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Introduction
EAST BEACH IS A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD in Norfolk's Chesapeake Bay that draws upon southeastern building types and town planning practices to create a unique waterfront village rooted in the traditions of the region. It is intentionally and distinctly Tidewater in feeling, from its overall layout and landscape design to the details of its buildings, pathways and parks.

The plan of East Beach is a response to the historic pattern of neighborhood forms and specific natural features and contrasting qualities of the site. Pedestrian-scaled streets, hidden gardens, shuttered porches, narrow alleys and overhanging roofs have been brought together to provide a sense of familiarity, stimulation and ease.

This sense of wholeness is underscored by the interweaving of natural and built elements, each reinforcing an appreciation of the other. Mature shade trees and parks set the address for many intimate neighborhood streets while views along Pretty Lake to the south provide a delightful contrast and a destination for residents. Residents and guests can walk from these neighborhoods out to the long stretch of preserved dunes and beaches along the Chesapeake Bay. Interspersed among and giving form to this distinctive local landscape are strongly vernacular Southern buildings of varying size, finish and color—all of which underscore the strong regional character of the place. The two pages that follow are samples of the regional precedents that help form the design of East Beach.

East Beach Character
Neighborhoods

The character and quality of the historic villages and towns along the East Coast of the United States have been studied carefully as a resource and guide to the planning and building of East Beach. The coastal character is expressed in the architecture which has been modified by local architects and builders over time to respond to the environment in subtle ways. It can be seen in the structure of the town, the street layout and public spaces, and in the landscape elements and materials. Towns and villages along the East Coast have both formal parks and courthouse squares as well as wonderfully landscaped local streets with a surprising variety of character. The green in Edenton, North Carolina is a great example of a public space surrounded by houses from different eras and a courthouse which looks out toward the sea. Many coastal towns have a main street that leads to the water as in Portsmouth, Virginia or Annapolis, Maryland.

Coastal neighborhoods have a variety of house types and architectural vocabularies. The Freemason and Ghent neighborhoods in Norfolk represent two distinct eras of building tradition, both of which are oriented to the water. Ghent is defined by a formal public edge along the inlet fronted by a mix of houses and civic uses such as the museum and opera. Freemason is characterized by narrow, cobblestone streets lined with a variety of attached townhouses and formal Colonial era houses. Many villages such as St. Michaels and Easton on Maryland's Eastern Shore have small cottages on narrow lots that give the village a delicate scale. Annapolis combines attached houses and mixed-use commercial buildings around the harbor to create an active and dynamic sense of place that is unique to the waterfront marina setting.

Historic settlements further north along Cape Cod and Nantucket are characteristic of the refined sense of place that results from the combination of the coastal landscape, neighborhood form and architectural materials.

The neighborhoods of East Beach will draw on these images and forms to establish a unique sense of living on two waterfronts in the Tidewater region.
Marina & Main Street

Marina precincts and main streets in towns and villages along the East Coast of the United States have a marvelous quality. They are diverse and exciting places to be. Annapolis sets the standard for a vibrant, mixed-use district tied to the image of sailing and the water. Buildings line the inlet facing the marina so that the activity around the boats and the water becomes a constant form of public theater that has attracted residents, merchants and visitors for over two centuries. The scale of the buildings is often three to four stories, with living units above shops, restaurants and offices. There are many forms of brick and clapboard buildings in Colonial, Federal and Victorian vocabularies. The ground floor is often a collection of diverse shopfronts that communicate the nature of the goods or services within. In total, the environment is dynamic and picturesque.

Coastal Precedents

INTRODUCTION
The Townscape of East Beach

The Neighborhood Parks

Towns and villages along the East Coast have both formal parks and courthouse squares as well as wonderfully landscaped local streets with a surprising variety in character. East Beach neighborhoods are designed around a series of organic parks along the streets that take advantage of existing landscape and mature trees. These relaxed neighborhood parks are complemented by more formal civic spaces such as the square on Pleasant Avenue and form a network of open spaces that link to both shorelines.

The Pretty Lake Marinas

Many coastal towns have a main street that leads to the water as in Edenton, North Carolina or Annapolis, Maryland. East Beach plans to have a marina precinct alive with a mix of residential and commercial uses in mixed-use buildings that add contrast and character to the inland residential neighborhoods. This precinct will have a continuous series of public spaces and thoroughfares that provide access to the waterfront for residents, slip owners and visitors.

The Bay Front

The neighborhood streets connect Pretty Lake to the Chesapeake Bay. Residents are never more than two blocks from the water living in East Beach. The Bay front will have a continuous public beach with access points at the ends of streets or through public greens and paths that open up to the spectacular views.

Shore Drive

The principal gateway into East Beach is along Shore Drive. The waterfront village meets Shore Drive across a continuous park. This park address connects the Pretty Lake mixed-use district overlooking the marinas with the stately housing designed in the tradition of an 'Admiral's Row' and a neighborhood shopping precinct at the entrance with Pleasant Avenue.
The Plan of East Beach

The Park Streets

The plan for East Beach features a series of unique addresses, each with a distinctive character and mix of houses. A series of informal park streets extends from the Chesapeake Bay to Pretty Lake. Mature trees that exist on the site become the focal points of the park streets and create a sense of a mature neighborhood. Each street has a different form, character and sequence of park spaces to create a rich inventory of neighborhood streets.

The Bay Front

The northernmost address is the Bay address with a mix of large and small houses flanking parks that look out to the Bay. The views from the ends of the park streets are preserved by the bay front parks that also provide public access to the beach. Houses along the Bay will feature deep porches and will build on the tradition of Tidewater Shingle Style waterfront architecture as the dominant image.

Pleasant Avenue

Pleasant Avenue is the heart of the new neighborhood and provides a strong identity for East Beach. A village square, adjacent to Shore Drive, anchors Pleasant Avenue creating a memorable address. The square will be lined with a mix of residential over shops at Shore Drive, main house, and a mix of house sizes in the westernmost blocks.

Pretty Lake Avenue

Pretty Lake Avenue is the primary address running east–west along the marina precinct. Near the Shore Drive intersection, the intended character of Pretty Lake is that of ‘Little Annapolis’ – a reference to the scale, character and mix of uses and buildings found in historic marina districts like Annapolis. This location and mix of uses will create a vibrant place to live, work and shop in East Beach.
The Tidewater Influence in East Beach is clear in its architecture. Houses are simple, low-key and defer to one another and to the indigenous qualities of the landscape. The regional building traditions, which over the years have evolved to take advantage of shade and capture breezes, will be seen in the porches, overhanging eaves, shuttered windows, and screened doors, the traditional use of shingle and clapboard siding, and the picket fenced yards and gardens. The architectural goal is a simple elegance derived from well proportioned massing and fenestration, a rich color palette and details that are derived from the building traditions throughout the region.
The Houses of East Beach

EAST BEACH HOUSES WILL DRAW on four primary architectural languages that have a unique regional and coastal character appropriate to this site along the Chesapeake Bay. These four languages include:

Tidewater Colonial Houses

These houses have roots in the Colonial and Classical traditions of the region. Later Colonial Revival houses derived their forms from more expressive Classical motifs with Ionic and Doric order columns and entablatures on the porches, deeper eaves and cornices and a wider variety of house massing and window and door elements. The coastal adaptation of Colonial Revival features deep porches and a more relaxed composition of windows and doors.

