

OLDE TOWNE DAPHNE ASSOCIATION

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

Please take the time to answer the questions below. You may add additional pages as necessary.



Olde Towne Daphne Association (OTDA) recognizes both the enormous stresses placed on our coastal ecosystem through the continued transformation of land to adapt to suburban/urban needs and the need to preserve public access to the beach for future generations.

The McMillan Bluff project is the first step of what OTDA has called "The Bay Trail", incorporating the few remaining public beach accesses in Olde Towne for walking and enjoying the sunset.

- The project goals are to: (1) Replant the bluff with native plants for erosion control and improve water quality; (2) Provide natural cover for small wildlife and to attract birds and butterflies; (3) Be respectful of the old/historic aspects of the neighborhood by planting traditional, native and "pass along" plants on the walking street; (4) Encourage community stewardship of the access and public education through a "grass roots effort" and (5) Provide a respite in the neighborhood for local residents and walkers.

McMillan Public Beach Access

- 1. Have you used the McMillan Public Beach access? ___ YES ___NO Before the Project? ___ YES ___NO After the project? ___ YES ___NO
2. How often do you use the access and in what capacity? (e.g, morning walks, sunsets, walk dog, etc.)
3. Do you feel that our goals for the project were successful? Provide comments ___ YES ___NO
4. The project was made possible by the joint efforts of the City of Daphne, OTDA and a grant from the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP). Are you aware of the MBNEP and its programs? ___ YES ___NO Learn more about the MBNEP at www.mobilebaynep.com.

Future Bay Trail Projects: Dryer Avenue

This 50' wide public access is located on the south side of Bayside Academy and marked by the Battle of Mobile Bay historic marker. Harry and Mary Toulmin, long time advocates for the access, asked OTDA to become advocates for ensuring that it remain open to the public. This public beach access is not in good repair. The beach has been altered significantly with rip-rap and the path needs to be refurbished.

- 1. Are you aware of the Dryer Avenue Public Beach Access? ___ YES ___NO
2. How have you used the access and in what capacity? (e.g, morning walks, sunsets, walk dog, etc.)
3. What improvements should be made to the access?
4. Do you know of any other public access points to the bay in Daphne other than Village Point/Bayfront Parks, May Day Park, Belrose Avenue, Dryer Avenue and McMillan Avenues? If so, list them:
5. Are you aware of OTDA? Would you like to become a member?

Please return this survey to OTDA, P.O. Box 1022, Daphne, AL 36526. You may also download copies from the OTDA website at www.OldeTowneDaphne.org and email us your responses at ContactUs@OldeTowneDaphne.org.