

2025 Campaign Report

Building a Foundation for the Future

The Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration moved forward by leaps and bounds in 2025. What started out in January as a clearing in the forest quickly transformed into an Education and Event Center, a Federation office equipped with a conference room and an education classroom, and outdoor spaces including the courtyard, the terrace, and walking paths leading to the water and other habitats across the property. We welcomed campaign supporters for a *First Look Reception* in November and look forward to a grand opening in the fall of 2026.

At the same time, our community-based programs continued to reach people coastwide with opportunities to connect, learn, protect, and restore our beautiful coast. Our Strategic Plan for the Center outlines a suite of new, meaningful programs that will bring people together to protect our coast. Thank you for your support in building a strong and dynamic foundation for the future.



Our Coastal Champions



The Coastal Federation is incredibly grateful to all of our supporters for their passion, enthusiasm, and financial support in bringing the Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration to life. This support of over \$400,000 in 2025 helped meet 90% of the fundraising goal and supported tremendous progress on construction. *Thank you to our leadership supporters!*

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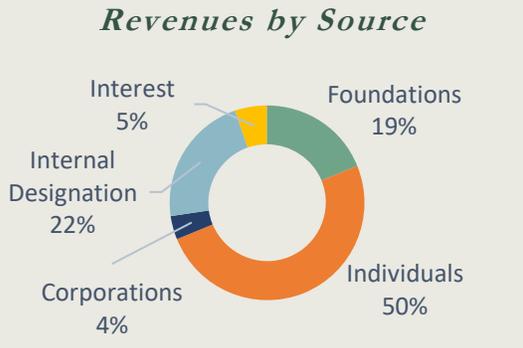
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