Tidewater Shingle

Houses designed in this style have roots in the country’s New England coastal villages. Houses are generally simple, elegant forms clad in cut shingles. In the South, many of these houses were built with deep porches and windows under shady to protect from the summer sun. Windows, doors, porches and trim can have either simple colonial trim details or Victorian era proportions and details typically painted in white.

Tidewater Victorian

In many towns, these Victorian houses are the principal ‘spice’ elements in a neighborhood. Steeply pitched gable roofs facing the street, deep porches and decorative trim combine with vertical proportions to create an endearing style. The coastal variations include many full façade, one- and two-story porches as well as deep eaves and ornate porch trim.

Tidewater Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts houses were based on the English tradition of summer cottages and became popular in this country in the late nineteenth century. Deep eaves, robust porch elements and shaped rafter tails are signature elements of this language. Windows tend to be wide in proportion and combined to take advantage of the light in living areas. An asymmetric composition and massing is part of this vocabulary.

East Beach Architecture
The East Beach House

**Introduction**

**The East Beach House**

*East Beach Houses will create* the backdrop for the many distinct addresses within the neighborhood. As in traditional Southern towns, the houses define the character of the public space and reflect the individual composition of the private realm behind the porch or front door.

In these traditional neighborhoods, the front portion of the house is the most public and must be responsive to the character of the neighborhood and the adjacent houses. The landscaping of the front yard, the setbacks from the street, the size and placement of the house on the lot and the front porch are all shared elements that form the public realm.

The houses in East Beach are based on the traditional vernacular architecture of the East Coast, using regional house types with style elements applied. The house types are defined by the character and shape of the Main Body. Each style uses these six Main Body Types.

**Principal Elements**

The East Beach House includes these principal elements:

- **Main Body** of the house, which is the principal mass and includes the front door.
- **Side or Rear Wings**, which are one or two stories connected to the Main Body. These optional additions have smaller massing than the Main Body and are set back.
- **Porch** are encouraged on the Main Body of the house. These include full-façade front porches, wraparound porches and side porches. Some architectural styles have inset porches into the Main Body of the house.

**Out-buildings** are optional structures that include carports, garages, storage, carriage buildings, and work studios. Typically, Out-buildings must be placed behind the Main Body.

**Towers, Cupolas and Widow’s Walks** are optional elements that allow distant views from certain lots.
How To Use This Pattern Book

The East Beach Pattern Book will guide the development of neighborhoods and houses to fulfill the original vision described in the master plan. The Pattern Book has three principal sections: Community Patterns, which illustrates neighborhood character; Architectural Patterns, which establishes the architectural vocabulary and elements that may be used; and Landscape Patterns, which sets palettes and standards for the various lot types within the different ecological zones of East Beach.

Step 1 Selecting an East Beach Lot
The Pattern Book along with the Lot-Specific Community Patterns (separate document) should be used in the very beginning of the process of selecting the lot for your East Beach home. Different lots have different setback requirements. Each lot has a particular requirement for the location of porches and publicly oriented facades. Refer to the Lot-Specific Community Patterns to find the lot that best suits the size and layout of the house you plan to build. The Community Patterns section in this book will provide a sense of what the different locations within East Beach will be like as places.

Step 2 Shape and Size
The basic mass of the house will determine the general location of the programmatic elements. The East Beach House on page A-8 describes the massing pieces: A Main Body, the Porch, Side or Rear Wings, and Outbuildings. The Lot-Specific Community Patterns determine specific requirements for setbacks, porch locations and other special conditions related to specific lots. Each Architectural Style section describes the basic massing types found in the precedents for each vocabulary. The layout of rooms should be designed to fit into the massing type found within the particular style you are designing. The roof types are part of this overall massing description.

Step 3 Room Layout and Location of Windows and Doors
The window and door spacing is related to both the shape and the style of the house. It is important that all sides of the house have correctly composed facades. Each section on architectural vocabularies describes the basic elements for each of the four design vocabularies that are found in traditional Tidewater architecture—Colonial Revival, Arts & Crafts, Victorian, and Shingle. Typical window and door compositions are illustrated as part of the massing illustrations for each style. Typical window and door proportions, trim details and special window or door elements are illustrated on a separate page within each section.

Step 4 Porch Design
Porches are important to the character of the neighborhoods. The massing of the front porch is specific to each house type and distinct within a particular vocabulary. The location and design details of porches on the site are described on a designated page for each vocabulary in the Architectural Patterns section. Additional porch requirements for particular lots may be described in the Lot-Specific Community Patterns.

Step 5 Materials and Possibilities
The last page of each style section of the Architectural Patterns includes a list of acceptable materials and a collection of elevation possibilities composed using elements described in the Pattern Book.

Step 6 Landscape
East Beach houses will inhabit a remarkable and diverse landscape unique to the coastal location. A range of appropriate landscape elements, such as fences and walls as well as plant types are addressed in a section titled Landscape Patterns, Section D. Refer to this section for guidance on the layout of outdoor living spaces, and the selection of plants, fence elements and paving materials.
SECTION  B  Community Patterns
East Beach Character

The master plan for East Beach creates a series of distinct addresses that will be built over time. Each park space or street has a unique sense of place defined by the character of the civic space and the houses or buildings that form the neighborhood. This section of the Pattern Book - Community Patterns illustrates examples of the intended character generated by the setbacks, placement and type of buildings and the architectural vocabularies described in the Architectural Patterns and Landscape Patterns sections of the Pattern Book.

Addresses Within The Plan

Community Patterns
General Community Patterns

General Setbacks
A. The minimum setback for all built structures from the property line at the rear and side lanes is 3 feet.
B. Except where noted in the Lot-Specific Community Patterns, the minimum setback to all built structures from an adjacent side yard property line is 3 feet.
C. See the Lot-Specific Community Patterns for Front and Side Street setbacks. Houses located on lots at the corners of thoroughfares and lane intersections should address and respond to the Side Street, lane or path in addition to the thoroughfare upon which they front.
D. Houses on corner lots should be placed and designed so they "hold" the corner. Building and landscape elements such as building placement, house massing, porch locations, and building placement, facilitate composition, fences, and garden walls can be used to hold the corners.
E. Houses on lots that terminate thoroughfares and/or sides should be placed on the lots and designed so they respond to and take advantage of the specific site conditions. Care should be taken to make sure all façades are well composed and detailed.

Auxiliary Structures
A. Except where noted in the Lot-Specific Community Patterns, garages should be placed in the rear of the lots at either the minimum Lane setback or a minimum of 18 feet back from the Lane property line.
B. Except where noted in the Lot-Specific Community Patterns, the following guidelines should be used in the design and placement of garages accessed from the front of the lot:
   - Garages and garages, if desired, should be set back at least 50 feet from the front property line, but must be set back at least 50 feet from the front property line.
   - It is recommended that the front face of the garage be set behind the rear face of the Main Body of the house.
   - The garage may be attached to the house, but must read as a separate and distinct structure from the house.

