

2024 Campaign Report

Being the Change

As a grassroots community organization, the Coastal Federation, together with our thousands of supporters, volunteers, and partners, is committed to modeling the future we envision for the coast. In 2024, our efforts restored more than 40 acres of oyster habitat, conserved thousands of acres of coastal lands, and removed over 250 tons of marine debris. Hundreds of volunteers helped achieve these goals, along with a dedicated group of long-term partners.

We also worked to ensure a strong future for the coast by engaging future coastal leaders through extension programs and leadership trainings, outreach programs with local groups like Rotary and garden clubs, and education programs with students from all walks of life, including local school groups, Boys and Girls Clubs, community college students, and students at our major universities. Together, we are making a difference for our coast, and ensuring that it remains healthy and vibrant for future generations.



The Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration will amplify that impact by bringing people together to experience the coast. We were thrilled to break ground on the new Center in October of 2024, and invite you to join us for hard hat tours and other celebrations throughout 2025. We are also working to develop new community engagement programs for the Center, which we will be ready to launch after our grand opening in 2026.





Top: The Campaign Cabinet and Federation Board Members celebrate the groundbreaking at the site (left) and with campaign supporters (right). Construction began in October 2024 (below), with a grand opening anticipated in 2026.





Our Coastal Champions



Bringing the Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration to Life

The Coastal Federation is incredibly grateful to all of our campaign supporters whose passion, enthusiasm, and financial support are making this vision a reality. Your support of almost \$800,000 in 2024, including gifts through the Holding Family Matching Challenge, brings the capital campaign to 86% of the goal and will speed the center to completion.



Explore Recognition Options

Contact Sarah King at sarahk@nccoast.org for information about donor recognition opportunities including the Business Garden, Art Walk, Coastal Bird Wall and more, or to schedule a tour.



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