



Aligning Policy with Program Goals: Putting Plans into Action

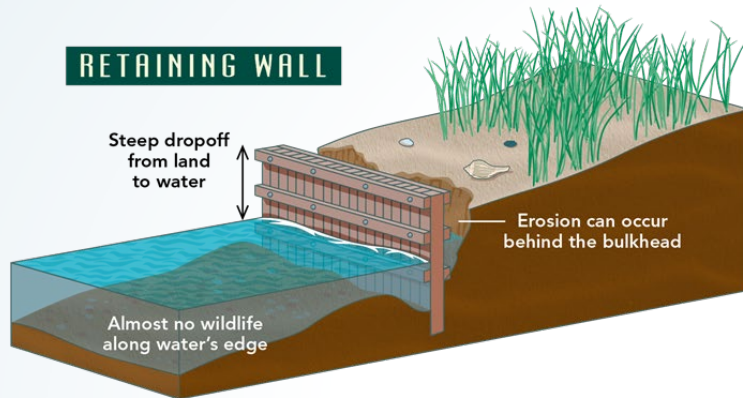
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Local Level: Grassroots Action and Community Engagement



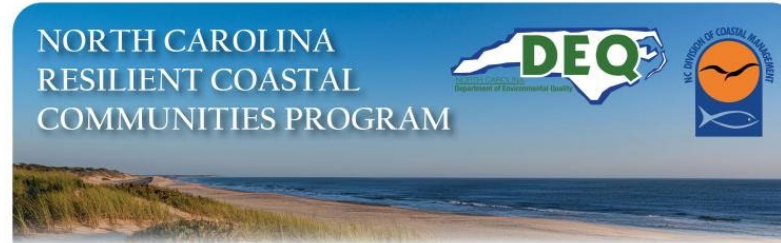
State Level: Regional Coordination and Long-Term Vision



'Hard' infrastructure like retaining walls abruptly severs the ecological connection between the coast and water.



Not only do Living Shorelines defend land against destructive waves, but they also provide crucial habitat for fish and wildlife.



PURPOSE

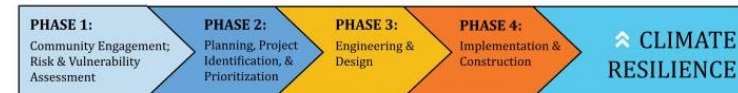
The NC Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) provides financial grants and technical assistance to coastal local governments to support a proactive, equitable, and locally-driven approach to coastal resilience planning and project implementation.



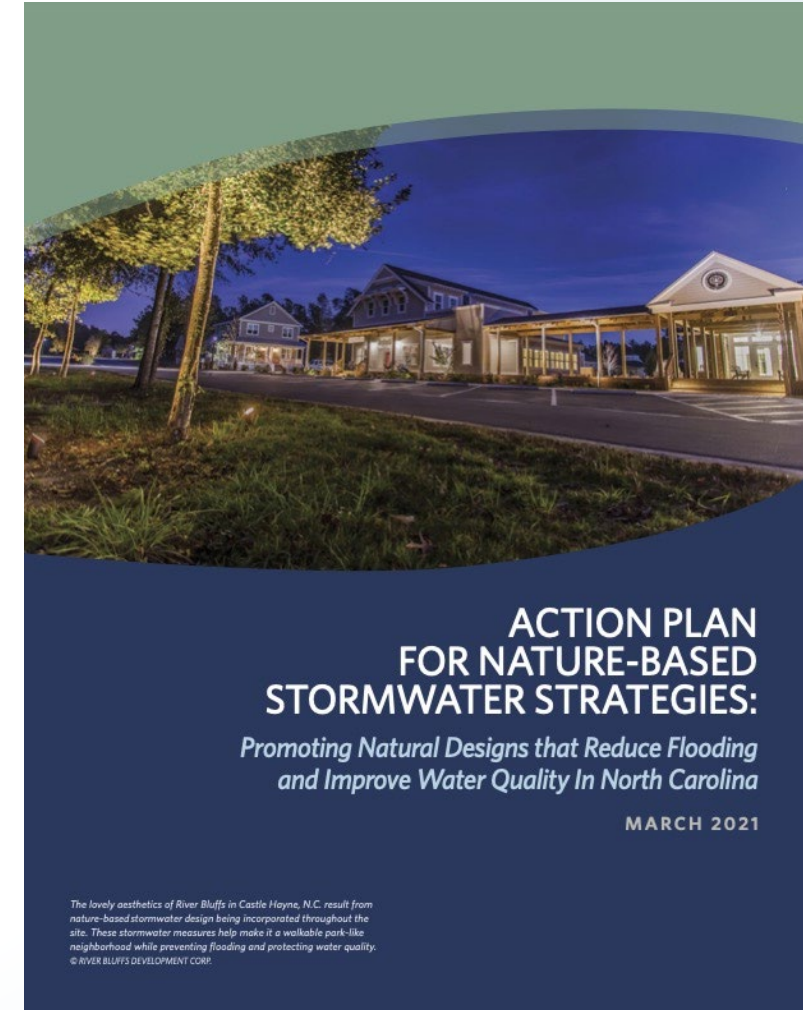
Building resilience to natural hazards is vital for communities to help maintain quality of life, healthy growth, durable systems, and conservation of resources for present and future generations.

