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The Fresh Air Home  
Ms. Rebecca Buchman  
P.O. Box 14144  
Savannah, Georgia 31416

**Re: Letter of Permission, Maintenance of An Existing Private Dune Crossover, The Fresh Air Home, 900 Butler Avenue, Tybee Island, Atlantic Ocean, Chatham County, Georgia.**

Dear Ms. Buchman:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request to maintain an existing private dune crossover located at 900 Butler Avenue. The proposed project involves maintenance of the existing handrails, decking, stringers and pilings as needed. The project will begin no sooner than 15 days after the date on this letter and be completed within 6 months of issuance.

As proposed, the project scope includes selective replacement of the decking, handrails, stringers and pilings along the length of the 6ft. X 425ft. elevated dune crossover located within an accreting dynamic dune field on Tybee Island. Portions of the existing structure are covered by the accreted sand dune and will require excavation in order to conduct maintenance. To facilitate the replacement of stringers and support pilings, the applicant is proposing to excavate the 20ft. sparsely vegetated area parallel to and immediately adjacent to the existing dune crossover. Using hand tools only, the sand will be collected and manually deposited seaward of the ordinary high-water line immediately seaward of the crossover. The purpose of the project is to facilitate safe usage of the dune crossover by the hundreds of children attending camp at the Fresh Air Home during the summer months.

The Department authorizes the proposed project as depicted above and in the attached description provided all Best Management Practices (BMPs) be used. All work must be accomplished using hand tools only. No heavy equipment or vehicles are allowed on the beach or in the dynamic dune field in conjunction with this project.

**No unauthorized equipment, materials or debris may be placed, disposed of, or stored in the jurisdictional Areas.** Any incidental impacts associated with this project must be rectified by fully restoring areas to their pre-construction topographic and vegetative states. This LOP is valid for the above referenced project. Any change in the use, location, dimensions, or configuration of the approved project, without prior notification and approval from this office could result in the revocation of this LOP and in the required removal of the materials and related structures.

This LOP is not meant to exempt the above referenced activity from future environmental laws. **This project must comply with all other Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances and regulations.**

Because the project may occur between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, turtle nesting season, an individual with a DNR Sea Turtle Cooperators Permit must survey the area to be used each day, prior to the work beginning. All sea turtle nests must be avoided.

Thank you for working with the Department. Please contact Deb Barreiro at (912) 266.3695 if you have any questions or concerns with this project or any future projects.

Sincerely,



Jill Andrews  
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosures: Project request, map and DNR's Dune Crossover Standard Conditions

cc: George Shaw  
City of Tybee Island  
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Tybee Island, Georgia 31328

File: LOP2018090



**I am requesting permission to conduct maintenance to the existing dune crossover located seaward of the Fresh Air Home on Tybee Island. The existing structure is in good condition but we are requesting authorization to replace decking, hardware & stringers as needed. No Changes will be made to the footprint of the existing structure.**





Fresh Air Home

Sand Depoail Area

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