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Executive Director Letter

This summer, the North Carolina Coastal Federation was proud to celebrate the 23rd annual Pelican Awards, honoring an extraordinary group of individuals and organizations whose dedication is making North Carolina's coast stronger, healthier, and more resilient.

The Pelican Awards recognize those whose leadership, volunteer service, innovation, and generosity have advanced coastal conservation in meaningful and lasting ways. From restoring habitat and protecting public lands to educating future generations, preserving coastal history, and strengthening communities, this year's recipients demonstrate the many ways people can make a difference for our coast.

Our Northeast Coast honorees include Joy Cook for her outstanding leadership in protecting coastal resources and expanding recreation opportunities, Jayne Young for her exceptional volunteer service advancing coastal environmental education, and Sean Ellis for his steadfast dedication to coastal stewardship and community service.

In the Central Coast region, honorees include the North River Laurel Road Ladies Outreach Committee for its grassroots leadership in building more resilient coastal communities; Jason Vanzant for inspiring future coastal stewards through education and partnerships; and Thomas L. Kirmeyer and Nan Bowles for their remarkable commitment to watershed restoration.

Southeast Coast honorees include Lindsay Addison for advancing coastal habitat conservation and restoration through dedicated partnership, Conserve the Point for its community leadership in protecting the South End of Topsail Island, and Warren Darrell for his outstanding volunteer leadership supporting coastal resilience and civic engagement. This year, Island Free Press was also honored with a media award for its excellence in collaborative coastal community journalism. The publication is represented by owner and publisher Donna Barnett and editor Joy Crist.

In addition, a very special Coastal Visionary Award went to members of the Coastal Federation's Capital Campaign Cabinet for their extraordinary leadership and commitment to establishing the Coastal Protection and Restoration Center.

Finally, we celebrated two individuals whose lifetime contributions have shaped North Carolina's coast for generations. Glenn Blackburn and Dr. Stan Riggs both received Lifetime Achievement Awards – Blackburn for excellence in coastal history and conservation writing, and Dr. Riggs for his distinguished leadership and lifetime excellence in coastal research, science, and stewardship.

Each of this year's recipients reminds us that lasting conservation is built through partnership, service, and a shared commitment to protecting the places we love. Their accomplishments inspire us all.

Congratulations to our 2026 Pelican Award recipients, and thank you for helping make our coast a place where both nature and communities can thrive.



With Gratitude,

Braxton Davis
Executive Director

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WATER QUALITY

Restoring the Lake Mattamuskeet Watershed

Lake Mattamuskeet is the largest natural lake in North Carolina, and its health depends on the water moving through the watershed. The Coastal Federation continues to work with partners, landowners, and local communities on restoration and water management projects that benefit both the long-term health of the lake and the region's agricultural communities



Two of these are major projects identified in the Lake Mattamuskeet Watershed Restoration Plan. The first, the Burrus Canal project, has secured state agency approvals to install a new pumping plant within the Fairfield Drainage District to move water away from the Lake and allow it to sheet-flow through a large forested tract.

The second, the Swan Quarter Living Shoreline Project, is also advancing into final design. The project will extend the existing living shoreline near Swan Quarter Harbor along approximately 3,871 linear feet of marsh shoreline toward the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission boat ramp. The design includes marsh toe revetments and offshore granite sill structures that will reduce erosion, restore marsh habitat, and strengthen shoreline resilience. The project is preparing to enter the CAMA Major Permit application process.



Aerial View of the Swan Quarter Living Shoreline Project

Beyond these capital projects, the Coastal Federation is also working directly with people who farm and own land in the watershed. The Federation is rolling out a new cost-share program that helps agricultural producers and landowners improve drainage and water management on their land. Known as the Drainage Cost-Share Program, it was funded through the federal Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

The Program was developed in close partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Hyde County, local stakeholders, and project partners, and benefits both the Lake and the agricultural community through improved water management.

