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Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-301(a) the board of commissioners of a county may define a service district in order to finance, provide, or maintain fire protection in addition to or to a greater extent than financed, provided or maintained for the entire county. To enhance public safety and welfare through enhanced fire protection, it is proposed that a service district be formed for fire protection in the Knotts Island area of Fruitville Township.

Identified Need for Service District

Knotts Island is an unincorporated community within the Fruitville Township area of the county. Bordered on the east by the North Landing River, on the west by the Knotts Island Bay and to the south by Currituck Sound, Knotts Island is accessible by two-lane North Carolina Highway 12 or by boat. The area contains a population of approximately 1,545.

Since 1960 Knotts Island Fire and Rescue Squad, Inc., a non-profit volunteer organization funded under a contract with Currituck County, has provided fire protection and response services within the proposed service district. In November of 2017, representatives of the volunteer department requested fire suppression staffing from the county because the volunteer department was no longer under contract and they were ceasing operations. Although a county is not required by statute to provide fire protection, it is critical to maintain fire protection and suppression service in the proposed service district area for the protection of property and the comfort, life safety and peace of mind of residents and tourists whose visitation is vital for the county's economic wellbeing and prosperity.

Resident Population and Population Density

The resident population of the proposed service district area according to the 2010 United States Census is approximately 1,545 persons.

Appraisal Value of Property Subject to Taxation in the Proposed Service District

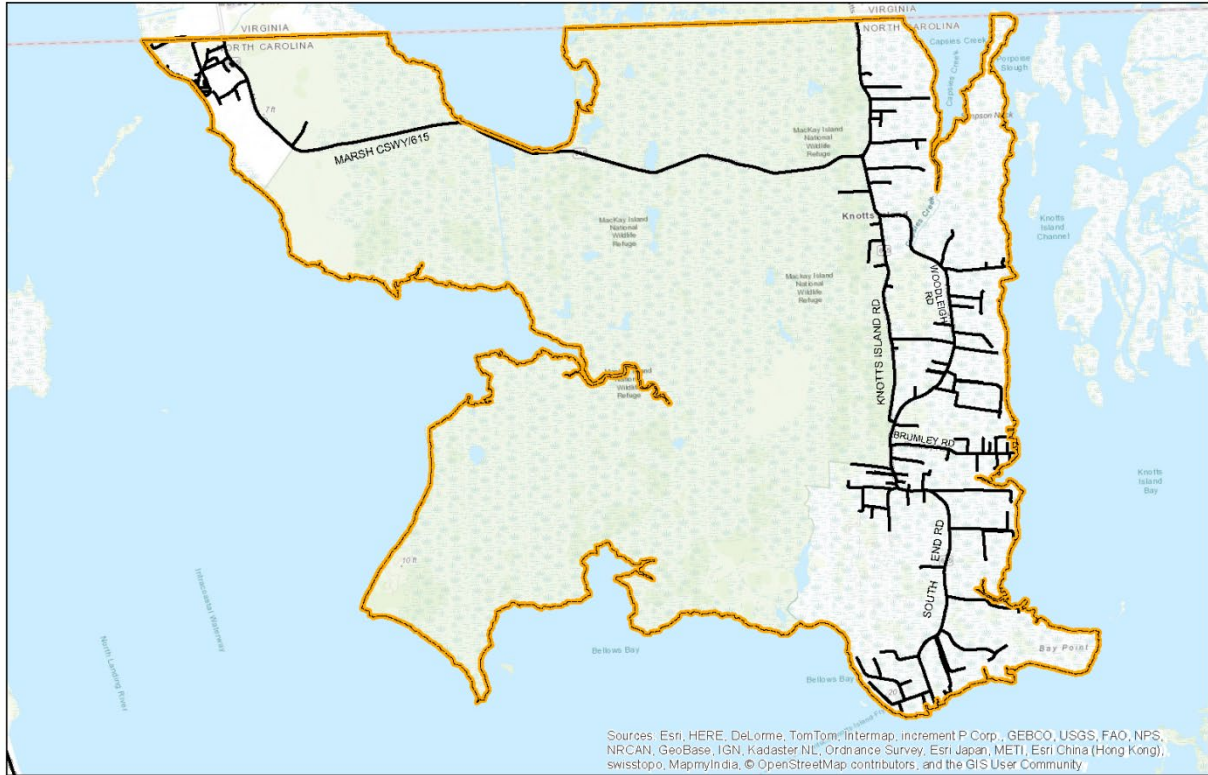
The estimated appraised value of property subject to taxation in the proposed service district is \$135,706,253. The current countywide tax rate, which includes the proposed service district area, is 48 cents (\$0.48) per one hundred dollars of valuation. It is anticipated that a tax in the amount of 5 cents (\$0.05) per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation will be assessed in the proposed service district area.

Plan for Providing Services Within the Proposed Service District

The county has hired 12 firefighters that will be assigned in shifts to the Knotts Island Fire Station. The county firefighters will respond with Knotts Island equipment to calls with cross-trained county ambulance crews to provide firefighters at emergency scenes.

Map of Proposed Service District Area

A map of the proposed service district area is attached to this report.



**KNOTTS ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION
SERVICE DISTRICT: PROPOSED**

SERVICE DISTRICT BOUNDARY
 ACREAGE: 10,865
 POPULATION ESTIMATE: 1,545

