History of the Parks & Recreation Department

The Department was established in 1974 and immediately began offering sailing lessons and water safety courses. As the interests and needs of the community surfaced and the budget allowed, a variety of programs began to take shape. A building was obtained to offer indoor programs such as arts and crafts and exercise classes.

With recreational activities increasing, the Town of Wrightsville Beach began to focus on developing small tracts of the Town properties into "mini-parks". In 1975, the Town received over 13 acres of land from the United States Department of the interior and, by using grant funds, the park was completely developed by 1980.

In 1988, the Department renovated an old Marine Fisheries building for their new offices, and in 1990 an old Machine Shop was renovated for the Town's new Recreation Center.

Today, Wrightsville Beach Parks and Recreation Department continues to offer a variety of recreational activities for all ages and is committed to the beautification and development of Town properties.

Mission Statement

Our overall objective is to provide constructive and socially acceptable leisure opportunities, whether of an active or passive nature, that will contribute significantly toward the physical, social, and/or emotional well-being of the citizenry and to the overall social needs of the community.

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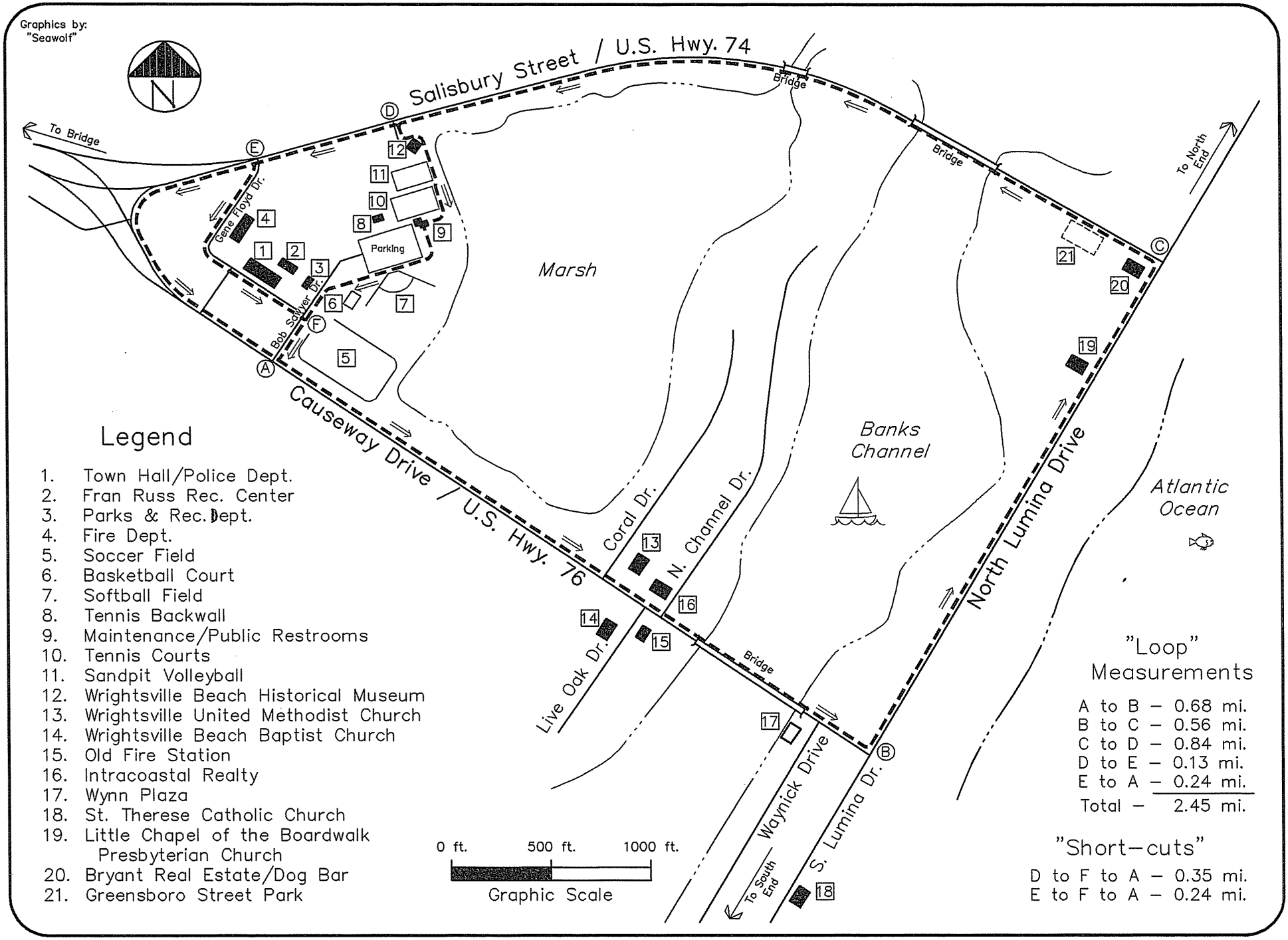
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Banks Channel
Atlantic Ocean
Causeway Drive / U.S. Hwy. 76
Coral Dr.
N. Channel Dr.
Live Oak Dr.
Waynick Drive
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Legend
1. Town Hall/Police Dept.
2. Fran Russ Rec. Center
3. Parks & Rec. Dept.
4. Fire Dept.
5. Soccer Field
6. Basketball Court
7. Softball Field
8. Tennis Backwall
9. Maintenance/Public Restrooms
10. Tennis Courts
11. Sandpit Volleyball
12. Wrightsville Beach Historical Museum
13. Wrightsville United Methodist Church
14. Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church
15. Old Fire Station
16. Intracoastal Realty
17. Wynn Plaza
18. St. Therese Catholic Church
19. Little Chapel of the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church
20. Bryant Real Estate/Dog Bar
21. Greensboro Street Park
0 ft. 500 ft. 1000 ft.
Graphic Scale
"Loop" Measurements
A to B – 0.68 mi.
B to C – 0.56 mi.
C to D – 0.84 mi.
D to E – 0.13 mi.
E to A – 0.24 mi.
Total – 2.45 mi.
"Short-cuts"
D to F to A – 0.35 mi.
E to F to A – 0.24 mi.