

# Public Support and Revenues

Statement of support, revenue and expenses for the year ending December 31, 2004

## PUBLIC SUPPORT

Memberships	\$100,462
Donations	183,600
Education fees	7,725
Grants	1,579,453
Sales less COG	4,642
Special projects	485,014
Investment income	38,598
Gain or loss on disposal of fixed assets	(2,250)
Miscellaneous	24,370

**TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT \$2,421,614\***  
**and REVENUE**

## EXPENSES

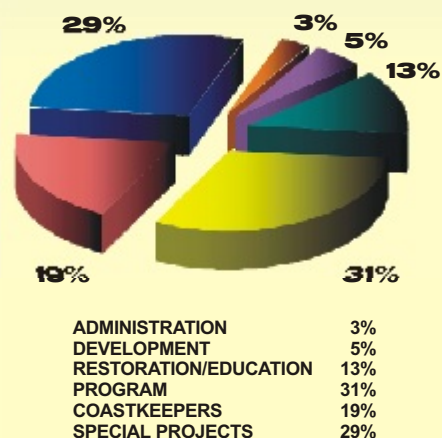
Administrative & Gift Shop	35,076
Development	65,509
Restoration/Education	157,738
Program	376,998
Coastkeepers	231,003
Special Projects	349,828**

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,216,152**

\*Includes \$68,782 donations for future use; \$969,113 for Morris Landing purchase, including \$88,500 for conservation stewardship; and \$135,186 for special projects.

\*\*Special projects include restoration, education and outreach projects, funded through grants. These funds are project restricted.

## EXPENSES



The North Carolina Coastal Federation's 2004 audit was prepared by Carroll, Gainey & Hamlin, CPAs, PC. To receive a copy of our full audit, please contact NCCF.

Individuals, businesses, groups and foundations generously donated to the North Carolina Coastal Federation in 2004. The following contributors gave at recognition levels.

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North Carolina Coastal Federation

**Vision:** The North Carolina Coastal Federation will be an effective leader in restoring and protecting a healthy coastal environment.

**Mission:** To provide citizens and groups with the assistance needed to take an active role in the stewardship of North Carolina's coastal water quality and natural resources.

The North Carolina Coastal Federation is the state's largest non-profit organization working to protect and restore the coast.

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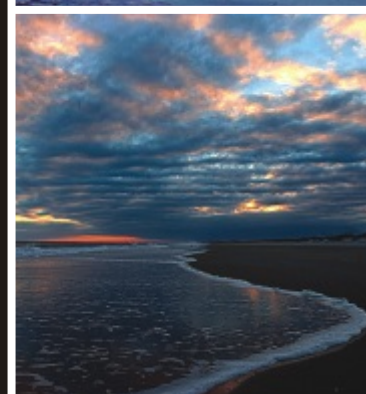
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# Protecting & Restoring North Carolina's Coast



NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FEDERATION

# 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

## A Year In Review and A Look Forward

TODD MILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Here's a chilling thought: North Carolina will surpass New Jersey in population by the end of the decade. You read right. New Jersey. Soon, folks up there will complain about the "Carolinization" of their state. There's more. The US Census Bureau also projects that the state's population will increase almost 52 percent in the next three decades, to more than 12 million people. By 2030, more people will live in North Carolina than in any other state but six. Currently, we are the 11th most populous state with a little more than 8 million residents.

There's a boom going on in the Old North State, and nowhere is it louder than here on the coast where land values are increasing by double digits every few months in some places, where new condominium projects are sold out almost before the foundations are poured, where big-box stores are eyeing small crossroad hamlets that just a few years ago sported a Pak-A-Sak and maybe a rundown fast food.

Take Brunswick County, for instance. A lot of people are. First-quarter 2005 numbers from the NC Association of Realtors showed that the county's volume of new home sales increased 57 percent compared with a similar period a year ago. And there's no end in sight. Builders there say buyers want bigger, more high-end homes.