GOALS

1. Strengthen coastal communities through resilience planning and projects that increase local capacity, overcome economic constraints, and foster diverse and inclusive decision-making.
2. Assist local communities in conducting comprehensive risk and vulnerability assessments to develop a portfolio of prioritized resilience projects tailored to the community's needs.
3. Advance identified resilience projects to "shovel-ready" status, meaning ready for implementation.
4. Provide competitive funding opportunities for project identification and implementation and link communities to additional financial resources to sustain long-term resilience efforts.



Phases 1 and 2 are designed to help NC coastal communities with resiliency planning. Upon their completion participating communities will have performed a community led data-driven risk and vulnerability assessment and developed a portfolio of prioritized solutions to address these risks, including the incorporation of natural or nature-based solutions.



Federal Level: National Framework and Support



Sand Trapping



Coastal Wetlands



Coral Reefs



Stormwater Parks



Green Streets



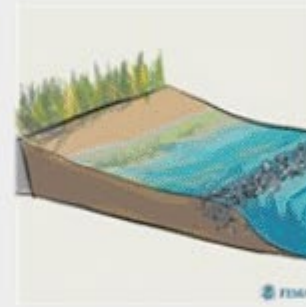
Living Shorelines



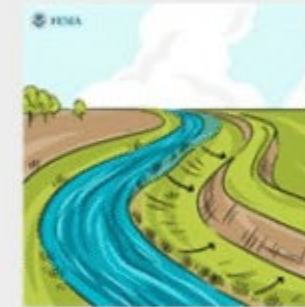
Tree Trenches



Land Conservation

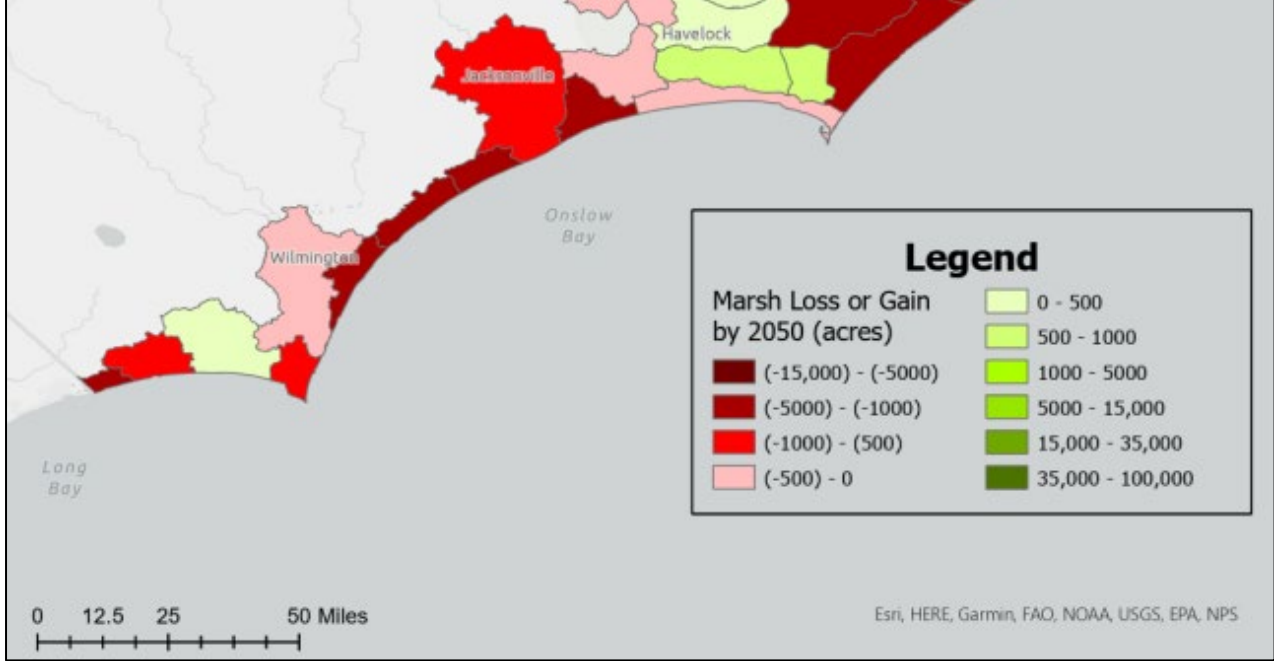
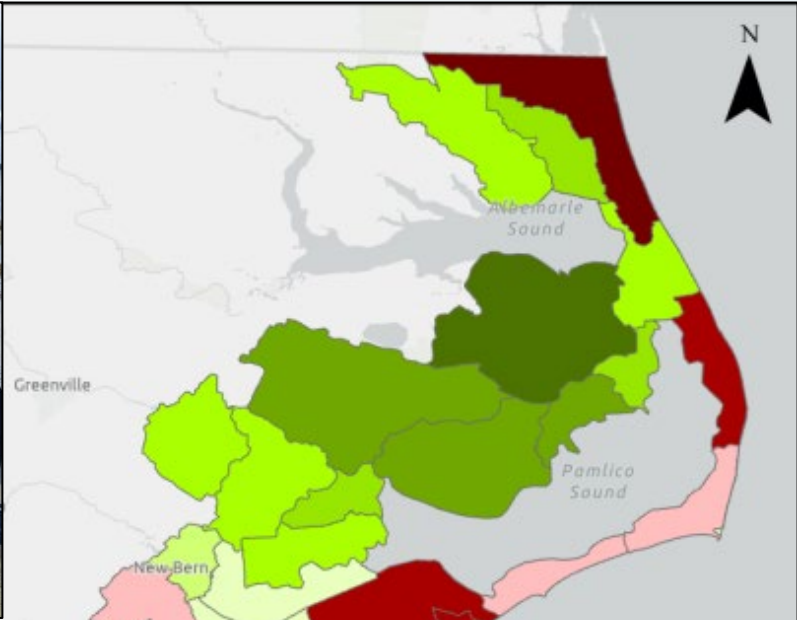


