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New visitor center, new property



JOCKEY'S RIDGE STATE PARK recently opened a new visitor center, and last week, the state approved the acquisition of 8,250 feet of land to add to existing park property. (L. Skinner photo)

Parcel added to Jockey's Ridge State Park

The Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations last week approved the acquisition of 8,250 square feet of land in Nags Head for inclusion in the Jockey's Ridge State Park.

According to Marc Basnight (D-Dare), President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate, chairman of the committee, the land was acquired by the Division of Parks and Recreation in the Department of Natural Resources.

The acquisition transaction of property in Dare County was one of seven similar transactions spread over the entire state presented to the commission at its meeting.

"These land transfers will allow us to expand our efforts in

precious land is necessary so that our citizens will have places to go to experience the beauty of our natural environment, much like what is offered at Jockey's Ridge," Senator Basnight commented.

The Jockey's Ridge land acquisition covers a plot of land in the Nags Head area at an expense of \$52,000. The tract also included a one-story frame dwelling. Funding for the property comes by way of proceeds from the 1993 park bonds.

The Nags Head property was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Wise Jr., the senator reported.

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations is responsible for evaluating and studying the

departments, agencies, and institutions of state government.

Additionally, all conveyance of property, excluding those for transportation purposes, that come before the state at appraised values greater than \$25,000 must be approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations. Upon approval of the commission, the transactions are sent to the governor and the Council of State for further approval, at which time the properties them may be conveyed.