



A Super Private 32-acre Island Near Beaufort Just Sold. Here's Who Owns it

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Dataw Island, a private, gated community near Beaufort, now owns neighboring Oak Island, a 32.8-acre private island, brokerage firm Jon Kohler & Associates announced Monday.

Oak Island, previously owned by The Nature Conservancy, sits close to St. Helena Island and is about nine miles from downtown Beaufort.

Ted Bartlett, general manager for Dataw Island, said said an anonymous donor purchased the island for \$650,000 and gifted it to the Dataw Island Owner's Association.



The private island features a 725-foot private dock "with sweeping views of salt marsh and deep water access to Jenkins Creek," according to the broker's website.

Residents can access the island only through a private, two-lane bridge inside

the gated Dataw Island community.

Dataw Island, a private gated community, includes two 18 hole golf courses, tennis courts and a marina.



Oak Island has a conservation easement that allows up to three residences with a footprint of 15,000 square feet, the listing says.

The private island had been on the market since February 2018.



The island was initially listed on the market for \$2.49 million, but dropped to \$989,000 in October 2019, according to [Realtor.com](https://www.realtor.com).

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