Program information will be shared with producers this summer and posted on the Hyde County website, with applications expected to open in Fall 2026. Eligible projects may include:

- Redirecting pump discharge away from the lake
- Installing pumps that discharge into restored wetlands and sheet-flow areas
- Improving dikes
- Implementing slow-release water management practices on agricultural lands and in impoundments

Producers who want to learn more or check whether their land qualifies can contact the Coastal Federation Water Quality Program Director, Bree Charron, at 252-393-8185 ext. 110.

Private landowner Kelly Davis is showing what this kind of water management can look like in practice. On one of Davis' properties, pumped drainage water is directed through an adjacent forested tract, which filters it before it reaches the lake. This is a tangible example for other landowners interested in the cost-share opportunity.

Together, these projects represent a watershed-scale approach to improving water quality, supporting agriculture, restoring habitat, and strengthening the resilience of Hyde County's communities and natural resources for generations to come.



Kelly Davis' property, part of the watershed's drainage cost-share program

SALT MARSH

Nature's Climate Solution Along the North Carolina Coast

The North Carolina coast is home to over 200,000 acres of beautiful salt marshes. While many people know them for their ability to support wildlife and serve as a haven for young finfish, shellfish, and other creatures, or for their capacity to buffer coastal communities from waves and storm surge, below the roots and deep within the soil, they provide another very important service: salt marshes can store carbon.

Storing carbon is critical in the fight against climate change. By trapping carbon from the atmosphere, they are reducing greenhouse gas effects - and salt marshes are remarkably good at this. As the grasses grow, they pull carbon dioxide from the air. When they die back, that carbon is buried in the waterlogged marsh soil, where the lack of oxygen keeps it locked away for centuries rather than being released back into the atmosphere. Acre for acre, coastal wetlands like these can store carbon far faster than forests, which is why protecting them matters so much.

The Coastal Federation is currently working on several projects that aim to protect and restore over 600 acres of salt marsh to help support these invaluable ecosystem services. This work is being funded by the Environmental Protection Agency through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program in a historic effort to combat climate change, in part by protecting and restoring natural habitats that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The funding will support a wide range of initiatives aimed at reducing emissions and enhancing the resilience of natural habitats, supporting work in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Maryland as part of the Atlantic Conservation Coalition.

"This funding sets a precedent and demonstrates the importance of leveraging natural solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change," explained Salt Marsh Program Director Jacob Boyd. "The Coastal Federation is spearheading initiatives in North Carolina that enhance coastal habitats, particularly salt marshes known for their carbon sequestration abilities. These vital ecosystems face threats from erosion and rising sea levels, and by preserving them, we prevent the release of stored carbon into the atmosphere while also protecting the many other benefits they provide."

One of those projects can be found along the North Carolina Scenic Byway in Carteret County. The Federation will look to mitigate serious erosion that's happening within the salt marsh through "thin-layer placement" of sediments that will aim to provide the salt marsh with additional elevation to help keep

pace with sea level rise, while living shorelines will reduce the wave action that's causing erosion on the shoreline.

"This project will protect over 150 acres of salt marsh that are adjacent to critical infrastructure, including the main road and bridge connecting the Down East communities to Beaufort. By protecting these marshes, we not only get all of the critical ecosystem resilience benefits but also community resilience. North River provides many commercial and recreational fishing opportunities, as well as boating and birdwatching," said Boyd. "If we do nothing, these marshes will disappear in the next 20 years."

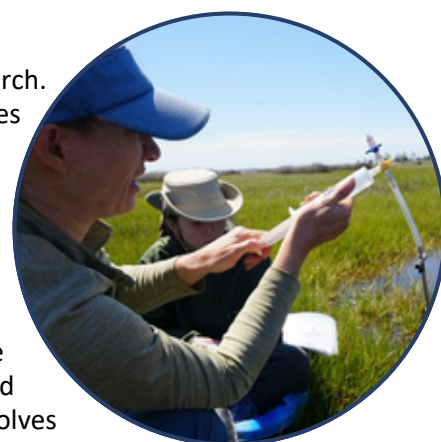
This land is also the site of cutting-edge scientific research. Silvestrum Climate Associates is working alongside the Federation, conducting research that will help determine the total carbon found within these salt marshes and how some of that carbon is shifting to the ocean, where it is also stored long-term. The research involves taking water and soil samples from several points within the salt marsh. This research began this summer and will continue over the next year.