- The maximum width for the first 30 feet of the front driveway is 10 feet.
- The use of parking strips is encouraged.
- Garage doors should be no wider than 9 feet.
- Auxillary structures should have a minimum footprint of 300 square feet.
- Out-buildings with a footprint greater than 300 square feet shall have a minimum height equal to the eave of 11 feet.
- Out-buildings should be designed and built in a manner consistent with that of the main house.
- Garage doors, particularly those that face a street or are highly visible, should be designed and built with the same high level of quality used for any other part of the primary façade of the house. Please consult the East Beach Town Architect for specific guidelines relating to the design and construction of garage doors.

Screening
A. To define the rear yard and provide privacy, it is recommended that a tall wall and/or hedge (5 to 8 feet) be installed along the rear and/or side street/lane side of the lot. The wall and/or hedge should be integrated with the house and auxiliary structure as appropriate. The break in the wall and/or hedge to permit vehicular access to the garage should be as narrow as possible.
B. To define the street or path side property lines, a linear element such as a planting bed, strip of ground cover, hedge, fence and/or low wall should be placed along the street side property line.
C. Electrical meters, A/C compressors, garbage cans, and clotheslines should not be visible from a public thoroughfare.

*Lot-Specific Community Patterns are under separate cover.

General Conditions
Pretty Lake District

The marinas along Pretty Lake Avenue create the backdrop for the character of a mixed-use waterfront district termed "Little Annapolis". The area adjacent to Shore Drive will have a mix of shops and residential units in the upper stories with broad sidewalks and a direct connection to the marinas along the shore. Further east, Pretty Lake Avenue will have a mix of attached and detached houses that look out to the marinas.

East Beach Addresses

Community Patterns
Pleasant Avenue District

PLEASANT AVENUE IS THE HEART of the East Beach neighborhood. The street will have a mix of large and small houses, attached and detached to create a varied, rich character along its length. There are two public squares that define addresses along the Avenue. The westernmost square at Shore Drive is flanked by mixed-use buildings and serves as a gateway into the neighborhood. On the eastern end, the Avenue splits around a civic site framed by attached and detached houses. The site provides a prominent terminus for Pleasant Avenue while creating a unique address for this district. A series of parks along the north-south streets connect Pleasant Avenue to both waterfronts – Chesapeake Bay and Pretty Lake.

East Beach Addresses

COMMUNITY PATTERNS
North-South Streets

The North-South Streets within East Beach will have a marvelous character, each street different from the next. Many of these streets will have small, informal parks with mature trees and landscape. The character of the streets will also change from north to south. Some sections will have narrow cartways defined by soft edges and meandering walkways. A mix of cottages, attached houses and a variety of lot sizes and types will help create a sense of diversity and interesting character throughout the neighborhoods. These streets connect the Chesapeake Bay to Pretty Lake providing easy walking access to both shores. Porches will be important elements for houses lining these streets.

East Beach Addresses
Bay Front District

The Bay Front District, much like the historic villages and towns along the East Coast, is the location that truly exemplifies the Tidewater region. In this district, the coastal character of East Beach comes to life through the interaction of the architectural elements and landscape. It is here where residents and guests come and enjoy the long stretch of beach by way of the many paths and Bay Front greens. This prominent location along the Chesapeake Bay makes the Bay Front District East Beach’s front porch address.

East Beach Addresses

Community Patterns
Shore Drive

The entrance to East Beach is from Shore Drive, a major route linking all of Ocean View to the surrounding region. The image along this Drive is drawn from the precedent of an Admirals' Row of large houses, similar in character and scale, facing the drive across a linear park. This stately image will set the overall character of East Beach as residents and visitors cross the bridge to the bay front.

East Beach Addresses
# District Matrix

East Beach consists of distinct and overlapping zones and districts which respond to the existing natural and man-made environments of the site. Architectural Styles, Roof/Massing Types, and Primary Exterior Materials must be carefully selected. They should respond to and enhance the inherent and intended character of the specific district in which the house is being built. The District Matrix was developed to assist in the selection of these basic architectural elements.

To use the District Matrix, you should first identify the district in which your lot is located: Bay Front District, Pleasant Avenue District, or Pretty Lake District. Once the district is identified, you should review which elements are Encouraged, Permitted, Discouraged, or Not Permitted. This information should then be used as your start to select the architectural design elements for your house. If there are specific architectural elements you want to incorporate into the design of your house, you should review the District Matrix to see which district most appropriately incorporates your desired architectural elements.

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SECTION C  Architectural Patterns
History and Character

The Tidewater Colonial Revival is based on Colonial Revival styles that were prevalent throughout the country in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. During this era, elements from Classical and Colonial houses were combined with and modified to produce a new vocabulary that became popular in the latter part of the nineteenth century. This mixing of influences produced a wide variety of expression and form in the Colonial Revival house. Many of these houses have more elaborate entrances, cornice treatments, and window compositions. Dutch Colonial Gambrel forms are also very typical. Windows tend to be tall and narrow in proportion and more free in composition than the original Classical houses. Many of the houses in Mid-Atlantic coastal villages and neighborhoods incorporate deep front porches, running the entire face of the front façade. Accent windows are often used over the central door location.

Essential Elements of the Tidewater Colonial Revival

1. Simple, straightforward volumes with side wings and porches added to make more complex shapes.
2. An orderly, symmetrical relationship between windows, doors and building mass.
3. Simplified versions of Classical details and columns, occasionally with Classical orders used at the entry.
4. Multi-pane windows.
Massing and Composition

Massing

A Broad Front
Hip-roofed or side-gable rectangular volume with roof pitches ranging from 7 in 12 to 12 in 12. One-story sheds or hip roofed porches are often placed symmetrically on the front façade. One-story side wings often occur. Although porches are most often one-third or one-fifth the length of the main body, they may also be three-fifths or the entire length of the front façade.

B Narrow Front
Hip-roofed or front-gable box with roof pitches ranging from 7 to 12 in 12. Five and three bay compositions are common. Full front porches and one-story side wings are common to this massing type.

C L-Shape
L-shape volume with a front facing gable roof intersecting either a gable or cross-gable at the rear. Roof pitch ranges from h in 12 to 10 in 12. One- and two-story porches often fill the space of the L.

D Mansard
Simple rectangular volume with steeply pitched mansard. Roof pitch ranges from 48 in 12 to 54 in 12. Though mansards are most frequent on the fronts of attached townhouses, mansard roofs can also wrap around a building. Three-bay compositions, symmetrically arranged with full front porches are most common.

Combinations
Larger living spaces may be created by adding side wings to the main body. Gabled or shed dormers may be added to introduce light into half-story and attic spaces. The architectural character of elements such as side wings, rear wings, and accessory/facility structures should be consistent with the architectural character of the main body.

Facade Composition
Colonial Revival façade composition is characterized by a somewhat symmetrical and balanced placement of windows and doors. Windows do not necessarily align vertically between floors, but are arranged in a locally symmetrical manner. Standard windows occur as singles, or in pairs. Entrance doors are generally located near the corner of narrow houses and at the center of wide houses.
Partial Elevation and Wall Section

Wall Section and Eave Details

Roof
The roof pitch on Tidewater Colonial Revival houses varies from 7 in 12 to 12 in 12. For Gable I. forms, the pitch on street facing gables are 10 to 12 in 12.

