

The Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration 2023 Campaign Report

2023 was another outstanding year for the Coastal Federation. We are grateful to our supporters and partners for all we've accomplished for the coast and our tremendous progress bringing the new Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration to life. Thanks to your support, 85% of the funds are committed and construction on the new center will begin this spring!

This 10-acre education center, where the beauty of the coast is both a backdrop and a classroom, will connect even more people to the coast through community meeting and event spaces, education programming, and recreational experiences while serving as the future headquarters of the Federation.



This flagship Center will allow us to do more of what we do best—engaging people in ensuring a bright future for our coast. Stay tuned for updates on construction and special events this year, or visit ncoast.org/CoastalCenter.

PROGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

\$8M

Committed
(85% of goal)

600+

Gifts
and Pledges

24

Months until
opening (*estimated*)

3X

Expanded Educational
Programming by 2030

2

Miles of
Nature Trail

THIS NEW CENTER WILL SUPPORT AND EXPAND ALL OF THE FEDERATION'S PROGRAMS COASTWIDE. IN 2023, THESE PROGRAMS MADE AN IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE FOR OUR COAST:



Created 2 miles of
marsh & reef habitat
in living shorelines



Restored 18+ acres
of oyster reef



Removed 150 Tons
of marine debris



Restored 5 acres
of wetlands



Held 200+
education programs



Reached 3.5 million
households



Directed millions of
federal grant dollars
to the local economy

NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, ENGAGEMENT, AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CENTER IN 2023

- Secured a new grant to complete new improvements along the Chris B. Smith Nature Trail.
- Initiated the design of educational stormwater features to demonstrate a diversity of approaches to preventing stormwater runoff from entering Bogue Sound.
- Finalized the interior design for Education and Event Center as a versatile space capable of accommodating a range of activities, from workshops (depicted at right) to formal events.
- Collaborated with Carteret County to build the access road to connect Highway 24 to the county's future boat ramp and nature park, as well as the Federation's Center.



2023 Happenings at the Center

The Center was a hub of activity in 2023, hosting events including community planting events (left, top and bottom), a site visit with Dr. Ericka Ford with NC State University's School of Textiles to explore alternative materials for oyster bags (top center), a teacher workshop (top right), and installing wood duck nesting boxes with students from Carteret Community College (bottom right).



New Donor Recognition options launched in 2023 as well, including

the Business Garden, Art Walk, Coastal Bird Wall and more. Contact Sarah King at sarahk@nccoast.org for information or to schedule a tour of the site.



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