"With the Coastal Federation, we are looking at the full carbon budget of these salt marshes," describes Steve Crooks, Principal Wetland Scientist with Silvestrum. "We are digging into the soils, looking at organic and mineral biogeochemistry, measuring removal and release of gases from the surface and flows of carbon and other nutrients from the marshes through the tidal channels to the estuary. We will also be looking at the supply of sediment to the marsh and how, together, soil building through carbon sequestration and sediment supply will influence the building of the marsh with sea level rise and resilience into the future."

In plain terms, the team is measuring exactly how much carbon these marshes capture, where it goes, and how the marsh itself builds up over time, which is the full picture needed to protect these systems as seas rise.

"This research will play a key role in better understanding the carbon sequestration potential of salt marshes in North Carolina, and that's information we will use to develop best practices for their restoration and protection," explained Boyd.

Restoration efforts at this site and others will begin next year.



OYSTERS



Completing the Oyster Sanctuary Network

This summer, the Coastal Federation, the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF), and our partners will place the final reef materials in Pamlico Sound, marking a major milestone. Once the final acreage of the Maw Point and Brant Island Oyster Sanctuary is complete, the Senator Jean Preston Oyster Sanctuary Network will reach the full 500-acre goal that was set in 2009. Oyster sanctuaries are a safe haven for oysters to survive and reproduce, but they provide many other benefits, including filtering water, supporting fisheries, and strengthening the coastal economy.

"Reaching the 500-acre goal is a tremendous milestone and a testament to nearly two decades of partnership and collaboration among North Carolina legislators, agencies, universities, shellfish growers, nonprofits, local governments, and coastal communities," explained Alyson Flynn, Oyster Program Director for the North Carolina Coastal Federation. "This achievement demonstrates what is possible when diverse partners work toward a shared vision for a healthier and more resilient coast."

For the past seventeen years, the Federation and NCDMF have been building a network of seventeen sanctuaries within Pamlico Sound.

The Oyster Sanctuary program has evolved considerably since its inception in the 1990s. "Through this ongoing partnership with the North Carolina Coastal Federation, we're now building more in a week than we did in an entire year when the program began -

reaching this longtime goal of 500 acres is a monumental achievement that further cements North Carolina as a nationwide leader in oyster restoration efforts," said Jordan Byrum, Enhancement Project Manager for the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries.

These sanctuaries aren't just good for oysters and the finfish that live around them; they are helping to filter billions of gallons of water per day, and they also provide significant economic benefits. In a 2024 economic study, RTI International documented the program's impressive return on investment, showing that every \$1 spent on oyster sanctuary work generates \$1.71 in benefits.

Between 2013 and 2023, \$20 million in public and private funding supported the creation of 159 acres of sanctuary habitat, 143 additional jobs, and added \$34 million to the coastal economy. These sanctuaries enhance water quality, restore habitats, and build a stronger coastal community.

"The return on investment is remarkable and demonstrates that oyster restoration is much more than a conservation effort. These projects support local jobs, strengthen coastal economies, improve water quality, and enhance coastal habitat. Few investments can deliver benefits for both the environment and local communities at this scale," said Flynn.

Now that the sanctuary network is complete, scientists are diving into the waters at these sanctuary sites to measure their benefits and determine where we go from here.

"The recent scale at which we've been building these sanctuaries is very impressive, but so is the amount of monitoring data that has been collected," said Bennett Paradis, Enhancement Program Supervisor for the NCDMF. North Carolina's sanctuaries are unique in that we have a multi-decadal dataset that can be used to understand trends over time and space, evaluate the effectiveness of engineered reef designs, and understand the lifespan of the sanctuaries."