Eaves
The Tidewater Colonial Revival typically has one of three eave profiles:
A Boxed eave, typically with an 18-inch soffit depth; shallow soffit on the rake.
B Boxed eave with heavy bracket, often found in hipped roof examples, presenting a more robust image.
C Boxed eave modified for mansard roof, with tall frieze and shallow, heavy brackets.
Eave profiles have an 8- to 12-inch frieze board either touching to planar with, or at least 8 inches above the window head trim. Eave returns should have metal flashing back to the wall at a maximum slope of 2 in 12.

Wall
For one-story buildings, the minimum floor to ceiling height is 10 feet. For buildings greater than one story, the minimum floor-to-ceiling height is 10 feet for the first floor and 9 feet for the second floor. Window head heights should be 8 feet for the first floor and 7 feet for the second floor. On clapboard houses, corner boards should be no less than nominal 3/4 by 6 inches.

Water table
The first floor of the Tidewater Colonial Revival house is set three feet above the finished grade. On stone and brick houses, the water table should project 2 inches from the wall and continue to finished grade. clapboard houses should have an 8-inch skirt board. When foundation vents are used, they should be centered under windows.
Windows and Doors

Standard Windows
Windows are typically vertical in proportion. Window muntin patterns are typically 6 over 1 or 6 over 6 on both floors, and window panes are more vertical in proportion than square. Standard windows are double hung. Jack arches and stone and masonry levels are common over windows set in masonry walls.

Special Windows
Special windows include angled bay windows, triple windows, and dormers with a triangular pediment. Bay windows should extend to the ground whenever possible, otherwise bay windows supported on heavy brackets are acceptable. Small square, rectangular, and round-top windows are often used as an accent in gable ends or on the second floor above the entrance.

Doors
Doors typically have six panels, while surrounds frequently incorporate side-lights and transoms. Doors range from 6 foot-8 inches to 8 foot tall, and from 3 foot to 3 foot-4 inches wide, respectively. The maximum width of a pair of double doors is 5 feet for doors at least 8 feet tall, and 4 feet for shorter pairs of double doors.

Trim
Windows and doors typically have a 6-inch-wide flat trim with or without a cap molding, or a 4-inch backhand trim.

Shutters
Shutters are encouraged. If shutters are installed, they must be operable and sized and spaced to cover the adjacent window or door.
Porches

Porch Roofs & Eaves
Porches can be one or two stories tall with either flat, shed, or shallow-hipped roofs. Shed or hip porches typically have a roof pitch of 12 to 14 in 12.

Columns & Railings
Columns include 10- and 12-inch round Doric columns, pedestal-mounted 8-inch round, three-quarter height paired Doric columns, and 8- to 10-inch full-height tapered box columns. Single story porches have 9- to 10-foot tall columns, and columns on two-story porches are 9- to 10-foot tall on the ground floor and 8- to 9-foot tall on the second. For double porches with classical or tapered columns, 12-inch wide columns are used on the ground floor, while 10-inch columns are used above. Porch column bays should be more narrow than wide. Balusters should be turned or square, and spaced no more than 4 inches on center.

Porch Location & Massing
Full front porches are encouraged on Tidewater Colonial Revival houses. Smaller porches should be centered in the massing bay in which they occur (see Massing and Composition, page 6). Minimum porch depth is 8 feet. For wood deck porches, the gaps between brick piers are infilled with lattice panels. Solid porches should be faced in brick, or stucco if appropriate.
Tidewater Colonial Revival

ARCHITECTURAL PATTERNS
Materials and Possibilities

Materials
- Roofing
  - Metal, narrow standing seam or S-V panels (painted)
  - Wood shingles/shakes
  - Dimensioned architectural grade asphalt or fiberglass shingles
  - Slate or synthetic slate
  - Roof penetrations and flat skylights may be placed on a roof not facing a public thoroughfare with houses, maximum of two skylights per roof plane.
- Cladding
  - Smooth, horizontal bevel or lap wood or fiber-cement siding, 6 to 8 inches wide with 5/8 by 6 inch corner boards
  - Smooth finish brick in Common, English or Flemish Bond Patterns with tooled mortar joints and white or tinted mortar
  - Painted brick
  - Light wood finish stucco
- Foundations, Floors & Chimneys
  - Brick, stone or stucco on black
- Windows
  - Wood, vinyl (solid or clad) or aluminum clad with traditional profile, minimum 3/4 inch wide projecting exterior muntins
- Doors
  - Painted or stained wood, or aesthetic equivalent
- Columns
  - Wood or fiberglass, with Classical proportions and details
- Lintel
  - Stone, brick or precast concrete
- Railings
  - Straight or turned wood balusters
  - Decorative black metal for stair rails
- Shutters
  - Operable wood or polyvinyl sized to match openings, with appropriate hardware
- Porch Ceilings
  - Plaster
  - Beaded-profile, tongue and groove or panelized boards
- Soffits
  - Smooth composition, tongue and groove, or fiber-cement boards
- Gutters and Downspouts
  - Half round gutters, round or rectangular smooth downspouts
- Fences and Garden Walls
  - Wood picket, black metal, brick, stucco on block, or combination
- Lighting
  - Pendant carriage lamp, porch or wall mounted
History and Character

The Tidewater Shingle House is a variation of traditional Colonial and Victorian era houses that have been adapted to the coastal environment. Originally local cedar forests provided good exterior cladding materials for coastal houses. The shingles could withstand the salt-laden winds and harsh sun of the tidewater environment. This house type often mixes Victorian fenestration detailing with classical porch columns. Open eaves with shaped rafter tails are characteristic on porches as well. Windows and doors, in either Colonial or Victorian style, are typically trimmed with wide boards all painted white to match the eaves and the porch elements. This provides a deep contrast to the dark or natural body of the shingle house. Gambrel and hipped roof house forms are signature variants of this style. Painted metal roofs are a particular hallmark of the Tidewater Shingle house.

Tidewater Shingle

Architectural Patterns
Massing and Composition

Massing

A Hip
Simple square or rectangular volume, with a roof that comes to a point or has a short ridge parallel to the street. Roof pitch is typically 6 in 12 to 8 in 12. One-story hipped porches are typical; these are full width or wrap the sides partially or fully.

B Side Gable
Simple rectangular volume with a roof pitch ranging from 6 in 12 to 8 in 12. Shed and gabled dormers are common. One-story shed or hip porches are full width or wrap one or both corners. Single-bay porches are also common.

C Front Gable
Simple rectangular volume with a roof pitch between 7 in 12 and 10 in 12. Full front porches with shed or hipped roofs are most common; porches also are typical. Compositions including a first floor bay window and porch are common.

D Gambrel
Rectangular, L- or T-shaped volume with a gambrel roof containing a second or third story. Gambrel roofs have two roof pitches, 20 in 12 to 36 in 12 at the eave, and 6 in 12 to 10 in 12 above the pitch break. Shed dormers are common. Porches may be inset in street-facing gambrels.

E Mansard
Simple rectangular volume with steep mansard between 48 in 12 and 54 in 12 pitch. Mansard roofs can wrap around a building. Three-bay compositions, symmetrical or nearly symmetrical, with full front porches or a combination of single-bay porches and bay windows are most common.

Massing Combinations
Complex forms and larger living spaces may be created by adding bay windows, and side and rear wings to the main body. Gabled or shed dormers may be added to introduce light into half-story and attic spaces. The architectural character of the attached parts should match that of the main body.

