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Typical Conservation Measures for Walton County Parcels with NO DIRECT IMPACTS to Choctawhatchee beach mice (CBM) or their habitat. These conservation measures are deemed essential for the long term survival and recovery of CBM. Written acknowledgement of the understanding of these conservation measures should be provided to Walton County and the USFWS via email or postal mail. For parcels with direct impacts, a permit will be needed and a different avenue will be required. Walton County Planning Department will be able to inform individuals of which parcels need an actual Federal permit.

1. Maintain, enhance, management and protect the remaining natural areas and restoration areas onsite following construction.
2. Allow access to USFWS and FWC staff for the purpose of monitoring, trapping, relocation, and management efforts as needed (Owners will be notified if access is needed will not be frequent).
3. Planting and maintaining native dune vegetation within the landscape surrounding the structure. A variety of suitable cover and forage plants are preferred.
4. Restoration of any degraded dune areas associated with previous or construction related impacted lands.
5. Develop and provide educational brochures and placards to be installed and provided to rental occupants.
6. Installation of a dune walkover to focus foot traffic and activities away from coastal dune habitat. Shared walkovers should be explored as an option. Walkovers must be per our current guidelines to not require a permit.
7. Provide annual reporting by a qualified individual to provide details of the condition of the habitat.
8. Prohibit domestic cats outside. No harboring or feeding outdoor or feral cats.
9. Dogs permitted on a leash, and not allowed within the protected dune habitat or marked shorebird nesting habitat.
10. No trash receptacles will be kept outdoors. All trash receptacles kept in an enclosed predator proof receptacle to prevent attracting predators or house mice/rats.
11. Posting, roping, and maintaining the seaward extent of the primary dune line (if applicable to the site) to prevent intrusion into the dune ecosystem and allowing this area to rebuild and function naturally.
12. Wildlife friendly lighting should be reviewed by Walton County staff per their ordinance. This should include the most minimal lighting needed for safety. No decorative lighting. All windows and glass doors should have the appropriate glass or window tint that only allows 45% light transmittance from inside to outside.



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