While the work is ongoing, the Coastal Federation is also leading the effort to update the Oyster Blueprint, which will help guide oyster restoration efforts through 2030. For now, though, there's a milestone worth celebrating: after nearly two decades of work, the Senator Jean Preston Oyster Sanctuary Network is almost complete

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MARINE DEBRIS

Abandoned on the Coast

It's an unfortunate sight and one that can be seen all too often in our coastal waterways. A boat in disrepair, left behind for any number of reasons, slowly sinking beneath the water, fluids leaking out, broken parts bobbing with the ebb and flow of the tides. It's a familiar scene on our coast, but in 2018, Hurricane Florence put the spotlight on abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV) and the need for a program to make it easier for law enforcement and coastal communities to get the green light and the funding to remove these vessels.

"We appreciate the public's patience with the removal and disposal process for abandoned and derelict vessels," says Ted Wilgis, the Federation's Marine Debris Program Director. "Pulling together a successful removal is a lot like trying to put together a jigsaw puzzle. Many factors have to be addressed with each removal, and they all take time."

Vessel removal and disposal are also becoming increasingly expensive. In 2018, the average cost for a vessel removal was about \$345 per linear foot. Currently, the costs range from \$600-\$700 per linear foot. More complex operations and larger commercial vessels are even more expensive.

Average Removal Cost by Vessel Type

Recreational Vessels: \$600-\$700/linear foot
26' Sailboat ranges from \$15,600-\$18,200

Commercial Vessels: \$2,000-\$3,000/linear foot
48' shrimp trawler ranges from \$96,000-\$144,000.

Once a vessel is reported or found, an investigation begins by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) or a local sheriff's office if within local jurisdiction. Law enforcement determines if the vessel qualifies as an ADV and notifies the owner. This process can take significant time, especially if ownership transfers are unclear. If the vessel is moved or worked on, the 30-60 day waiting period restarts. Additionally, if federal grant funds from NOAA or the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation are used for removal, an environmental compliance review is required, which can take 3-10 months.

Most ADVs are older vessels, and owners often lack the financial resources for removal. In North Carolina, boat registration does not require insurance, and wear and tear isn't covered. Unprepared owners may abandon these liabilities. The Coastal Federation, in collaboration with key agencies, is working on preventing such abandonment.

Once a boat is finally tagged for removal and funding is secured, it's still not an easy process. That's where contractors like Mainstream Commercial Divers, Trident Marine and Dredging, TowBoatUS, SeaTow, and other local contractors come in. It's their job to find a way to remove these vessels from the environment, dismantle them, and recycle as much as possible and then dispose of the rest in a landfill. All of these activities have to follow strict environmental and workplace safety guidelines.

"It's our job to take the years of experience and thousands of hours of training and apply them to each vessel removal and disposal operation," states Ben Hertford, General Manager of Mainstream Commercial Divers. "Each removal has its own complications, but our goal is to accomplish the task with the least possible effect on the environment and as efficiently as possible." He emphasizes, "We know these are public funds, and we want to make sure that as many vessels can get removed as possible."

Hertford added, "We have vessels that can be pumped out, patched and refloated in 45 minutes, and we have others that take several days. The longer the vessel is left abandoned, the harder and more expensive it is to remove."

So far, the Federation has removed nearly 200 vessels and another 250 vessels have been removed by the NCWRC, NCDWM, and local governments from coastal waters over the last several years. Unfortunately, vessels are still being abandoned or becoming derelict, with several being reported or found each week.

"Insurance requirements, owner accountability and voluntary vessel turn-in programs and other prevention measures are recommendations from a 2019 report to the North Carolina General Assembly from a stakeholder group led by the NCWRC. Moving these recommendations into practice will be a major focus of the Federation and its partners," says Wilgis.

In July, the North Carolina General Assembly made a major decision and long-term investment in the Federation's successful partnership with federal and state agencies that emerged following Hurricane Florence. In the final state budget, new funding was appropriated to the NCWRC and Coastal Federation to sustain ADV removals through a portion of the receipts from boat registration fees. This new State program will pay dividends for years to come in keeping our shorelines and waterways clean and healthy and will help leverage federal disaster relief funds for future cleanups following coastal storms.