Facade Composition
The Tidewater Shingle style is characterized by an asymmetrical yet ordered and balanced facade composition. Though single window openings are most common, standard windows can be grouped for emphasis. Windows do not always align vertically from floor to floor. Inset porches are common.

Tidewater Shingle

A R C H I T E C T U R A L  P A T T E R N S
Wall Section and Eave Details

Roof
The roof pitch on most Tidewater Shingle homes varies from 6 to 10 in 12. Mansard roofs are steeper. Slate, shingles and metal are appropriate roofing materials. Gambrel roofs should be clad in slate or shingles only.

Eave
Three eaves are characteristic of the Tidewater Shingle style:
A. Boxed eave with bed-mold with or without fascia.
B. Shallow boxed eave with flat rake.
C. Deep overhanging eave with exposed 2 x 8 inch rafter tails, 16 to 24 inches on center.
D. Boxed eave modified for gambrel roofs.
E. Boxed eave modified for mansard roof, with tall frieze and vertically proportioned brackets.

Flashing
Shingles may have a late Victorian-era character achieved by using Classical order columns on the porch and broad, flat, shallow-bracketed eaves on the house and porch.

Wall
For one-story buildings, the minimum floor-to-ceiling height is 10 feet. For buildings greater than one-story, the minimum floor-to-ceiling height is 30 feet for the first floor and 9 feet for the second floor. Corner boards, when used, should be no less than nominal 5/4 by 6 inches.

Wainscoting
The first floor of the Tidewater Shingle house is set three feet above the finished grade. At the transition between the foundations and shingle siding materials, shingles curve outward over a crown molding mounted upon a 10- to 12-inch wide skirt board. Foundation vents are centered under windows.
Standard Windows

Second Floor

First Floor

Special Windows

Doors

Tidewater Shingle

Shingle: Colonial Style Windows and Doors

Standard Windows

Windows are vertical in proportion and have a muntin pattern of either 6 over 6 or 6 over 1. Standard windows are double hung.

Special Windows

Tidewater Shingle-Colonial houses often feature special windows, such as box bays and fanlights. Box bay windows incorporate some form of visual support; heavy brackets and well-detailed covers are acceptable. Pediment and shed dormers are common to gambrel roofed houses.

Doors

Four door types are typical to the Tidewater Shingle-Colonial style:
Four-, six-, and eight-panel doors and top-glazed doors.

Trim

Windows and doors feature 6-inch trim with a simple backband profile. Many houses in the Shingle-Colonial style feature a 2-inch brick mold instead of flat trim.

Shutters

Shutters help reinforce the coastal character of Tidewater Shingle-Colonial houses and are encouraged. If shutters are installed, they must be operable, and sited and mounted to cover the adjacent window or door. Shutters may be louvered or panelled.
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Shingle: Victorian Style Windows and Doors

Standard Windows
Windows are vertical in proportion and have either large single pained or a 2 over 2 mustin pattern. Standard windows are double hung.

Special Windows

Tidewater Shingle-Victorian houses often feature special windows. These can be tall full length windows that open only onto porches, elliptical or circular accents for gable ends, triple windows, and extra wide windows. Full length windows are narrow, tall shed windows mounted with their sills just off the floor. Wide windows can be centered under gables or under two standard windows. Wide windows are never matched. Dormers occur frequently, and may have triangular pediments or arched head trim.

Doors
Panelled doors on Tidewater Shingle-Victorian houses are vertical in proportion, such as two- and four-panel doors. Top-glazed doors with large panes may be more horizontal in proportion. Doors range from 6'-8" to 8'-4" in height, and from 3' to 3'-6" wide, respectively. The maximum width of a pair of doors is 5 feet for doors at least 8 feet tall, and 4 feet for shorter pairs of double doors.

Trim
Windows and doors feature 6-inch trim with a simple backband profile. Shingle-Victorian window and door trim carries a crown and cap above.

Shutters
Shutters help reinforce the coastal character of Tidewater Shingle-Victorian houses and are encouraged. If shutters are installed, they must be operable, and sized and mounted to cover the adjacent window or door. Shutters may be lowered or panicked.

Oyster looser doors featuring two- or four-panel designs permit ocean breezes to enter interior living spaces.
Porches

Porches are one story with either flat, shed, or shallow hipped roofs. Shed or hipped porches typically have a 3 in 12 to 4 in 12 pitch. Standing-seam metal and shingle roofs are common. Exposed rafter tails are typically 2 x 8 and are spaced from 14 to 16 inches on-center. Entrances are classically proportioned.

Porch Roof & Eaves

Porches are one story with either flat, shed, or shallow hipped roofs. Shed or hipped porches typically have a 3 in 12 to 4 in 12 pitch. Standing-seam metal and shingle roofs are common. Exposed rafter tails are typically 2 x 8 and are spaced from 14 to 16 inches on-center. Entrances are classically proportioned.

Columns & Railings

Columns include 8- to 10 inch round Doric, and paired half-height classic columns on a shingle balustrade. Columns are 9 to 10 feet tall unless used in a paired configuration. Balusters can be turned or square, and are spaced no more than 4 inches apart. A shingled knee wall can also be used.

Porch Location & Massing

Full front porches are encouraged on the Tidewater Shingle houses. Porches and porticos can be located off center. Porches can wrap the corner of a house or extend into the void created by an L-shaped plan.

Minimum porch depth is 8-feet. For wood deck porches, the gaps between brick piers are infilled with lattice panels. Solid porches should be faced in brick, or stucco if appropriate.

Tidewater Shingle

ARCHITECTURAL PATTERNS
Materials and Possibilities

**Materials**

**Roofing**
- Metal, narrow standing seam of 5-V panels (painted);
- Wood shingles/shakes;
- Dimensional architectural grade asphalt or fiberglass shingles;
- Slate/synthetic slate.

Roof penetrations and flat skylights may be placed on a roof not facing a public thoroughfare with houses, maximum of two skylights per roof plane.

**Cledding**
- Cut wood cedar shingles, miter cut corners or with 5/4 by 6 inch corner boards.

**Foundations, Piers & Chimneys**
- Brick, stone or stucco on block.

**Windows**
- Wood, vinyl (sided or clad) or aluminum clad with traditional wood window profiles with minimum 3/4" wide projecting exterior muntins.

**Doors**
- Painted or stained wood or aesthetic equivalent.

**Columns**
- Wood or fiberglass, with Classical proportions and details.

**Railings**
- Straight or turned wood balusters;
- Decorative black metal for stair rails.

**Shutters**
- Operable wood or polyvinyl sized to match openings, with appropriate hardware.

**Porches Ceilings**
- Plaster;
- Beaded-profile tongue and groove or paired boards.

**Soffits**
- Smooth composition, tongue and groove, or fiber-cement boards.

**Gutters and Downspouts**
- Half round gutters, round or rectangular smooth downspouts.

**Fences and Garden Walls**
- Wood picket, black metal, brick, stucco on block, or combination.

**Lighting**
- Pendant carriage lamp, porch or wall mounted.
History and Character

The Tidewater Victorian style builds on the "Carpenter Gothic" cottages abundant in early rail-served coastal resorts. Pattern Books published by Andrew Jackson Downing and others were the source for many of these early house designs. These books made it easier for the builders of early resorts, country estates, and even modest dwellings to adopt the style. Although exotic Victorian houses incorporating Eastlake, Queen Anne, and Italianate details grew in popularity, folk-based Victorian houses survive in this region.

