

Public Support and Revenues

Statement of support, revenue and expenses for the year ending December 31, 2006

PUBLIC SUPPORT

Memberships	\$132,138
Donations	1,149,128 *
Grants	2,312,599 **
Investment income	57,216
Gain or loss on disposal of fixed assets	(7,012)
Miscellaneous	7,710
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT and REVENUES	\$3,651,779
Administration	\$68,076
Development	89,956
Coastkeepers	242,358
Programs	471,669
Restoration/Education	1,112,909
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,984,968

HOW WE SPENT YOUR DONATIONS

56%

3.5%

4.5%

12%

24%

ADMINISTRATION	3.5%
DEVELOPMENT	4.5%
COASTKEEPERS	12%
PROGRAMS	24%
RESTORATION/EDUCATION	56%

The North Carolina Coastal Federation's 2006 audit was prepared by G. Lee Carroll, Jr., CPA, P.C. Please contact NCCF to receive a copy of the full audit.

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North Carolina Coastal Federation

"Citizens Working for a Healthy Coast"

Mission:

To provide citizens and groups with the assistance needed to take an active role in the stewardship of North Carolina's coastal water quality and natural resources.

Who we are:

The North Carolina Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy, and habitat preservation and restoration.

What we do:

Working with citizens we direct our efforts in these key program areas: protecting and restoring coastal habitat and water quality; strengthening environmental standards; and delivering environmental education.

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Protecting & Restoring North Carolina's Coast

NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FEDERATION

2006 ANNUAL REPORT

"Water is the most critical resource issue of our lifetime and our children's lifetime. The health of our waters is the principal measure of how we live on the land."

- LUNA LEOPOLD

Dear Friend of the Coast,

It's hard for me to believe that 2006 was our 24th year of work. The board, staff and members of the North Carolina Coastal Federation were busy throughout the year doing our normal business as well as taking steps to prepare for our next quarter century of work.

Major highlights of our work by coastal region are provided in this annual report. What you don't see listed here is the behind-the-scenes work that is positioning the Federation to be a more influential force in future coastal management decision-making. Throughout 2006 our board and staff quietly worked to mount a major fund raising campaign for our coast, one that will allow the Federation to become much more active in all our coastal regions starting in January 2008.

Our Friends of the Coast Campaign will grow our regional offices so that we have an equal level of staffing and programming along the northern, central and southern coastal areas. Staff in those regions will focus their work within their regions and connect with the issues and priorities of our members. Each regional office will have a full-time COASTKEEPER®, Coastal Restoration Specialist and Outreach Educator. This will allow us to serve the environmental needs of each region fully and effectively, without sending our staff on the road for days at a time to cover our large and geographically diverse coastal region.

We publicly announced our campaign in early 2007 after a year's worth of work. Our goal is to raise \$3 million for this programming, and to give the Federation the financial stability to weather future economic downturns as well as unexpected disruptions to our on-going operations, such as a major hurricane. In 2006 we raised almost half of our Campaign goal through the generosity of our board, staff and long-term financial supporters, as well as many new friends.

Throughout our history as an organization, we have worked hard to convince our supporters that our work isn't about responding to big headline issues. The big issues may grab the public's attention for a short period of time, but in the scheme of things, they mean little to the overall health of the coastal region. Instead, it's the everyday decisions about how we use our land and water that are the critical ones. These decisions are made by all of us, and together they determine the long-term health and productivity of our coastal resources.

The Federation works to position itself to be an advocate for the coast in everyday decision-making. We put a lot of attention into how programs are implemented, and the role of local and state agencies in fulfilling our legislative mandates. We also work with schools and civic groups to help them develop a stewardship ethic for the coast.

We can do this effectively because we have a board and staff able to look beyond the latest environmental crisis and proactively galvanize the genuine concern that folks from all walks of life have for maintaining the environmental health of our coast.

Just like in our Friends of the Coast Campaign, the accomplishments that you see listed in this annual report are the result of the hard work of our entire organization. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedicated work of our board, staff members and hundreds of volunteers. It is the depth of this support that became so evident in 2006 as we undertook our Campaign, and it gives me real hope for the future as we work to represent the long-term interests of the coast for the next quarter century.

Sincerely,

Todd Miller

Todd Miller  
Executive Director





## COAST-WIDE

- After years of work, the General Assembly passed a bill to implement permanently the EPA-mandated Phase 2 stormwater program. The legislation contains significant protections for coastal shellfish waters and extends stormwater protections to 25 counties statewide.
- NCCF worked with the state to develop a new state-of-the-art, GIS-based model monitoring program that identifies pollution sources affecting coastal waters and reports them to regulatory agencies, then helped to obtain permanent funding for the program.
- Over 250 people attended three regional public oyster forums sponsored by NCCF, North Carolina Sea Grant and the NC Aquariums as part of the Oyster Plan.
- Violating the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) got more expensive under a bill passed this year by the NC General Assembly. NCCF and other groups successfully pushed for the fourfold increase in fines for coastal development violations.
- NCCF's annual *State of the Coast Report* focused on escalating development along the coast and the loss of working waterfronts, traditional coastal towns and coastal heritage. The publication was distributed to 100,000 households and resulted in a new state committee to study trends of coastal waterfronts.
- NCCF and the NC Sierra Club led the lobbying effort that resulted in a one-year moratorium on new landfills and a study to examine the environmental and social effects of the facilities.
- The Coastal Resources Commission adopted effective sand compatibility rules in November.

