

NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FEDERATION

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends of the Coast,

A person would have been hard pressed to find a cheerful prediction for 2009. The Foundation Center reported that foundation assets dropped a record 21.9 percent in 2008 and projected that 2009 foundation giving would decrease by 8 to 13 percent. Nonprofits around the nation braced for what was to be one of the worst years on record.

Our federation board in their due diligence, took a hard look at our operating budget, and as we're accustomed to doing along the coast, "prepared for the worst and hoped for the best."

But it seems that hard times often bring the best out in people. This year's annual report is a tribute to our friends – our members – who made it possible for the Coastal Federation to not only survive 2009, but yes – succeed. Here are a few examples of good friends who made a difference last year.

- The 11 year old who made and wore his "Rain Gardens Rule" t-shirt to work alongside volunteers to plant a rain garden at White Oak Elementary.
- Our donor who gave two major gifts so the Coastal Federation wouldn't "have to reduce its efforts against hardened structures on the coast, or stopping Titan, or stormwater work, or the other good things you do."
- The retired carpenter who gave us six months of his skilled time to turn an abandoned cabin into a classroom.

Throughout the tumultuous year, our friends rallied around us. Our renewal rate remained steady and we added more than 1,200 new members reaching a record high of 9,500 members. Like our beautiful coast, we once again weathered the storm and witnessed resiliency. Thank you – you and our other many good friends made all the difference.

Sincerely,



Todd Miller
Executive Director

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COASTWIDE

- Organized the Beach Summit attended by more than 50 experts in beach science, policy and management. The summit produced recommendations for ensuring that our beaches stay public and healthy.
- Received a \$5 million federal economic stimulus grant to construct oyster reefs for oysters and other estuarine animals and plants that will create or retain 140 jobs coastwide.
- Helped to train 160 planners, engineers, architects and agency staff by conducting a Low Impact Development Workshop and Living Shoreline training sessions.
- Worked to ensure a legitimate study process when the legislature required the Coastal Resources Commission to conduct a study of the feasibility and advisability of the use of terminal groins as erosion control devices along NC's coast.
- Worked with state agency staff to establish cost share funding program for living shoreline projects through the NC Community Conservation Assistance Program.
- Increased our networking capabilities by launching a new website and joining Facebook and Twitter.
- Engaged 2,633 volunteers of all ages who donated 17,098 hours to Coastal Federation projects including shoreline and wetland plantings, oyster habitat creation, advocacy issues, clean-ups, and other activities.
- Added more than 1,200 new members for a total of 9,500 members.

NORTHEASTERN REGION

- Completed the first half of the federal economic stimulus project by constructing a 22-acre oyster reef at Crab Hole in the Pamlico Sound.
- Provided education to 920 students through field trips, restoration activities, classroom experiences and other education events, and reached an additional 915 individuals with program and issue information.
- Built four rain gardens at Kitty Hawk Elementary, Columbia Middle School, Manteo High School and Manteo Town Hall.
- Created a living shoreline on Roanoke Sound at Jockey's Ridge State Park in Nags Head by building an oyster sill and planting marsh grasses.
- Built a 600-acre project designed to benefit migrating shorebirds, water quality and climate change adaptation on Mattamuskeet Ventures Farms in Hyde County.
- Presented a report on Low Impact Development and water quality to over 100 people in Tyrrell County.
- Led the development of a coalition of northeastern environmental educators to prevent redundancy and ensure environmental education needs were being covered.
- Conducted more than 20 public education programs in partnership with the National Park Service, Roanoke Island Festival Park and the NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island.
- Partnered with local government, the Homebuilders Association, the county agricultural extension service, and other agencies to establish green building and development practices in Currituck County.