The Tidewater Victorian is based on the simple, elegant forms adapted to houses in small towns and rural farmhouses. The massing forms are simple, while ornament is typically restrained and limited to the porch and the building's cornice.

Essential Elements of Tidewater Victorian

1. Steeply pitched gable roofs.
2. Cut wood ornament, often with natural forms such as leaves and vines, or simple geometric cutouts and arched forms.
3. Clapboard siding, with siding, shingles or board and batten in gable ends.
4. Vertical proportions for windows and doors, windows with two- and four-pane sashes.
Massing and Composition

**A Side Gable**
Side-gabled rectangular volume, often with a steeply-pitched, gabled dormer flush to the front façade. Roof pitch is typically 8 in 12 to 10 in 12, and one- or two-story front porches typically extend across the full front of the house.

**B Front Gable**
Front-gabled rectangular volume with a roof pitch ranging from 8 in 12 to 12 in 12 for the main body. One-story shed or hip front porches from one-third to the full width of the main body are common. Often, two-story porches are integrated under the main roof form.

**C L-Shaped**
Cross-gabled volume with a 9 in 12 gable facing the street. The width of the gable facing the street is typically two-fifths that of the main body. This massing typically accommodates a one- or two-story continuous porch with a shed or hip roof which drops into the side of the projecting wing.

**D Gable L**
Square volume with hipped roof from which a front-facing gabled wing extends. Roof pitches range from 8 in 12 to 12 in 12. Front porch extends the full length of the front façade, or is occasionally a single-bay, hipped porch at the main body.

**Combinations**
Complex forms and larger living spaces may be created by combining side wings and/or rear wings with the main body. Gabled or arched dormers may be added to introduce light into half-story and attic spaces. The architectural character of the attached parts should match that of the main body.

**Facade Composition**
Victorian façade composition is characterized by a symmetrical and balanced placement of doors and windows. Individual double-hung windows are the most common type. Front doors are generally located in the corner of narrow houses and at the center of wide houses. Paired or bay windows are often used in the forward gable of the gable L massing types. Bay windows may be one or two stories tall.
**Tidewater Victorian**

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**Wall Section and Eave Details**

**Roof**

The roof pitch on most Tidewater Victorian houses vary from 8 to 12 in 12. Slate, shingles and metal are appropriate roofing materials.

**Eaves**

Two eave types define the Tidewater Victorian, one more formal than the other.

A. Boxed eave, with frieze, the more formal option, with or without brackets which are horizontal or vertical in proportion.

B. Boxed eave with sloped soffit, often hipped; at gables, the eave features an overhang with simple vergeboard. Eave profiles have a 12- to 16-inch frieze board either touching or planar with, or at least 8-inches above, the window head trim. Eave returns should have metal flashing back to the wall at a maximum slope of 2 in 12.

**Wall**

For one-story buildings, the minimum floor to ceiling height is 10 feet. For buildings greater than one story, the minimum floor-to-ceiling height is 10 feet for the first floor and 9 feet for the second floor. Windows head heights should be 8 feet for the first floor and 7 feet for the second floor. Corner boards should be no less than nominal 3/4 by 6 inches.

**Water Table**

The first floor of the Tidewater Victorian house is set three feet above the finished grade. Tidewater Victorian houses should have an 8-inch skirt board. When foundation vents are used, they should be centered under windows.
Windows and Doors

*Standard Windows*
Windows are typically vertical in proportion and have a 2 over 2 or 4 over 4 muntin pattern. Panes are always taller than they are wide. Some houses may have windows with rounded upper sashes. Standard windows are double hung.

*Special Windows*
Tidewater Victorian houses feature round top windows, dormers, and box and angled bay windows. Bay windows must project a minimum of 8 inches from the main structure. Bay windows have a continuous base to the ground, and two story bays are common. Paired or bay windows are also used in front of both massing types.

*Doors*
Doors on Tidewater Victorian houses are vertical in proportion, such as two- and four-panel doors. The maximum width of a pair of double doors is 5 feet for doors at least 8 feet tall, and 4 feet for shorter pairs of double doors.

*Trim*
Windows and doors have 6-inch trim with a simple backband profile. Victorian window and door trim carries a decorative crown and cap above; windows may feature an ornate hood.

*Shutters*
The use of shutters adjacent to single windows and fully glazed doors is encouraged. If shutters are installed, they must be operable, and sized and mounted to cover the adjacent window or door.
Porches

Porch Roofs & Eaves
Porches can be one or two stories tall with flat, shed, or shallow pitched roofs. Full porches may be integrated under the house's main roof. Shed or hip porches have a 3 in 12 to 4 in 12 pitch. Exposed rafter tails are typically 2 x 8 and occur 14 to 16 inches on center. Eaves overhangs are generally classically proportioned and detailed.

Columns & Railings
Column types include turned columns from 8-inch-square stock, 8-inch-square posts, and 8- to 10-inch-diameter Doric and Ionic columns. First floor columns are 9- to 10-foot tall, while second floor columns are 8- to 9-foot tall. Turned or square balusters are spaced no more than 4 inches apart. Porch bays should be vertically proportioned. Flat cut ornamental balusters are also used, with square or turned columns. Square pattern lattice is used as infill between piers at the foundation.

Brackets
Brackets range from simple designs cut from boards, to more elaborate turned wood or jigsaw-cut eaves. Brackets are a minimum of 2 inches thick. Archway bracketing can be used to form porches over key entry locations.

Porch Location
Full front porches are encouraged on Tidewater Victorian houses. Porches can be used to wrap the corner of a house, or fill in the void created by an L-shaped plan. The minimum porch depth is 8 feet.
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Tidewater Victorian

Materials and Possibilities

Materials

Roofing
- Metal, narrow standing seam of 3-V panels (painted);
- Wood shingles/shakes;
- Dimensioned architectural grade asphalt or fiberglass shingles;
- Slate or synthetic slate;

Roof penetrations and flat skylights may be placed on a roof not facing a public thoroughfare with houses, maximum of two skylights per roof plane.

Cladding
- Smooth, horizontal bevel or lap wood or fiber-cement siding, 4 to 6 inches wide with 5/4 by 6 inch corner boards;
- Board and batten siding;

Foundations, Piers & Chimneys
- Brick, stone or stucco on block.

Windows
- Wood, vinyl (solid or clad) or aluminum clad with traditional profiles, minimum 3/4 inch wide projecting exterior munions.

Doors
- Painted or stained wood or aesthetic equivalent.

Railings
- Straight or turned wood balusters;
- Decorative black metal for stair rails.

Shutters
- Operable wood or polyvinyl sized to match opening, with appropriate hardware.

Porch Ceilings
- Plaster;
- Beaded-profile, tongue and groove or paneled boards.

Soffits
- Smooth composition, tongue and groove, or fiber-cement boards.

Gutters and Downspouts
- Half round gutters, round or rectangular smooth downspouts.

Fences and Garden Walls
- Wood picket, black metal, brick, stucco on block, or combination.