- NCCF increased its volunteer program from 600 volunteers who donated 11,000 hours in 2005 to 1,896 volunteers who donated 15,000 hours in 2006. Of these, 1,452 participants and 6,000 donated hours came from volunteers who helped to conduct restoration projects.
- Over 3,000 people were reached through hands-on educational programming, including festivals, monitoring events, site tours, student programs and staff-led field trips.
- COASTKEEPERS® held more than 75 "community meetings" engaging at least 2,500 citizens in strategizing on local and statewide coastal issues.
- As a partner in the NC Oyster Shell Recycling Partnership, NCCF worked to secure a tax credit for oyster shells donated to the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF); to institute a ban on the disposal of oyster shells in landfills; and to assist volunteers with shell collection from restaurants and to establish four new public shell drop-off sites. The program has grown from 3,000 bushels of recycled shell in 2003 to more than 13,000 bushels in 2006.
- NCCF successfully pushed for funding from the NC General Assembly for implementation of the Coastal Habitat Protection Plan, staffing and resources to implement the expanded Shellfish Sanitation shoreline survey methodology and to map shellfish resources and habitat.

## NORTHERN COAST

- NCCF monitored plans for development throughout the region, including a 50-acre residential subdivision in the village of Salvo on Hatteras Island. When the state Division of Coastal Management issued a permit that would allow the developers in Salvo to fill 30 acres of marsh, we worked with lawyers at the Southern Environmental Law Center to file an appeal.

- NCCF served as the contractor for a project along the Outer Banks to monitor pre-construction benthic invertebrate on the beach.
- With funding from the Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust, NCCF put together a stakeholders group of farmers, fisheries experts, landholders and public officials in mainland Hyde and Dare counties to evaluate potential wetlands restoration projects. The group has developed an action plan, and has begun to seek project funding.
- Landowners on the Scuppernong River in Tyrrell County worked with NCCF to place 160 acres of wetlands and prime upland real estate in a conservation easement held by NCCF.
- Through a NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant, NCCF formed a partnership with staff from the NC Coastal Land Trust and worked with a committee of Currituck County citizens to identify key parcels of land that should be placed in conservation to protect water quality.

## CENTRAL COAST

- Cedar Point's Planning Board invited NCCF to help them work with the engineers of a new Wal-Mart to minimize stormwater. NCCF did and Wal-Mart agreed to install systems that would hold 10 inches of rain in 24 hours. (The state would have required 1.5 inches.)
- The Student Wetland Nursery Program expanded from seven to nine schools, educating 268 students and engaging them in restoration of almost one acre of wetlands.
- NCCF worked closely with residents of eastern Carteret County who fear that rapid growth in a region known as Down East will pollute their waters and threaten their rich maritime culture. We helped to form a grassroots organization called Down East Tomorrow (DET), which persuaded the county commissioners to hold a series of public meetings on growth and development in the region. Almost 1,200 attended those meetings, which led to a

temporary building moratorium on high-density development projects Down East.

- Restoration at North River Farms continued, with 62 acres of tidal and riparian wetlands restored.
- NCCF staff worked with Carteret Community College and other partners to complete the campus shoreline stabilization project that includes a living shoreline, offshore breakwaters, oyster habitat and a stormwater wetland.
- With a \$550,000 grant from the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund, NCCF purchased the northern end of Jones Island, a 23-acre island in the mouth of the White Oak River near Swansboro.

## SOUTHERN COAST

- More than 120 people participated in NCCF's public forum in August that offered information on the potential effects of the US Navy's proposed sonar range offshore of Onslow County.
- Working with the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and US EPA, NCCF formed a Watershed Roundtable for the Lockwood Folly River that has developed recommendations for managing its watershed to protect and restore the river's water quality. This project promotes Low Impact Development (LID) strategies that are on the forefront of new approaches for controlling stormwater pollution in the nation.
- NCCF halted a bill in the legislature that would have allowed a hardened shoreline on the oceanfront at North Topsail Beach in the COBRA (coastal barrier resource act) zone.
- NCCF partnered with Airlie Gardens, NCDMF and UNC-Wilmington to construct a 200-foot oyster reef, to install marsh plantings, and to host an oyster roast and educational event, drawing over 600 citizens in New Hanover County.



# 2006 KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY REGION