The average price of a new house in Brunswick County rose 17 percent in the first quarter, tying the county with Wilmington at No. 3 in the state. Asheville was tops in that category at 27 percent, barely edging out the Outer Banks by one percentage point. A new house on that narrow strand of sand now averages more than \$600,000. Those are New Jersey prices.

Some folks look at those numbers and smile. They see tax base and jobs. But more and more people – ordinary citizens, local officials, real estate agents, and small business people – realize that our coast's natural resources are in danger of being overwhelmed by too much urbanization. They are worried that stormwater pollution and habitat destruction and water-quality degradation caused by largely uncontrolled growth will soon overpower our natural systems and destroy our productive fisheries, clean swimming waters, and beautiful islands, waters and countryside.

The pace of development has already overwhelmed the agencies we've empowered to protect our coast. Some have one or two inspectors to cover several coastal counties. Their budgets have been cut, and enforcement is now done largely by complaint. These problems, we fear, aren't likely to be solved if the Census Bureau is right.

So the NC Coastal Federation keeps plugging away, working hard on a variety of fronts in an attempt to hold off the day we become New Jersey. No offense to our friends up there but we sort of like who we are.

Our efforts last year to protect our coast took many forms. We bought land, worked with our friends in local and state government on projects, gave kids and adults opportunities to get their feet wet planting marsh grass or building oyster reefs. We championed bills in the legislature and got tough with persistent violators of environmental rules. And we planted more than 30,000 trees and restored more than 500 acres of wetlands.

A lot of our work centered on stormwater, now the largest source of coastal water pollution. We formed new alliances last year as well, working with counties, towns and agencies to develop better strategies to protect the coast. Sometimes we had to resort to helping enforce environmental laws by blowing the whistle on activities that were damaging to the environment.

We found time during all this to have a little fun. A summer revival of the *King Mackerel & The Blues Are Running* musical in Morehead City attracted hundreds of people for a foot-stompin' good time. It raised some money for our important work. It also took our minds off New Jersey. At least for a little bit.

Most people sincerely want the coast of North Carolina to remain healthy, a place where we can all catch fish and swim without fear of getting sick. Individually none of us have the power or influence to achieve this shared vision. We have to build trust and stronger partnerships that stress our common goals and minimize our differences.

We made good progress toward that end in 2004, but our work is just beginning.



## 2004 KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Working with volunteers and students, NCCF staff created 6.3 acres of oyster habitat in three coastal counties.
- Senator Marc Basnight was keynote speaker at NCCF's "Encore for Oysters" Conference March 16-17 in Morehead City. The conference was attended by almost 300 participants who heard about successful restoration efforts in the nation, recent research, and the plan for oyster habitat restoration and water quality protection for North Carolina.
- NCCF took the lead in installing oyster shell-recycling bins in New Hanover, Pender and Onslow counties so that bins are now available coast-wide. Oyster shells are used to create or expand new reefs on which spat (baby oysters) will grow.
- NCCF helped to promote ten Coastal Habitat Protection Plan (CHPP) meetings around the state. In December 2004 the Coastal Resources Commission, the Environmental Management Commission, and the Marine Fisheries Commission gave their approval to the plan.
- Demonstration projects were conducted at Harkers Island, Morris Landing and Edenton, restoring more than one acre of wetlands and protecting four acres of marsh.
- NCCF and allied environmental groups gained passage of a bill (SB 1210) that

- implements EPA's Phase II Stormwater Program in North Carolina.
- NCCF staff assisted several citizens with the first phases of their CAMA plans including Kitty Hawk, Surf City, Carteret County, New Hanover County and Currituck County.
- NCCF's annual State of the Coast Summit was held October 1 in Morehead City. The 10th State of the Coast Report was released, and addressed Global Warming and its impacts on the coast. Lt. Gov. Beverly Purdue presented NCCF's Pelican Awards to 21 individuals for outstanding efforts to protect and restore the coast.
- Coastkeepers worked with almost 1,500 people through one-on-one consultations, presentations, public field trips, and community meetings.
- In partnership with Time Warner Cable, NCCF produced twelve monthly half-hour shows that addressed stormwater, beach renourishment, environmental legislation and other key coastal topics, reaching an estimated 500,000 households.
- 251 acres were restored at North River Farms with another 206 acres under construction.
- Seven schools participated in NCCF's Student Wetland Nursery Program, cultivating Spartina plants in wetland nurseries built at schools, and planting

