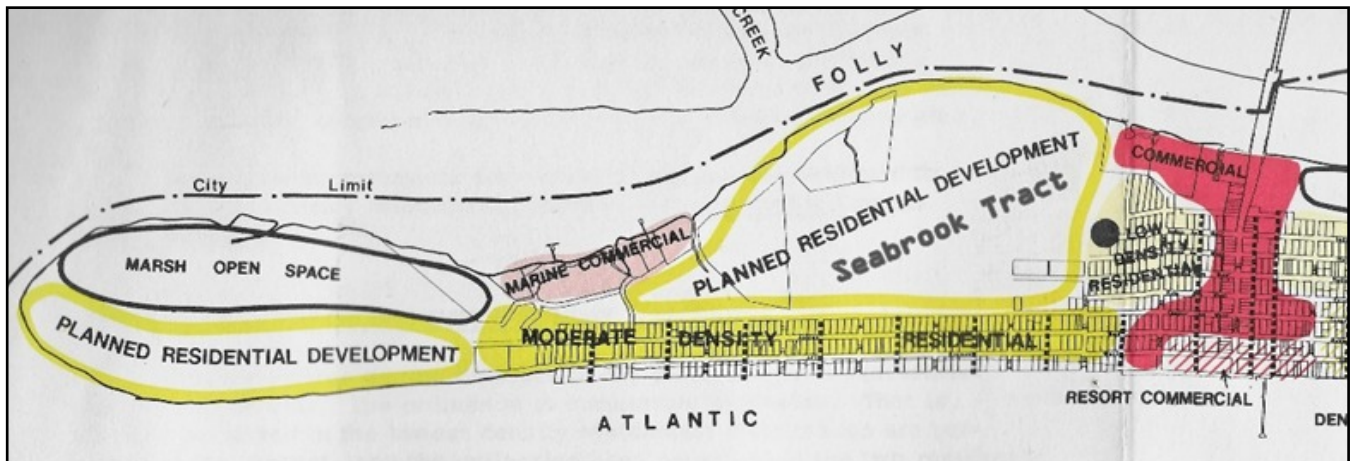
It may surprise you to know that the ongoing attempt by Save Folly's Future to limit the commercialization of the residential districts of Folly by voter initiative is not the first time the Home Rule Act (5-17-10) has been used by Folly citizens. In the mid 1980's the citizens of Folly Beach were required to successfully defend their right to control their destiny through referenda. And not just once!

The first was a successful referendum in May of 1983 that prohibited the expansion of sewer beyond the commercial district without the citizen's express approval by referendum.

The second was an attempt by the pro-development members of the 1985 City Council to override the constraints on sewer expansion that the citizens had achieved in 1983. If approved, the 1985 initiative would have removed all restrictions on the expansion of sewer and allowed for the development of over 700 condominium units on the 57 acre "Seabrook Tract". Expansion of the sewer system would have been left in the hands of a pro-development City Council. (It's important to note that three members of the city council voted against the condo project: Mayor Richard Beck and councilmen Wayne Hembree and John Manzi.)

On **April 29, 1985**, citizens voted, by referendum, to preserve their right to control the spread of sewer and prevent large-scale development. They defeated the pro-development faction of the City Council by a vote of 464 to 121. The **April 29th** Citizen's Referendum vote was a watershed moment for Folly Beach and has controlled the trajectory of development on the island to this day.

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Source: Folly Beach 1977 Comprehensive Land Use Update

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After the condo proposal was defeated, the following year the community did vote in a third referendum to allow the expansion of the sewer system into the Seabrook Tract, but only for single-family housing. The 168 single family homes that you see today are a result of a third successful Citizen's referendum.

On **April 29, 1985** immediately after the Citizen's Referendum victory, Rogers Oglesby, the founder and first president of Folly Island Residents Association (FIRA) was quoted by the News and Courier to have said, **"There's a lot of people that live here, and I feel that we should be for the benefit of the island and not give the whole island to a few people with big bucks."**

Save Folly's Future opens a New Door

Visit our New Facebook Page

It should be online in a few days !

Citizen's Petition UpDate

Folly Beach Election Commission voted to send Citizen's Petition to Charleston County Election Commission for validation of signatures on Oct 13th. No word yet from Charleston County.

Noise Monitoring Program UpDate

Seeking additional property owners to install noise monitoring equipment for year long test program

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drone pilots/w drone, computer programmer & Videographer

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Primary STR Contact:

Rentals@follybeach.gov is the best email

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