

# Orange City

Orange City is a small beach town that relies heavily on seasonal tourism. In recent years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, tourism has dwindled significantly. While tourism has increased and is on par with pre-pandemic levels, people wonder if it is possible to protect small businesses who rely on tourism from other unforeseen events.

In an effort to boost local and broader Tar Heel Girls State economy and increase the use of renewable energy, there is an interest in developing offshore wind turbine farms. There are advantages and disadvantages to wind farms.

In recent years, a new worry has plagued Tar Heel Girls State coastal residents as hurricane season approaches each year. With heavy rain showers may come the flooding of swine waste lagoons. Lagoons are holes in the ground that pig waste from large-scale pig farms fall into. When there is a hurricane or heavy rainfall from storms, lagoons are at risk of flooding and emptying into the environment. People disagree as to whether the lagoon system is sustainable and wonder what leaders will do to prepare and possibly prevent these events.

An additional concern within the coastal community is the unstable k-12 school system. While unlike the rest of the Tar Heel Girls State, teacher vacancies are low, there are still some obstacles Orange City needs to face.

Orange City is also experiencing increased pollution over the last few years, but government officials and researchers have not found the cause. Many people suspect that this pollution is as a result of runoff from Red City but there is not enough funding in Orange City to pin-point where the origin of the pollution may be coming from.