Oyster Reefs



Setback Levee

Examples of types of nature-based solutions. Image credit: FEMA



The Power of Collaboration

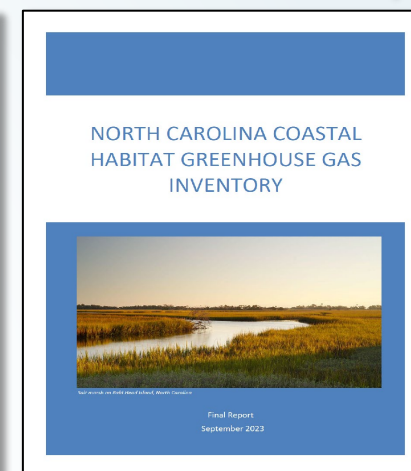
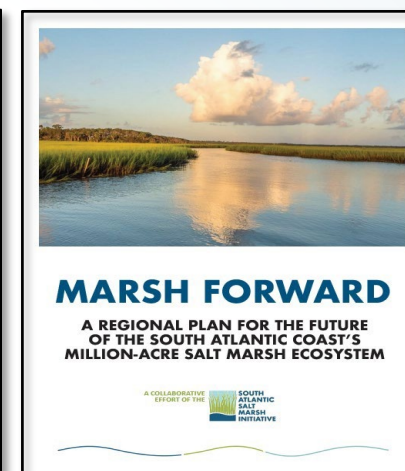
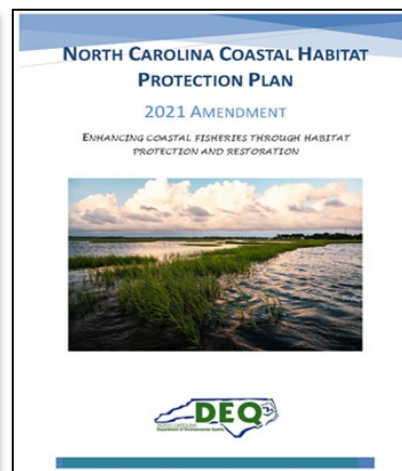
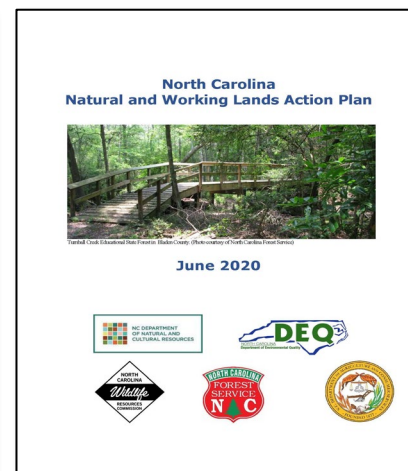
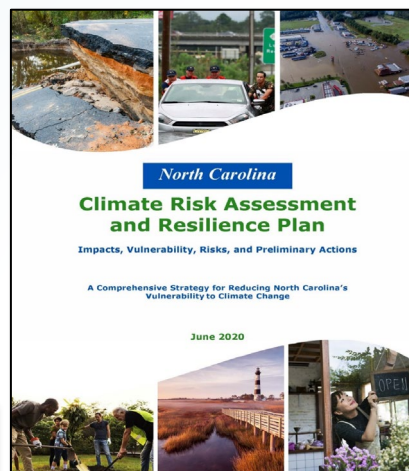
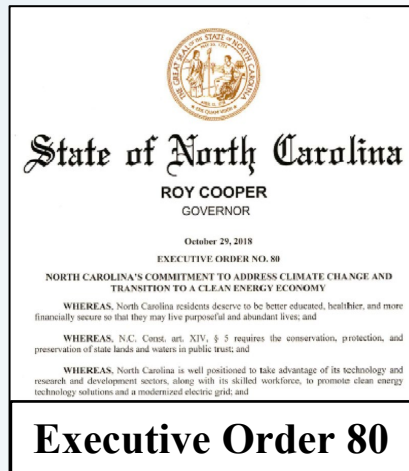


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