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COASTAL MANAGEMENT



East End of Ocean Isle Beach

Protecting North Carolina's Coast

Each year, millions flock to the North Carolina coast to soak up the sun, surf, and sand. While difficult to see in some areas, in others it's crystal clear that the shoreline is shifting and eroding.

With an average coastal erosion rate of two feet per year, and erosion hot spots around the Outer Banks seeing 10-plus feet of loss annually, calls for action have recently grown louder.

In response, North Carolina lawmakers recently introduced two bills, Senate Bill 1008 (Pilot for Shoreline Stabilization Projects) and Senate Bill 1009 (Repeal Hardened Structures Ban), which would significantly weaken long-standing protections for North Carolina's public beaches while shifting - not reducing - the problem of coastal erosion to other coastal properties.

"Erosion is real, storms are intensifying, and we sympathize with the people who are looking for ways to protect their homes, investments, public infrastructure and even communities over the long term," explained Coastal Management Director Kerri Allen.

However, these bills are a complete turnaround from a longstanding ban on hardened erosion control structures along the oceanfront - one that has been in place for over 40 years now. The science is mostly settled on this: these kinds of structures generally redirect and even worsen erosion and can have a number of negative consequences for coastal wildlife, public recreation, and safety.

"This isn't just about saving a house or a beach," said Allen. "This is about deciding what kind of coastline North Carolina wants for future generations."

Some of the most dangerous structures, like seawalls, actually reflect wave energy, often accelerating sand loss and causing the beach in front of them and on each side to disappear entirely.

This can eliminate public beach access, damage wildlife habitat, and leave adjacent properties even more vulnerable. These projects also come with a high price tag. They cost millions to build and maintain, and often rely on public funding, shifting the cost of protecting private oceanfront properties onto taxpayers.

"Hardened structures won't solve the problem of coastal erosion - they would actually lead to more hardened structures and more beach renourishment, in an expensive spiral that will cost taxpayers many millions of dollars over the long term," Allen added.

The legislation also comes as the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission Science Panel finalized a report reaffirming that hardened erosion-control structures can have significant unintended consequences for our beaches and coastal communities. Its findings reinforce decades of scientific research showing that while these structures may reduce erosion in one location, they often worsen erosion on neighboring beaches by interrupting the natural movement of sand along the coast.



Wrightsville Beach Renourishment

There is a clear need for additional studies and options for property owners and communities severely threatened by beach erosion. However, a sudden lifting of the ban could have lasting consequences for our coast.

The Coastal Federation will continue to follow these bills closely and advocate for science-based decisions that protect our public beaches for generations to come.



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EDUCATION

Education takes many forms at the Federation, and this season we reached learners of all ages. From sixth graders planting marsh grass to professionals trading expertise from across the country, our education programs share one goal: connecting people to the coast and inspiring the next generation to protect it. Here are some highlights from this spring.

Hands-on Learning at Jockey's Ridge



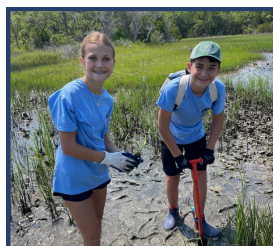
In our northeast region, we had the pleasure of hosting sixth graders from First Flight Middle School for a dynamic day of hands-on learning, both at our office and amidst the natural beauty of Jockey's Ridge State Park. The adventure began at the Park's visitor center, where students explored the fascinating world of coastal ecosystems. They learned about the importance of oyster shell recycling and how the interplay between

biotic and abiotic factors shapes soil health. The group then ventured onto the Park's newly constructed boardwalk, taking in the stunning surroundings while deepening their connection to nature. Next, the students visited the Federation's living shoreline, where they discovered the critical role estuaries play as habitats for juvenile species. The students then rolled up their sleeves and joined in on the restoration efforts, planting an impressive 1,600 marsh grass plugs by hand. Along the way, the students spotted trash and turned the visit into an impromptu marine debris cleanup!

