



**IT ALL WINDS UP
IN THE OCEAN**

It's not just a slogan. It's a fact of life in Surfside Beach.

Because this is a coastal area, Surfside Beach contains many bodies of water that all lead to drainage in the Atlantic Ocean.

It is critical to The Family Beach that we all, visitors and residents alike, do what we can to keep our water clean



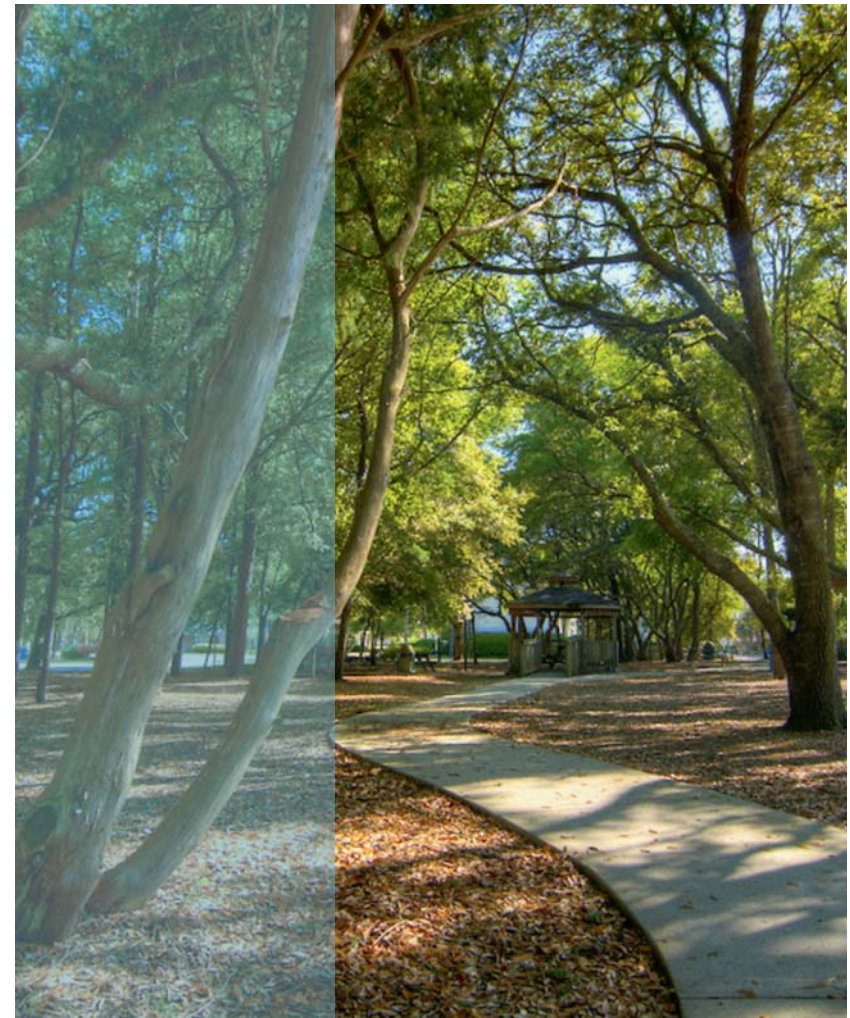
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DON'T BE A LITTER BUG

TREES

Surfside Beach, The Family Beach



SURFSIDE BEACH IS PROUD TO BE A DESIGNATED TREE CITY, USA

- *Trees conserve energy. Trees placed strategically around a single family home can cut summer air conditioning needs significantly.*
- *Trees cool the streets and the city by shading homes, breaking up urban “heat islands” and releasing water vapor into the air through their leaves.*
- *Landscaping, especially with trees, can increase property values as much as 20 percent.*
- *Trees can be a stimulus to economic development attracting new business and tourism. Commercial retail areas are more attractive to shoppers, apartments rent more quickly, tenants stay longer. Space in a wooded setting is more valuable to sell or rent.*
- *The planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams.*
- *Trees clean the air. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.*
- *Trees provide oxygen. In one year an acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people.*



Help maintain the health
of our environment with a
conscious effort



SERIOUS ABOUT TREES

The Family Beach has an active citizens' beautification committee which recently applied for and received a grant for over 100 additional trees for the town.

The Family Beach values its trees and has specific guidelines about if and when trees may be removed from a property.

We know the value of trees to our community and hope this brochure will help raise public awareness.