



One of my favorite novels is *Time and Again*, written in 1970 by Jack Finney, and hailed by Stephen King as “the great time-travel story.” The book connects the present to the past and underscores how traditions and heritage (good and bad) shape our lives.

I thought about this book as we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the North Carolina Coastal Federation in 2022. If we could go back in time, would I make different decisions and lead the Federation along some different pathways?

It is undoubtedly fortunate that we can’t use hindsight to redo past decisions. The Federation is what it is today because we have interacted and connected with the talents, ideas, and enthusiasm of tens-of-thousands of people since 1982. Going back to avoid difficult and hard challenges, if that were even possible, would alter the Federation, and it is impossible to say whether those changes would be a good or bad.

The good news is that our board and staff looked forward instead of focusing on the past during this anniversary year. They understood that we must work smarter and more efficiently just to keep pace with the growing number of environmental challenges we face.

In this annual report, you’ll read about many significant new accomplishments in each of our five major program areas. In addition, we also strengthened our organizational capacity. This included updating our staff organizational structure as well as moving forward with plans to build a new office and meeting facility to expand the number of people we engage. All this work relies upon generous support from a huge diversity of people, private stakeholders, and governmental agencies who empower our work.

There is no better way to celebrate an anniversary than to focus on fulfilling our mission by completing urgent work and preparing for future needs. As Henry David Thoreau so eloquently said, “Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.”

Todd Miller, Executive Director & Founder





North Carolina Coastal Federation

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“The Coastal Federation is unique because it quietly goes about the business of protecting our coast without shaking its fist. As a result, it has turned adversaries into supporters at both a very local level and with state legislators.”

— Ernie Foster, The Albatross Fleet, Hatteras

“Our marine world is impacted by all of humanity’s environmental decisions, and someone needs to take on the voice of an environment that cannot speak up for itself. I want to be one of those voices.” — Alicia M., student

“The Coastal Federation succeeds because it combines strong environmental practices with sound economic growth. In a world of extremes sometimes pragmatism rules the day. In many ways it is the realists in our society that move us forward.” — Smedes York, York Properties, Raleigh

“I believe it is because of the Federation’s inclusiveness that we have found success in preserving NC’s coastal environment for future generations to enjoy.” — David Cignotti, Former Mayor, Wrightsville Beach

“The ocean holds a very special place in my heart, and I want to do everything I can to protect it. I am grateful for these community service opportunities focused on preserving the coastal environment.” — Sophia O., student



OUR MISSION: The North Carolina Coastal Federation empowers coastal residents and visitors from all walks of life to protect and restore the water quality and critically important natural habitats of the North Carolina coast.

Summary of Major Accomplishments

The North Carolina Coastal Federation provides leadership on the coast through education, advocacy and restoration of habitat and water quality. In 2022, we:



Restored over 7 acres of oyster reef



Restored nearly 2,000 acres of wetlands



Restored over 1.2 miles of living shorelines at 34 locations



Infiltrated over 350,000 gallons of stormwater runoff



Cleaned up 418 tons of debris, including 1,983 crab pots and 21 vessels



Mobilized over 600 volunteers



Expanded the NC Oyster Trail to more than 70 delectable sites statewide



Directed over \$3.9 million to the coastal economy



Reached over 675,000 readers and won 7 awards through CoastalReview.Org



Engaged over 4,200 people through presentations and events



Reached over 2.5 million viewers through new partnerships with WRAL, WITN, WECT



Educated over 2,500 students through hands-on and virtual programs

Special Achievements

We are particularly proud to highlight a few special achievements in 2022:

Completing the 20-year restoration effort of the 6,000-acre North River Wetlands Preserve, one of the largest single wetland restoration projects in the nation.

Completing the plans for the new Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration in Carteret County, including nature trails, education programs, and sustainability demonstrations.

Holding community forums on critical issues including marine debris and offshore wind.

Revenue & Expenses

Full audited financials for the year ending December 31, 2022 are available at www.nccoast.org or upon request.

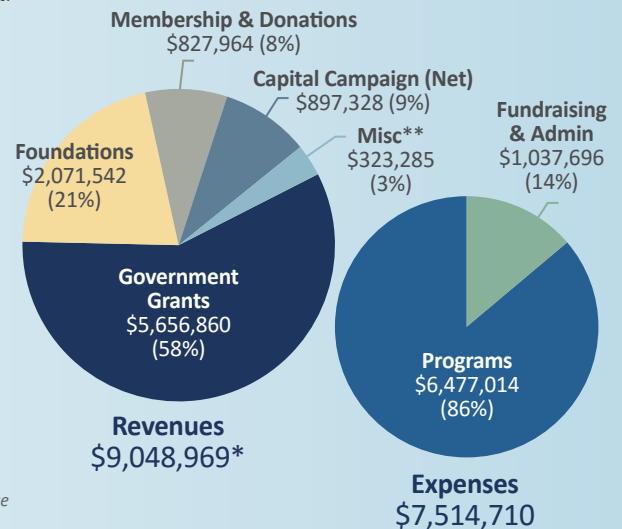
Capital Campaign: \$1,160,542

Revenues raised through a capital campaign in support of the new Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration.

Support to the Community: \$3,922,146

Direct expenses, provided primarily by competitive federal and state grants, spent in the local economy to fulfill our 2022 goals and benchmarks restoring coastal habitats and water quality.

*Includes \$728,010 Net Investment Loss.
**Miscellaneous includes rental income, donation/sale of fixed assets, specialty license plate revenues, net from events, & gift shop.



Nine consecutive years with the highest ratings, reflecting a dedication to financial efficiency and transparency that less than 10% of American charities achieve.



THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR SUPPORTERS

We are grateful to every member and supporter who helps protect and restore our beautiful coast. Special thanks to the following who gave at recognition levels in 2022, including gifts to support our programs and to our capital campaign:

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