



Town of Beaufort  
701 Front St. PO Box 390  
Beaufort NC 28516  
252-728-2141  
[www.beaufortnc.org](http://www.beaufortnc.org)

## **Beaufort seeks public input on New 70 District**

**BEAUFORT** – A public planning process to develop a unified vision for the New 70 District is Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

The New 70 District is a nearly 300-acre tract bordered by Highway 101 and the new Highway 70. The planning project is an effort the Town has undertaken with consultants from CodeWright Planners LLC of Durham, working closely with area landowners and gathering input from citizens.

The first step in the process is a public workshop designed to develop a vision for the new district based on landowner needs, citizen desires, and market conditions. The workshop is at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, in the N.C. Maritime Museum on Front Street and kicks off the three-day design studio.

During the public workshop, the consultants will discuss strategies that encourage high-quality development and hear ideas from citizens regarding growth in the New 70 District.

The evening will be interactive, with attendees participating in visual preference exercises and engaging in hands-on design activities.

Following the Aug. 31 event, the consultant team will be in the Train Depot, 614 Broad St., Tuesday, Sept. 1, and Wednesday, Sept. 2, working to refine concepts gathered during the workshop and incorporate them into a new code for growth and development in the New 70 District.

During these two days, the team will create a concept plan, identify potential incentives for preferred development, and develop “form controls” that clearly reflect the community’s vision for the future of the New 70 District. Residents are encouraged to stop by the Train Depot to observe the consultant team and to offer additional insights or thoughts.

The public is also invited to attend a more formal “work-in-progress” presentation to the Board of Commissioners at the Train Depot at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Town Mayor Richard Stanley encourages citizens to be engaged in the process of creating the New 70 District.

“This is a community effort and everyone's opinion is important,” he added.

Chad Meadows, certified planner with CodeWright Planners, explained that this is a great opportunity for the Town to partner with CodeWright, citizens, landowners and other interested individuals for planning this really important area.

“It’s innovative for the Town to collaborate with citizens and landowners. This is a pretty unique project,” he added. To see past projects of CodeWright, visit the website at [www.codewright.info](http://www.codewright.info).

For more information contact Town Manager Charlie Burgess at [c.burgess@beaufortnc.org](mailto:c.burgess@beaufortnc.org) or 728-2141. Visit the project website ([beaufortnc.org/for-the-people/current-projects/new-70-district](http://beaufortnc.org/for-the-people/current-projects/new-70-district)) for updates as this project unfolds in the coming year.