

# The Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration

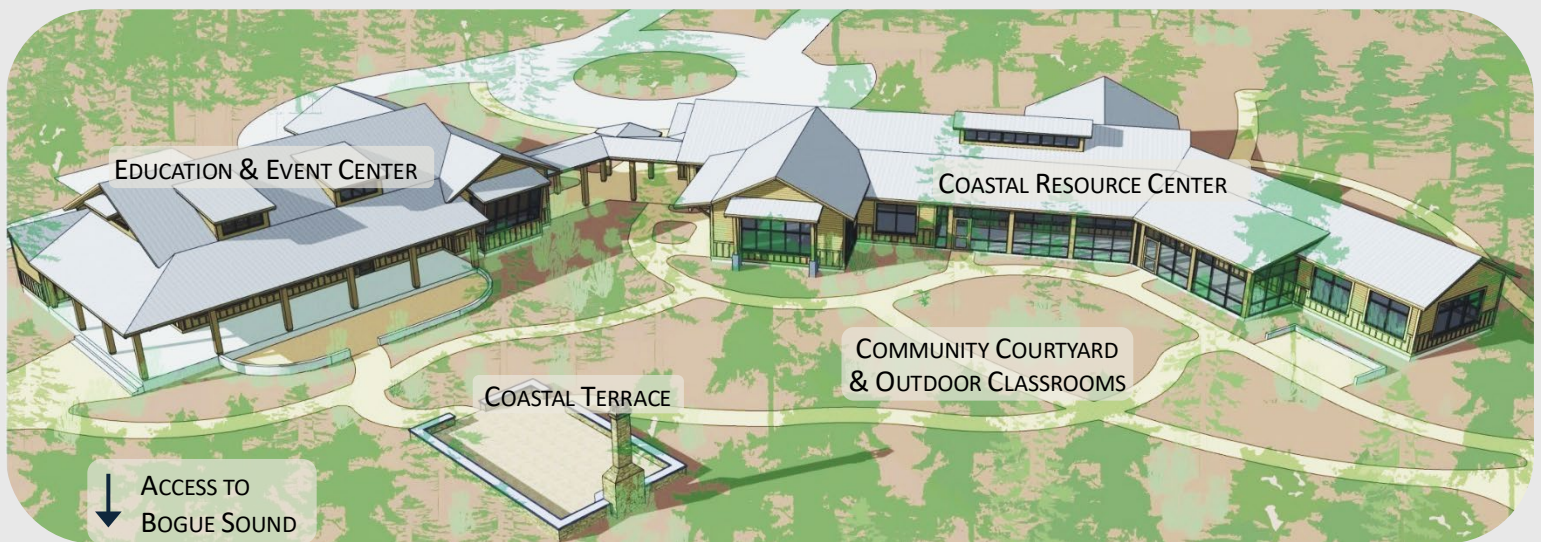
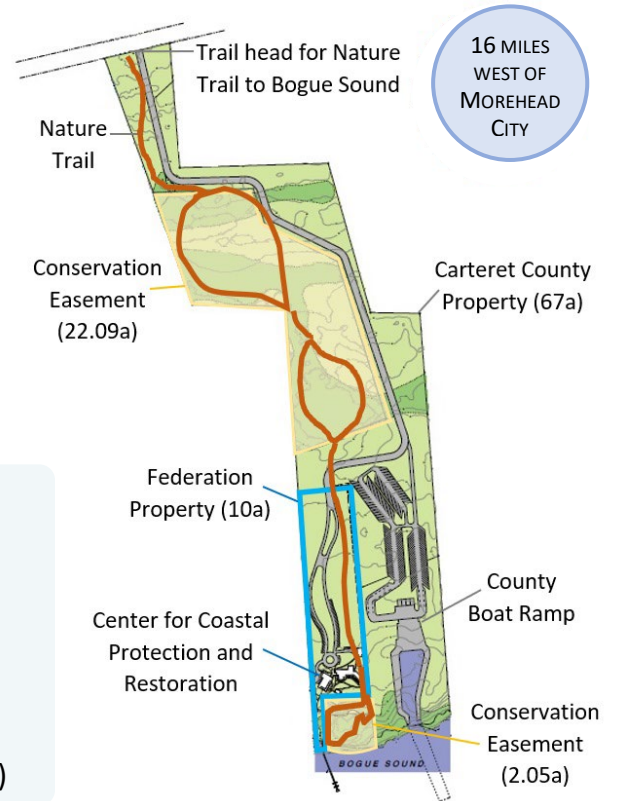
The North Carolina Coastal Federation's new Center for Coastal Protection and Restoration is a **flagship education center that will greatly expand the Federation's education and outreach programs.**

Located on Bogue Sound in Carteret County, this 10-acre campus will feature **community meeting and event spaces, education programming, and recreational experiences** while serving as the future headquarters of the Coastal Federation.

The Federation is also partnering with Carteret County on recreation and conservation opportunities on the County's adjacent 67 acres, including a **boat ramp, nature trails, and county park.**

## KEY FEATURES

- 10-acre campus dedicated to public engagement and coastal experiences
- Public Education and Event Center for community use
- Indoor and Outdoor Meeting and Education Spaces
- Two miles of Nature Trails
- 67-acre neighboring County Park with a Public Boat Ramp (future)



## CONSTRUCTION IS NOW UNDERWAY!

Thanks to our generous campaign supporters, 92% of the funds are committed. Construction is underway and the Grand Opening is planned for the fall of 2026.

**The Coastal Federations needs your support to bring this project across the finish line! Please give today to help bring this coastal resource to life!** Outstanding recognition opportunities are available. Learn more at [ncoast.org/CoastalCenter](http://ncoast.org/CoastalCenter).



# Dynamic Environmental Education

This flagship education center will enable the Federation to connect even more people to the environment and each other through engaging education programs and experiences.



## Education Classroom

The 700 square-foot education classroom will provide a dynamic space for students to explore the coast through STEAM education programs, equipped with art supplies, microscopes, aquariums, video equipment and virtual learning tools.

Hands-on enrichment programs will use place-based curriculum to engage students in meaningful lessons in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math (STEAM).



## Outdoor Education Experiences

The living classrooms at the center, including **stormwater demonstrations, restored oyster reef, a living shoreline**, and miles of learning opportunities along the **Chris B. Smith Nature Trail**, will support outdoor experiences for people of all ages.

New programs will include **birding tours, green development workshops**, activities for groups like **Scouts** and the **Boys & Girls Clubs**, **volunteer activities**, and more.



## Education and Event Center

The Education and Event Center will support a range of community events, including **workshops, speaker series, grant collaborations, trainings for local governments**, and **coastal celebrations**.

The Center will also be available to **host events for the business community** and other local organizations, meeting a local need while fostering new partnerships and opportunities for collaboration.

## Major Milestones

- 2020 – Purchased 77 acres in partnership with Carteret County
- 2021 – Installed living shoreline and nature trails
- 2022 – Completed architectural design
- 2024 – Completed final design and permitting
- 2024 – Groundbreaking (October)
- 2025 – Major Construction; Development of new education, outreach, and extension programs.
- 2026 – Grand Opening Celebration (Fall)

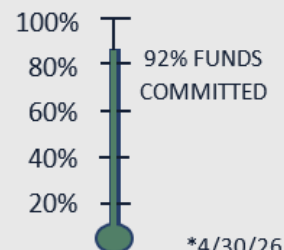
## Capital Campaign

**Double Your Impact  
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Your gift will help this new coastal Center take flight!



GOAL: \$9,830,125



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