Lighting
- Pendant carriage lamp, porch or wall mounted.
Tidewater Arts & Crafts

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History and Character

TIDEWATER ARTS & CRAFTS HOUSES are derived from the traditions of Bungalow design, which was popular in beach cottages. Characterized by an eclectic mix of architectural elements and a response to coastal environments, this enduring style flourished in the early twentieth century both as modest cottages and large houses. Builders used pattern books and mass-marketed house plans and packages to attract a broad spectrum of homeowners. These comfortable, eclectic homes were often lighter in color and less ornamented than high style Arts & Crafts houses. It is this more eclectic style that serves as the basis for the Tidewater Arts & Crafts.

The Tidewater Arts & Crafts is characterized by broad open porches; low sloping roofs with deep overhangs; multiple gables; asymmetric compositions; oversized first-floor windows; expressive trim; exposed rafters; and bracketed porches.
Massing and Composition

**Massing**

A. Hipped
Rectangular or square volume with a 6 in 12 to 8 in 12 roof pitch; the ridge line, if any, runs parallel with the front of the house. Front gabled and/or shed roofed porches with a 3 in 12 to 5 in 12 pitch are placed symmetrically or asymmetrically on the front façade or as full façade elements. Porches are typically one story and may wrap one or both corners.

B. Side Gable
Rectangular volume with a 6 in 12 to 8 in 12 roof pitch. Asymmetrically placed gabled and/or shed roofed porches are common. Porches are typically one story.

C. Side Gable with Integral Porch
Rectangular one-and-one-half-story volume with a 6 in 12 to 8 in 12 roof pitch. The integral porch is set under occupiable interior space, made possible by a dormer and high knee wall on the second floor. Integral front porches range from half to the full length of the front façade. Symmetrically placed gabled or shed dormers have a 3 in 12 roof pitch.

D. Front Gable
Rectangular volume with a 6 in 12 to 8 in 12 roof pitch and gable facing the street. Symmetrically or asymmetrically placed front and/or shed roofed porches are common and either one- or two-story. An inset, one-story porch may also run the full width of the house.

E. L-Shaped
Cross-gabled volume with a 6 in 12 to 8 in 12 gable facing the street. The width of the gable facing the street is typically two-fifths, or less commonly, half that of the main body. Often an in-line front gabled porch or wing is added to the front leg of the L. Shed porches may also fill the space between the wings of the L.

**Massing Combinations**

Complex forms and larger living spaces may be created by combining side and/or rear wings with the main body. Gabled or shed dormers may be added to introduce light into half-story and attic spaces. The architectural character of the attached parts should match that of the main body.

**Facade Composition**

Arts & Crafts façade composition is characterized by an asymmetrical yet balanced placement of doors and windows. Typically, windows occur in pairs and multiples, or as sidelights for oversized ground floor windows. Entrance doors are most often under porches and off center.
**Partial Elevation and Wall Section**

**Eaves**

- **Roof**
  - The roof pitch on Tidewater Arts & Crafts homes varies from 6 in 12 to 8 in 12. Slate, shingles and metal are appropriate roofing materials.

- **Eaves**
  - Deep eaves are a dominant characteristic of the Tidewater Arts & Crafts style.
  - There are two types of eaves in the style:
    - A: Boxed eave with flat soffit, and shallow profile brackets 6 inches wide and 24 inches on center.
    - B: Exposed 2 x 8 inch shaped rafter tail 16 to 24 inches on center, the most common eave; often hipped, gables feature a vergeboard.

  Eave profiles have an 8- to 12-inch frieze board either touching or planar with or no more than 8 inches above the window head trim. The Tidewater Arts & Crafts may have a Victorian-era character, achieved by using Classical-order columns on the porch and broad, flat boxed eave with shallow brackets on the house and porch.

**Wall Section and Eave Details**

- **Wall**
  - For one-story houses, the minimum floor-to-ceiling height is 9 feet. For two-story houses, the minimum floor-to-ceiling height is 9 feet for the first floor and 8 feet for the second floor. Window head heights should be 7 feet to 8 feet above the floor for first floor windows, and 7 feet for second floor windows.

- **Watertable**
  - The first floor of the Tidewater Arts & Crafts house is typically set three feet above the finished grade. Tidewater Arts & Crafts houses have 8- to 10-inch wide skirt boards. Foundation vents are centered under windows when used.
Windows and Doors

Standard Windows

Windows are typically vertical in proportion and have a 3 over 1, 4 over 1, 5 over 1, or 9 over 1 muntin pattern. Standard windows are double hung.

Special Windows

Special windows include triple windows, small square accent windows, and box bay windows supported on flat cut brackets. Wide windows divided into several panes occur in dormers and gables. Other dormer windows are gabled together in wide gabled or shed dormers.

Doors

Arts & Crafts doors are often stained wood with either wood plank design or a panel door with the top half glazed. Doors may have sidelights or transoms in clear or leaded glass in Arts and Crafts patterns. Outer lower doors in a face-panel design are common on coastal Arts and Crafts houses to permit ocean breezes to enter.

Trim

Windows and doors have 6-inch straight or tapered flat trim. Arts & Crafts window and door trim carries a simple molding and cap above.

Tidewater Arts & Crafts
Porches

Porch Elevations

Porch Eaves

Rail Details

Exposed Rafter Tail

Section A-A: Porch Eave Section

Section B-B: Porch Gable Section

Porch Location & Mansard

In this style, porches and porch locations vary considerably and are used to create a number of spatial effects. Porches are broad and low, when present, and can wrap the house or fill in the void created by an L-shaped house plan. In other styles, full front porches are encouraged on the Tidewater Arts & Crafts house.

Minimum porch depth is 8 feet. For wood deck porches, the gaps between brick piers are infilled with lattice panels. Solid porches should be faced in brick, or stucco, if appropriate.

Columns & Railings

Columns include full-height tapered box, half-height paneled box, and half-height paneled box columns. Victorian-era bungalows have classic columns set on square piers or solid porch balustrades. These porches are usually matched with bracketed box eaves.

Column Types

Box

Palmed

Tapered Box

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Materials and Possibilities

Roofing
- Metal, narrow standing seam of 5-V panels (painted);
- Wood shingles/shakes;
- Dimensioned architectural grade asphalt or fiberglass shingles;
- Slate/synthetic slate;

Roof penetrations and flat skylights may be placed on a roof not facing a public thoroughfare with houses, maximum of two skylights per roof plane.

Cladding
- Smooth, horizontal bevel or lap wood or fiber-cement siding, 4 to 8 inches wide, miter cut corners or with 5/8 by 6 inch corner boards;
- Cut wood cedar shingles, miter cut corners or with 5/8 by 6 inch corner boards;
- Smooth finish brick in Common, English or Flemish bond patterns with scored mortar joints and white or tinted mortar;
- Painted brick;
- Light sand finish stucco.

Foundations, Piers & Chimneys
- Brick, stone or stucco on block.

Windows
- Wood, vinyl (solid or clad) or aluminum clad with traditional profiles, minimum 3/4 inch wide projecting exterior muntins.

Doors
- Painted or stained wood, or aesthetic equivalent.

Columns
- Wood or fiberglass, with Classical proportions and details.

Lintels
- Stone, brick or precast concrete.

Railings
- Straight or turned wood balusters;
- Solid rail clad in wood, cut shingle, siding, stone, or brick.

