



## State Investments through the Coastal Federation Leverage Additional Federal Funding to Support Coastal N.C.

Since 2021, the North Carolina General Assembly has invested \$18.8 million in state appropriations to help the Coastal Federation protect and restore the coast. This investment helped to leverage \$72.3 million in additional federal funding. This funding has helped North Carolina achieve:



### **A Cleaner Coast:**

Removed 4M pounds of marine debris and 164 abandoned vessels.



### **Healthier Fisheries:**

Restored over 8,000 acres of habitats critical to our coastal fisheries.




### **Living Shorelines:**

Installed more than 8 miles of living shorelines, providing habitat and reducing erosion



### **Coastal Job Creation:**

Facilitated over 250 full-time employment opportunities.



## State investment has helped North Carolina achieve:

- **Lake Mattamuskeet Restoration:** \$1M → \$16.8M
- **Oyster Restoration:** \$1M → \$14.9M
- **N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program**
  - Secured National Fish & Wildlife Foundation funding, multiplying community impact

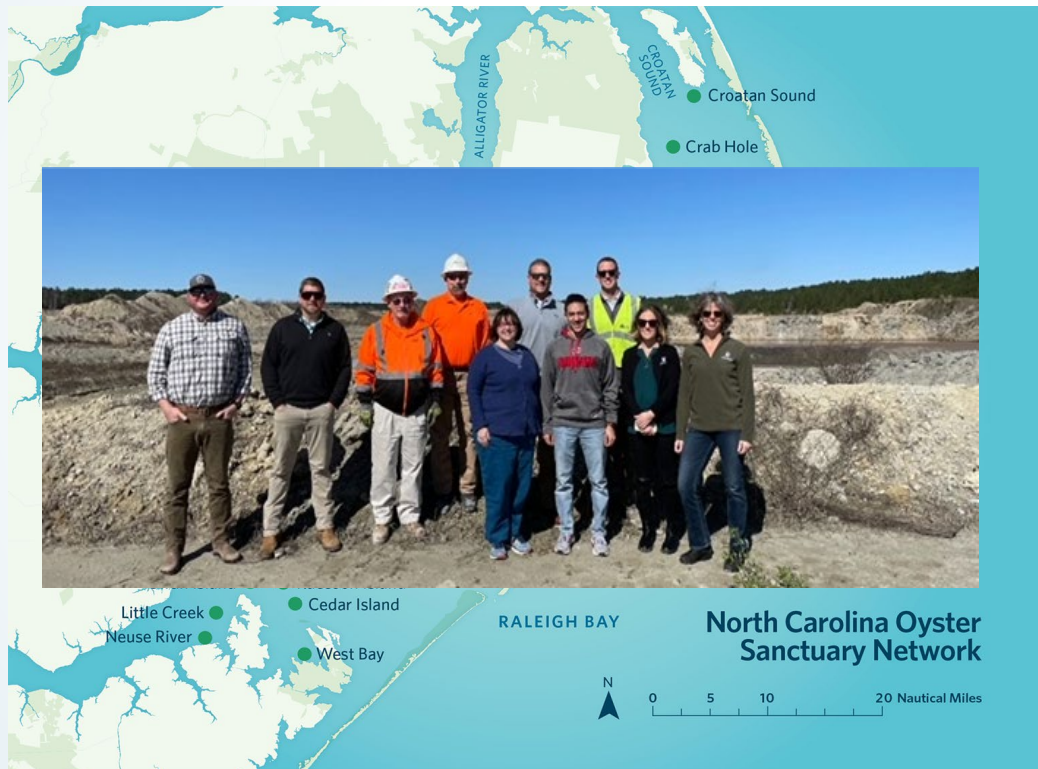


## State investment has helped North Carolina achieve:

- **Newport River Watershed Preserve:**
  - \$500,000 appropriation → acquisition of thousands of acres on the Newport River
- **North Carolina's First Mariculture Hub:**
  - Continued investment from the state in oyster aquaculture, the federation will be breaking ground on the NC's first mariculture hub facility that will support growth of industry



# North Carolina's Oyster Sanctuary Program: A Model for Leveraging State Investments



- ❖ **Strong ROI:** Investments in oyster sanctuaries yield a 100% return through ecosystem services, water filtration, fish habitat, and seagrass enhancement.
- ❖ **Economic Impact:** The \$20.3M state investment (2013–2023) generated \$34M in business revenue, supporting local coastal economies.
- ❖ **Successful Partnerships:** Collaboration between the Federation & NCDMF secured \$22M in federal & private funds, matching the state's \$14M investment.

Thank you!

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