

## **HICA LAND TRUST COMMITTEE CHARTER AND GOALS**

**Whereas**, the Hat Island Community Association has a vested interest in the preservation of the unique ecosystem of Hat Island, including “green space,” wetlands, trees and other flora, shorelines and intertidal zones, which protect marine life, and threatened bird species, including killdeer and migrating species, and particularly raptors such as eagles, hawks, owls and osprey;

**Whereas**, Hat Island has at present numerous undeveloped lots, which may include enough land, if undeveloped, to support its unique ecosystem;

**Whereas**, the formation of a Land Trust on Hat Island could be the vehicle to accomplish preservation of the island’s unique ecosystem; and

**Whereas**, at the most recent Long Range Planning Retreat the Community fully supported the formation of the Land Trust Committee to explore the formation of a Land Trust on Hat Island;

**Now, Therefore**, the HICA Land Trust Committee adopts its Charter and Goals for 2020 as follows:

### **Charter**

The Land Trust Committee will employ a two-prong approach to the formation of a Land Trust on Hat island:

1. Analysis and drafting of the necessary documents to form a Land Trust, including conferring with Association legal counsel when necessary;
2. A “boots on the ground” mapping of the entire island, identifying wetlands, healthy trees and underbrush, and wildlife habitat, including eagle, hawk and owl habitat.

A large majority of the Committee members are full time residents on Hat Island. They together with all Committee members will enlist as many volunteers as they can to perform the “mapping” referenced above.

The Committee will develop a map with lot numbers designating desirable lots to be included in a Land Trust, with details about green space, trees, wildlife habitat, and other unique ecosystem factors, for each lot and/or group of lots.

The Committee will then identify ownership of the designated desirable lots. The Committee will then canvas the owners of the lots and explore acquisition of the lots by the Land Trust.

All of the foregoing will be presented to the Board of Trustees in stages, with specific recommendations.

### **Goals**

1. The Committee will attempt to present drafts of the documents to form a Land Trust, including recommendations on how to consummate the formation to the Board of Trustees at the Regular Board meeting in April, 2020.

2. The Committee will attempt to present a completed map of designated desirable lots for the Land Trust to the Board of Trustees at the Regular Board meeting in July, 2020.
3. The Committee will present a list of desirable lots with probable success of acquisition by the Land Trust to the Board of Trustees at the Regular Board meeting in September, 2020.