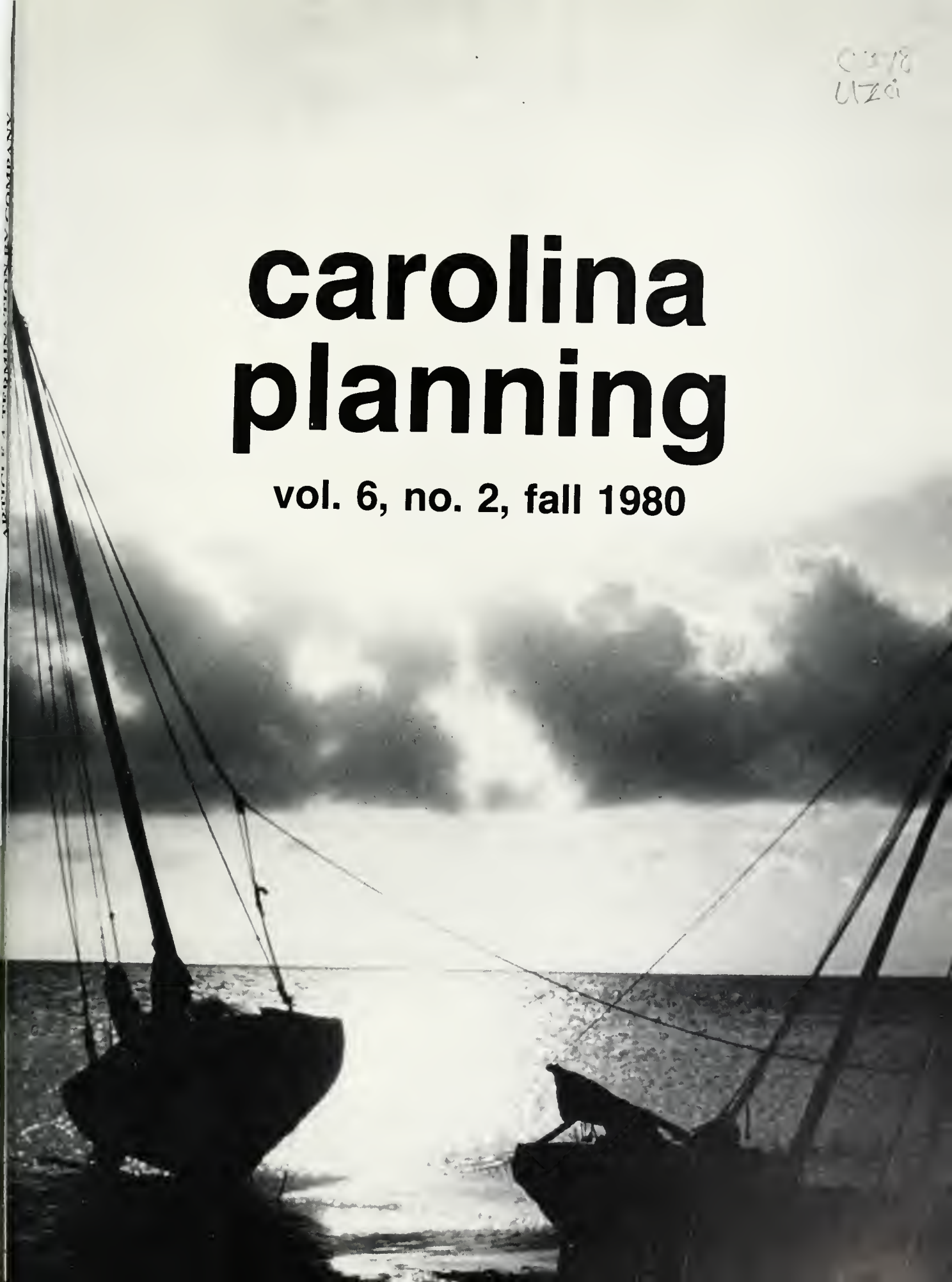


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Introduction

During this Year of the Coast, we would like to add our voice to those making the plea for increased awareness and appreciation of our coastal resources, and the problems inherent in using and preserving those resources.

Our coastal area wealth, measured both in terms of aesthetics and use value, is under increasing pressure from development. As planners we need to appraise the situation and wisely review any proposal for development in order to gain the maximum benefits for those using the beach. Pressures of tourism, second home development, vehicular traffic, and energy demands need not be dismissed as incompatible with beach recreation, but incorporated into a careful strategy for beach development.

Included in this issue are articles which point out the conflict between the natural forces of the coastal ecosystem and the development pressures on that system. Articles by Todd Miller and Neil Caudle look at the problem from the perspective of the long-time coastal resident. Todd describes the influx of second home builders on Ocracoke Island while Neil takes a look at threats to the fishing and boat-building industries on Harkers Island.

Brian Benson and David Owens illustrate the planning processes and inherent conflicts in coastal planning in case studies of Aurora, North Carolina and Currituck County, North Carolina, respectively. A piece by Lawrence Zucchini looks at designing developments on barrier islands, while Paul Hosier studies the effects of off-road vehicular traffic on beaches. Barrie Stokes reviews the latest revisions to the Coastal Zone Management Act, and Robert Ansley interviews Orrin Pilkey to discuss Pilkey's concern over development on the dynamic coastline.

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