

COMMUNITY MEETING - PHASE II: TIBWIN

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES WITH NATURE



What you love about your community:

- Generational land and tight-knit community
- Quiet, unique, and quaint (Spacious but everyone knows each other; There are fewer people here now than there used to be)
- Access to fresh, local foods (Thornhill Farms, McClellanville Farmers Market, Graham’s Seafood)



Challenges you face:

- New Highway 17 (No drainage ditches, the road is sloped so the water flows off of the road and straight onto our properties)
- Stagnant water remains in the large drainage ditches that run under Hwy 17, even during a drought
- Poor water quality
- State and County neglect maintaining the ditches (Ditches have become small, shallow, and filled with overgrown trees)



General issues we heard:

- Reflections of Hurricane Hugo and fears of future storms (“The water level rose above the house windows. There were shrimp boats on the highway”)
- Community members like fishing and crabbing (Often use Buck Hall landing, but wish that it was open to the community)



Top Priorities / Urgent Issues (focused on Nature-Based Solutions)

- Flooding tends to be storm water related rather than tidal
- Standing water breeds mosquitoes and makes spending time outdoors a challenge
- Loss of water access (Used to be able to walk to the marshes and creeks but they are now stopped up and over-grown)
- Flooding has gotten worse over time in the area



Notes / Comments:

Key Takeaways:

Tibwin is a **quiet, close-knit community** with **deep roots** and a **country feel** that residents want to preserve. The biggest concern is **worsening flooding** from **heavy rains**, caused by **poorly maintained ditches** and **runoff from Highway 17**. Despite these challenges, people value Tibwin’s **open space, recreation, and unique character**.