### A Success Story:

## MORRIS LANDING

Locals gather at Morris Landing near Stump Sound located south of Cape Lookout. It's a popular spot for fishing, swimming, boating and oyster harvesting. However, like a lot of places along North Carolina's coast, it was being loved to death. Beach traffic, erosion and trash dumping were beginning to spoil the beauty and health of Morris Landing.

Stump Sound is classified as Shellfish (SA), High Quality Waters (HQW), and Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) because of its exceptional water quality and extremely high fisheries value. However, water quality has declined since the Sound was designated ORW in 1989. Today the Sound is closed to shellfish harvesting any time 1½ inches of rain falls in a 24-hour period. This is because more and more land close to the sound is being cleared, ditched and developed, resulting in polluted runoff.

The North Carolina Coastal Federation is working to save Stump Sound by returning it to health while providing well-managed

public access. In 2004 the NCCF purchased a 52-acre site at Morris Landing through a \$972,000 grant from the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund. A permanent conservation easement was placed on the property and a project to restore and preserve the vegetated riparian buffer along the 3,300 feet of shoreline is underway. The buffer will slow erosion, filter pollutants from stormwater runoff, and provide habitat for birds, shrimp, crabs, oysters and many different fish species.

The site is also serving as a stockpile area for oyster shell and is a critical link in the oyster shell-recycling program. The Division of Marine Fisheries and the Coastal Federation are using Morris Landing as a staging area for oyster habitat restoration in the region.

With plans for a boat ramp, fishing pier and managed access, Stump Sound will become an even better place for locals and tourists to enjoy.

12,500 plants to restore 3,000 feet of coastal shoreline at four different sites.

- The North Carolina Wildlife Federation presented NCCF the prestigious Governor's Conservation Achievement Award for 2004 Land Conservationist of the Year. The award was given for NCCF's North River Farms restoration project, the largest private wetlands restoration project in North Carolina history.
- Coastkeepers worked directly with citizens to stop construction of a large marina on Harkers Island, a destructive subdivision in Surf City, and blew the whistle on DOT for illegally dredging a channel for one of its ferries.
- NCCF expanded its public outreach program and hired a full-time Volunteer Coordinator. The new coordinator worked with 312 active volunteers who donated more than 11,000 hours in 2004.
- NCCF and the Shellfish Growers Association, represented by the Southern Environmental Law Center, settled the federal Clean Water Act lawsuit with Holly Ridge Associates. The agreement resulted in environmental restoration of ditched wetlands, 200 acres of conservation easements, agreement to remove the filled causeway at Permuda Island, and the offsite restoration of 15 acres of freshwater wetlands.

- Working with officials in Morehead City, a voluntary plan was created to control increased runoff from the development that its new sewer plant will spawn.
- NCCF strengthened its partnership with the US Environmental Protection Agency and the state's Shellfish Sanitation Section to improve the way the state monitors bacterial pollution in shellfish waters. From that work, new methods will be devised that will allow other state and federal agencies to better assess water quality.
- A new alliance was formed with Brunswick County to develop a model growth-management strategy to better protect water quality and shellfish in the Lockwood Folly River watershed.
- NCCF received a grant from the NC Division of Water Quality to begin working with the NC Department of Transportation and the town of Cedar Point in Carteret County, to assess the sources of stormwater pollution in a portion of the lower White Oak River and determine ways to clean them up.
- Coastkeepers tracked stormwater violations that led to state actions against a shopping center in Wilmington, a landowner in Carteret County, and a business in Dare County.



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