These enriching field trips create lasting memories and understanding for students, educators, and our communities. By providing hands-on experiences with coastal ecosystems, we inspire the next generation of environmental stewards who will care for this coast long after the field trip ends.

Planting at the N.C. Aquarium

This summer in our central region, we partnered with the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores and its Junior Volunteers for a marsh grass planting. A group of middle and high school students got their feet muddy, helping Coastal Education Coordinator Rachel Bisesi and Coastal Outreach and



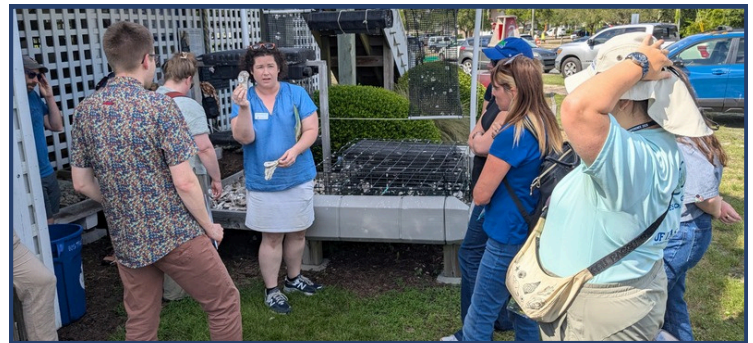
Restoration Stanback Fellow Seneca RiceWoolf plant Smooth Cordgrass along the Aquarium's living shoreline.

"We love our partners at the Aquarium. Their shoreline is a great living classroom for students year-round, and we are honored to partner together to teach about nature-based solutions," added Bisesi.

It was such a fun day, and we loved working with our partners at the Aquarium to help protect the salt marsh, side by side.

Sharing Oyster Education with Natural Resource Professionals

The Coastal Federation was honored to be part of an oyster-themed excursion during the National Natural Resource Extension Conference in Wilmington. The program welcomed 18 natural resource professionals from across the nation for a hands-on look at the Federation's oyster restoration, education, and outreach efforts along the North Carolina coast.



During the visit, participants explored several interconnected pieces of the Federation's oyster work, including living shorelines, oyster shell recycling, and the NC Oyster Trail. The group also took part in a Smart Yards tour at the Federation's Wrightsville Beach office, where they saw how reducing stormwater runoff helps protect the clean water oysters need to thrive.

This type of program is especially meaningful because it creates opportunities for shared learning among educators, advocates, conservationists, and extension professionals. The Federation shared its restoration and outreach strategies, and in turn gained from the participants' own perspectives, questions, and experiences. These conversations strengthen how we all communicate the value of oysters, clean water, and habitat restoration.

Days like this are a reminder that coastal education is most powerful when it's collaborative. When people learn from one another across regions and disciplines, the whole coast benefits.



Give with Confidence

The Coastal Federation is a top-rated charity nationwide for fiscal transparency and financial stewardship, according to both Charity Navigator and GuideStar.

COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION CENTER

There has never been a more important time to invest in the future of our coast.

This fall, the Coastal Federation will open our transformational new Coastal Protection and Restoration Center. Centrally located off Highway 24 between Morehead City and Swansboro, the Center will serve as a hub for coastal education, conservation, and community engagement for generations to come.



Designed to embody our mission, the Coastal Center will feature nature trails, a living shoreline and oyster reef, pollinator and rain gardens, permeable pavement, an educational classroom for students, and a versatile Event Center that will welcome community partners, local businesses, and supporters from across the coast.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to expand our impact and inspire more people than ever to understand, appreciate, and protect North Carolina's coast.

This summer, we invite you to help bring this vision to life. Your support today will help create a lasting place for education, restoration, and community connection — a place where future generations will discover the importance of protecting our coast.

Thanks to a generous Summer Matching Challenge, all gifts received by August 31 will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$50,000. Please give today to double your impact and help open the doors to this extraordinary new Center.

