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MAR 11 2019
Ms. Tammy Smith
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Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), 2019 Turtle Trot in the State's Shore Protection Act (SPA) Jurisdiction, South Beach Parking Lot, Tybee Island, Chatham County, Georgia

Dear Ms. Smith:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request to host the 2019 Turtle Trot on the South Beach area of Tybee Island. This event combines a 5k race and a sea turtle release. The one-day event will occur on Saturday April 27, 2019 and be completed the same day.

Your request includes the placement of directional signage and traffic cones to identify the 5k course on the beach just north of the pier for a distance of 1.5 miles. The inflatable start/finish line will be lined with a temporary 3'x10' lightweight sectional barricade sitting directly on the sand. There will also be a time clock at the finish line. Both the inflatable finish line and time clock will be powered by an extension cord that commences on the pier. It will be properly identified. All equipment will be removed immediately following race completion.

In addition to the 5k, this one-day event includes the release of a rehabilitated Loggerhead sea turtle by the GA Sea Turtle Center (GASTC). The turtle release area will be set up south of the Pier. Temporary posts with rope will be used to line a path approximately 50 feet long in order to provide the turtle protected access to the Atlantic Ocean. The public will be able to traverse the beach landward of the temporary fence and spectators will be able to observe the release from a controlled distance. The fencing will be set up the day of the event using hand tools only and will be removed as soon as the turtle is released. GASTC will coordinate with Tybee Island's Department of Public Works to use a pick-up truck to move the sea turtle from the staging area to the release area. The vehicle will use the DNR-approved vehicular access point at 19th Street.

The Department authorizes the temporary activities associated with the event as depicted in the attached project description and location map. Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be used as may be required by the City of Tybee to prevent any additional impacts at the site and to protect the shore jurisdictional areas.

No unauthorized equipment, materials or debris may be placed, disposed of, or stored in jurisdictional areas. Any incidental impacts associated with this project must be rectified by fully restoring areas to their pre-construction topographic and vegetative states.

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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 permission and in the required removal of the materials and related structures. This project must comply with all other Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances and regulations.

If you have any further questions or concerns in regard to this or any other projects please feel free to contact Deb Barreiro at 912.266.3695.

Sincerely,

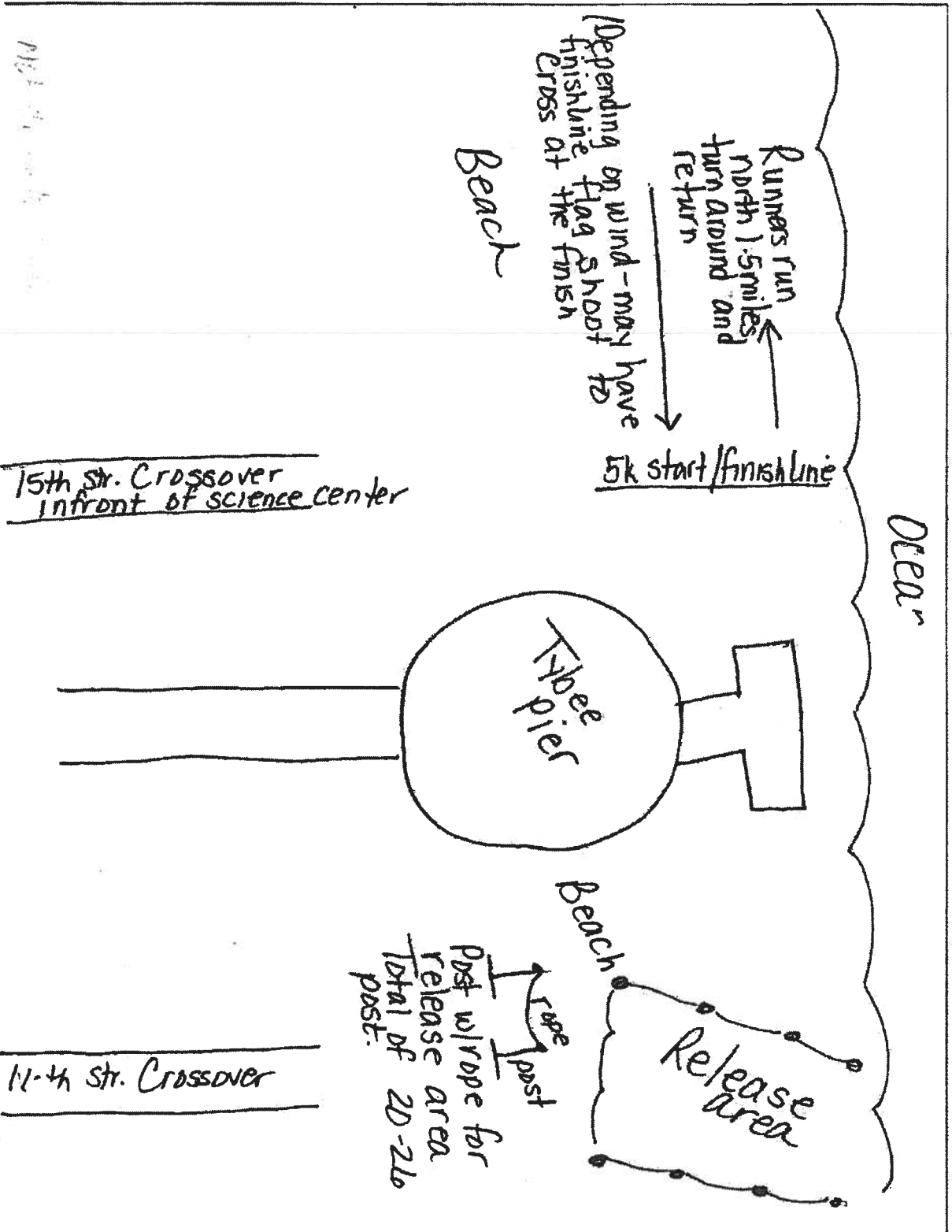


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Enclosures: Description & Site Plan

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11th Str. Crossover

Barreiro, Deb

From: Tammy Smith <Tammy.Smith@sccpss.com>
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I would like to submit a request for our 15th annual Turtle Trot.

Date: 5k beach run will take place on April 27, 2019, from 7am-10am

Details: runners will run north to East Gate, turn around and finish at the pier

Beach: the use of extension an cord(s) from a pier outlet to the start/finish line to enable the inflation of an arch at the finish line, and power a portable timing device (No impact on beach and will be promptly removed at soon as last participant crossed finish line)

Turn Around Point: located at East Gate above the high tide line, table with water– all debris will be removed from beach at conclusion of race

Turtle Release Area: Assuming GASTC has a turtle for us to release, the release area will be set up identical to the past years, on the south side of the pier. Wooden stands will rope between will be use to mark off the release shoot/area. Post and rope will be removed immediately following the release.

No other area on beach is needed for Trot, the awards ceremony will take place on the pier.

I have included a layout of the course map and the turtle release area.

Please let me know if further information is needed.

Thank you

Tammy Smith

Tybee Sea Turtle Project Coordinator

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