Shutters
- Operable wood or polyvinyl sized to match opening, with appropriate hardware.

Porch Ceilings
- Plaster;
- Beaded-profile, tongue and groove or panelized boards.

Soffits
- Smooth composition, tongue and groove, or fiber-cement boards.

Gutters and Downspouts
- Half round gutters, round or rectangular smooth downspouts.

Fences and Garden Walls
- Wood picket, black metal, brick, stucco on block, or combination.

Lighting
- Predominantly carriage lamps, porch or wall mounted.
SECTION D Landscape Patterns
General Principles

Appropriate landscaping is a critical component of the overall look and feel of East Beach. One should approach the landscaping of a residential lot with an attitude similar to that demonstrated in the placement, design and detailing of the house. Variables to consider while developing the landscape design include the type, location, size, and configuration of the lot; the design and configuration of the house; soil conditions and site drainage; topography; solar orientation; existing vegetation, street trees and adjacent lots and landscaping.

The diverse and unique landscape found along the Chesapeake Bay is a source of constant wonder for its residents and visitors. Its health and natural diversity can be maintained and enhanced by paying special attention to the micro-climate of the site and developing a landscape plan and selecting plant species that are appropriate for the specific location within East Beach.

In general, landscape designs should be ordered and well composed rather than random and scattered. Trees, shrubs, hedges, and ground cover should be massed together in appropriate groupings to make and frame outdoor living spaces and garden rooms, to reinforce the major entry, define the relationship/transition between public and private areas, and to enhance the design of the house, the street, and the neighborhood.

Maintenance

Long-term growth and maintenance should be considered when developing the landscape design and selecting landscape materials. Landscape materials should present an attractive presence at the time of initial planting and, in order to preserve their health and appearance, all landscape areas shall be properly maintained. Proper maintenance includes watering, mowing, weeding, edging, fertilizing, pruning, insect control, removal and/or replacement of dead or diseased plant materials and maintenance of drainage patterns and facilities.
Irrigation

All landscaped areas including the strip of land between the curb and the sidewalks, and the paved portions of a public thoroughfare, including service lanes, should be properly irrigated. While the use of an automatic underground irrigation system to facilitate a vibrant landscape environment is highly encouraged, other means of irrigation are permitted. Irrigation systems should allow for watering during specific hours as necessary to accommodate local watering restrictions. The irrigation system should provide for separate watering of shrub and sod zones. It is highly recommended to select plant materials that are drought tolerant and require minimal, if any, irrigation.

Initial Planting Requirements

Prior to the occupancy of a house, the lot should be landscaped. The appropriate use of foundation plantings, planting beds/ground cover and front yard headstones/fences to frame the architecture and create outdoor rooms is encouraged. If applicable, the strip of land between the thoroughfare and the sidewalk and the property line and the paved portion of a public thoroughfare, including service lanes, should be sodded and irrigated by the owner of the immediately adjacent property. All lawn areas should be sodded, not seeded. Shrub or ground cover, planted individually or together, should have mulch beds. Organic materials such as pine needles, shredded pine bark and pine bark chips should be used as mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 3 inches deep. Stone mulching is not permitted.

At initial planting, at least 25% of the open ground area in the front yard, front portions of the open ground area in the front yard, and front portions of the street and sidewalk should be planted in landscape materials other than grass. All façades facing a public thoroughfare or public space should have a continuous foundation planting except where precluded by access to the building entrance(s) or parking areas. A minimum of 50 percent of the façade must have a 4-foot deep planting bed. Planting beds less than 4 feet are permissible in situations where the building setback is less than 4 feet.

For each 25 feet of lot width, or portion thereof, there should be at least one tree planted in the front yard of the lot. These required frontage trees may be planted in the side or rear yard in order to provide greater design flexibility. At initial planting, all trees shall be a minimum of 2½ inches in caliper and 8 feet in overall height. The tree should be of a variety which should attain a mature crown spread of at least 20 feet.

Preservation of existing landscape materials is highly encouraged. Where plant materials exist on the lot prior to construction, the materials may be used as a credit to the initial landscape requirements. Landscape materials for credit consideration shall be preserved and protected in a healthy condition free from disease and injury. Preserved materials should be fully integrated into the landscape design for the remainder of the lot.

Prior to installation of landscape materials, the soil should be properly prepared including, but not limited to, bringing in top soil and compost/top soil blends to amend tree and planting areas.

No synthetic or artificial plant materials in the form of shrubs, vines, trees, ground covers or lawns shall be used for the landscaping of lots.

Plant Selection

East Beach contains a series of distinct and overlapping zones. In order to preserve and enhance these unique areas, care should be taken in the selection of appropriate plant materials for each residential lot within East Beach. Refer to the East Beach Plant Selection on the following pages for recommended plant materials, although plant materials other than those listed may be used. The use of qualified sources such as landscape architects, landscape contractors, and landscape nurseries is highly recommended to make sure the selection, placement, initial planting size, initial plant spacing, and care of plant materials is appropriate for the intended use of the landscape materials and the specific wind, salt, soil, and solar conditions of the individual site.

All landscaping materials shall meet the minimum specification and standards described in the most current edition of the American Standard for Nursery Stock published by the American Association of Nurserymen.

Gardens and Courtyards

Gardens and courtyards can provide a private retreat for the residents and their guests. These outdoor rooms are an essential component of a comprehensive approach to the design of the lots. Framed and defined by buildings, arcades, garden walls, and landscape materials, properly planned and detailed gardens and courtyards can add a great deal of utility, joy, beauty, and value to one's property. Once the basic shape and form of the garden or courtyard is created, elements such as fountains, trellises, pergolas, lattice work with climbing plants, terraces, paths, site furniture and sculpture can be used to define the style and character of the space.

General Principles and Guidelines
Hardscape Materials
Choosing hardscape materials is an opportunity to express the unique character of the coastal landscape. Paved areas should be kept to a minimum and limited to walks, paths, terraces, courtyards, driveways, and parking areas. Paved areas adjacent to public thoroughfares should use paving materials that are compatible in color to those used on the public thoroughfare. Paving materials may include:
- Sand and crushed shell, especially for paths
- Wooden boardwalks, raised slightly above the ground
- Gravel
- Brick, pre-cast concrete or stone pavers
- Concrete

Fences, Hedges and Garden Walls
Fences, hedges and garden walls can be used to define boundaries and create outdoor rooms. The maximum height of a front yard fence or hedge is 4 feet and maximum opacity for fences or low walls within this 4-foot-high plane is 60 percent. Fences and low walls should either be wood, wrought iron, brick, stucco over block or a combination of these materials. Front yard fences should be continuous around the perimeter of the front yard and set between 6 inches to 2 feet from the front property line or sidewalk and should have an opening or gate at the front walk. Side yard fences adjacent to public thoroughfares used to create private courtyards and/or gardens may be taller than 4 feet and will be reviewed and approved on a case by case basis. The maximum height of rear yard and side yard fences, walls and hedges is 8 feet measured from the outside face of the wall. Tall walls and fences, especially those adjacent to and visible from public areas, should have decorative caps and/or pickets.

Fences, hedges and garden walls should be used to screen mechanical equipment and trash containers so they are not visible from public thoroughfares and spaces.

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