Visit nccoast.org/Summer50 to give or learn more. We hope you'll join us for the Grand Opening this fall!



TAKE A TRIP TO NORTH RIVER WETLANDS PRESERVE



The North Carolina coast is rich with wild spaces that help sustain the productivity of our coastal ecosystems.

The Federation has been involved with the preservation of tens of thousands of acres of special properties since 1982. These lands are located in sensitive environmental areas such as the headwaters and shorelines of coastal rivers, creeks, and sounds. Many of these properties were either once slated for intensive development or were already extensively ditched and drained. Ownership of some of these lands was transferred to various state or local government agencies for long-term preservation and public use.

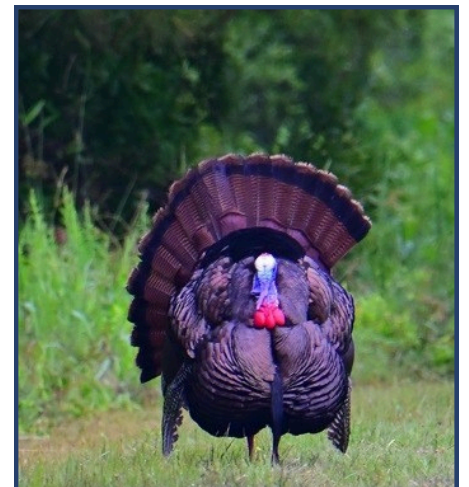
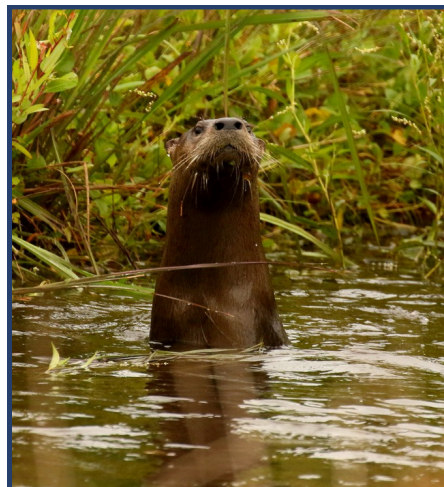
Thousands of acres are still managed by the Federation and support other areas of our mission, such as restoring water quality, creating oyster habitat, restoring and establishing wetlands, protecting vulnerable species, educating the public, and increasing accessibility to natural spaces.

One of the largest areas managed by the Federation is the North River Wetlands Preserve. The preserve covers nearly 7,000 acres and is one of the largest restoration projects in North Carolina and among the largest of its kind in the nation.

The restored property has truly gone back to nature. Once a large farm, the area has largely been restored to its original habitats: forested, freshwater, and tidal wetlands restoration to improve the water quality of degraded downstream estuaries and reopened these waters for shellfishing.

North River Wetlands Preserve, which is located at N River Farms Road in Otway, is open to the public. You can gain pedestrian-only access for free if you're a member, or consider a donation of \$5 per day if you're a non-member. The preserve is open for hiking, biking, and other pedestrian activities. Visitors must park before the gate, sign in at the kiosk and walk around the gate to access the preserve.

Once out on the property, you may find black bears, otters, snakes, deer, and a wide variety of birds!



Learn more about the restoration of the North River Wetlands Preserve and plan your visit on our website

You can also learn more about all of the other properties you can visit on our website

<https://www.nccoast.org/visit/>



LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE COAST

One of the easiest ways to help protect the North Carolina coast for generations to come is to include the North Carolina Coastal Federation in your will or estate plan.

August is National Make-A-Will Month—a perfect time to create your will for the first time, or to review your existing estate plan to be sure it reflects your values and supports the people and causes that matter to you.



If you'd like to leave a lasting legacy for the coast, you can simply name the North Carolina Coastal Federation in your will – or as a beneficiary on a retirement account.

This simple act can make a difference for our beautiful coast.

Questions? Contact Sarah King at sarahk@nccoast.org or 252-393-8185 for more information or to share any special requests.



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