Coast • 2009 Accomplishments by Region

CENTRAL REGION

- Worked with hundreds of volunteers to complete two oyster shell bag sills (totaling 400 feet long) and a marsh habitat restoration project (restoring 0.5 acres of fringing salt marsh habitat) at Jones Island in the White Oak River.
- Formalized a partnership with Hammocks Beach State Park and NC Coastal Federation to manage the Jones Island Environmental Education & Restoration Center. Prepared the center's classroom for use.
- Constructed seven new rain gardens to reduce stormwater and flooding at Arthur Edwards, Annunciation, White Oak and Smyrna schools, Brandywine Development and N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Office in Morehead City, and at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro.
- Partnered with the NC Division of Marine Fisheries to develop a Low Impact Development Master Plan for their facility in Morehead City that when implemented will reduce stormwater runoff into the adjacent Bogue Sound. A rain garden was built as part of this plan.
- Purchased 62 acres of uplands and wetlands along the White Oak River as part of the Federation's focus to preserve habitat and water quality along the river.
- Conducted wetland nursery, oyster and rain garden programs, educating 1,230 students in 18 schools in five central coastal counties.
- Educated 647 people through summer programs at Cape Lookout National Seashore and on Jones Island, and an additional 631 community members through presentations, festivals and workshops.
- Conducted the sixth Annual Native Plant Festival at federation headquarters, attracting more than 1,000 visitors to the newly-expanded event.

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

- Provided education to 900 students through field trips, restoration activities and classroom activities, and reached an additional 2,800 individuals with program and issue information.
- Partnered with agencies, schools, and businesses to design, install and monitor nine stormwater reduction measures in the region, including the construction of five rain gardens.
- Partnered with the NC Division of Marine Fisheries to stockpile and deploy 20,440 bushels of oyster shell from the Morris Landing Clean Water Preserve's stockpile and barge loading pier, creating and restoring more than four acres of oyster habitat in Stump Sound.
- Sponsored the Leadership Training Academy for 47 local government officials, designed to increase decision-makers' knowledge of the coastal environment and improve management of coastal resources.
- Continued leadership role to oppose the Titan cement plant, expanding public opposition to the plant. Overall effort to oppose Titan has delayed Titan's permitting efforts.
- Organized Clean Water Lobby Day rally in Raleigh with over 200 citizens participating.
- Provided leadership to local citizens to evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed international port at Southport.
- Gained acceptance of Low Impact Development among local governments and private developers throughout the region.



**MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS
MAKE THE FEDERATION'S WORK
POSSIBLE AND GIFTS OF ALL SIZES
ARE SINCERELY APPRECIATED. THE
FOLLOWING GAVE IN 2009
AT RECOGNITION LEVELS:**

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N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund
N.C. Department of Justice-Environmental Division
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
N.C. Division of Soil and Water Conservation
N.C. Sea Grant | NOAA Restoration Center
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PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Summary Statement of activities for the year ended December 31, 2009.

GRANTS & REVENUES

Donations	\$221,109
Campaign Donations	422,015
Grants	1,165,448
Grants – land acquisition	430,574
Investment income	140,388
Membership	137,907
Special Projects	2,554,349
Miscellaneous	11,462
TOTAL GRANTS and REVENUES	\$5,083,252

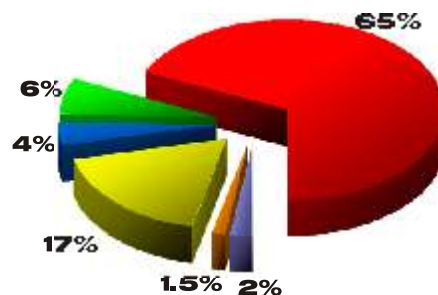
EXPENSES

Administrative	73,861
Development	59,026
Headquarters/program	687,030
Northeast/program	178,939
Central/program	181,945
Coastwide restoration & protection projects	234,375
Expenses excluding land transfer	4,009,440
Land transferred	3,616,239*
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,625,679

NET ASSETS

Change	(2,542,427)
Beginning	35,283,217
Ending	32,740,790

HOW YOUR DONATIONS WERE PUT TO WORK**



Administration	2%
Development	1.5%
Headquarters/program	17%
Northeast/program	4%
Central/program	4.5%
Southeast/program	6%
Coastwide restoration & protection projects	65%

* Two parcels of land on the White Oak River in Onslow County were transferred in 2009 to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. The transfers were consistent with the mission of the Coastal Federation and comply with the restrictive covenants on the property.

**Allocation of expenses excluding land transfers.

The Coastal Federation's audit is conducted by Williams, Scarborough, Smith, Gray, LLP. Please contact the N.C. Coastal Federation for a copy of the full audit.

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NCCF headquarters is located on Highway 24 in Ocean, NC, between Swansboro and Morehead City. Our offices, nature library and shop are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm.

