

N.C. COASTAL FEDERATION 2010 Annual Report



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.

"In 2010 we engaged 2,936 volunteers of all ages in shoreline and wetland plantings, oyster habitat creation, advocacy issues, clean-ups and other activities; reached 11,887 people with an education program and surpassed 10,000 members. We made great strides in engaging people in stewardship of our coast. In hindsight, it was good preparation for the coming storm."

—TODD MILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NORTHEAST

- Started a watershed restoration plan for the Mattamuskeet Drainage District in northeast Hyde County that will be one of the nation's largest restoration projects. We're working with farmers and several state and federal partners to create a master plan for restoring the hydrology and habitat of 42,500 acres of previously ditched and drained farm land. As part of this project, partners redirected agricultural runoff to 600 acres of wetlands from former farm fields within the drainage district, reducing runoff and creating new habitat for migrating shorebirds; assisted Alligator River Growers in enrolling 4,168 acres of farmland into the USDA's Wetland Reserve Program; and began the installation of a water management project that will restore the hydrology on 1,400 acres within the district.
- Worked with the Columbia Board of Aldermen to adopt policies in favor of low-impact development.
- Held a Leadership Training: Growth

and Sustainability Strategies course in Currituck County for 45 professionals and elected officials.

- Conducted two week-long seminars on coastal natural history for public school teachers at the N.C. Center for the Advancement of Teaching in Ocracoke.
- Installed a new 725-foot living shoreline at the center, with visiting teachers and local students and residents providing the volunteer labor.
- Extended the living shoreline at Jockey's Ridge State Park by 330 feet. This project



- Worked with a private homeowner to install a living shoreline along Bogue Sound at Pine Knoll Shores in Carteret County.
- Conducted wetland nursery, oyster and rain garden programs, educating 1,333 students in 22 schools in five central coastal counties.
- Educated 1,117 people through summer programs at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro and Jones Island and an additional 1,448 community members through presentations, festivals and workshops.
- Conducted the Seventh Annual Native Plant Festival at federation headquarters, attracting more than 1,000 visitors to the newly-expanded event.

SOUTHEAST

- Worked with over 1,500 people to oppose a proposed major port in Southport, which would pose enormous environmental impacts to the region if built.
- Continued a leadership role to oppose the proposed Titan cement plant near Wilmington, engaging more than 5,000 people in public meetings, hearings and trips to Raleigh to lobby elected officials to support the opposition efforts. These efforts have delayed Titan's permitting process and have made Titan a statewide issue, receiving national media attention.
- Successfully completed a study and implementation plans for the Lockwoods Folly River in Brunswick County and started working with property owners to implement practices to control polluted runoff. This program will serve as a model preservation/restoration strategy for other coastal watersheds.
- Hosted nine Community Clean Water Day events that engaged 117 landowners and community members in 14 projects to protect water quality, including rain gardens and bioretention and stormwater wetland restoration to reduce stormwater runoff and pollution in their communities.



- Worked with the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries to place 20,000 bushels of oyster shells to restore five acres of oyster reef, employing 30 fishermen in the projects in Stump and Middle sounds.

- Educators provided classroom lessons, activities and field experiences to 1,103 students and 35 teachers. The students and teachers were engaged in all aspects of the Coastal Habitat Education Program, including the Wetland Nursery, Shellfish Habitat Restoration and Coastal Habitat Restoration Monitoring programs.
- Partnered with 120 students from Bradley Creek Elementary School in Wilmington and 100 volunteers to build two school-yard rain gardens and two stormwater wetlands, protecting nearby Hewletts Creek.

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included engaging local school children and volunteers to bag 2,000 bushels of oyster shells.

- Taught lessons throughout the year on the importance of estuaries to more than 200 students through the federation's Wetland Nursery Program. Coordinated the planting of more than 30,000 coastal marsh plants and built living shorelines.
- Restored 27 acres of oyster habitat at Clam Shoal in Pamlico Sound, providing jobs for 15 commercial fishermen.
- Built two new rain gardens in Manteo and revamped the large rain garden at Manteo Middle School, engaging more than 150 local school children and volunteers.
- Led weekly field trips on Bodie Island with Cape Hatteras National Seashore staff.

Island Environmental Education & Restoration Center and completed the center's classroom. Eight hundred and thirty-eight volunteers contributed 4,898 hours through 49 events to plant marsh grass, build oyster reefs, conduct restoration monitoring, clean up the island and perform general maintenance. Three universities conducted research associated with restoration projects at Jones Island.

- Built six new rain gardens at Swansboro Elementary School, Queens Creek Elementary School, also in Swansboro, and Snug Harbor on Nelson Bay in Carteret County to reduce stormwater runoff

from the buildings' impervious surfaces.

- Installed three cisterns in Cedar Point in Carteret County to reduce stormwater runoff into the White Oak River.
- Planted marsh grasses with volunteers to restore 330 feet of shoreline at the Cape Lookout National Seashore Visitor Center on Harkers Island in Carteret County.

CENTRAL

- Created an additional 300 feet of oyster shell bag sill at Jones Island in the White Oak River, planted a half acre of the island's shoreline with over 21,000 plugs of salt marsh grasses and deployed 10,000 bushels of loose oyster shells to create two acres of shallow oyster reefs along the island's northern shoreline.
- Continued partnership with Hammocks Beach State Park to manage the Jones



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2010 DONORS

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Summary of Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2010

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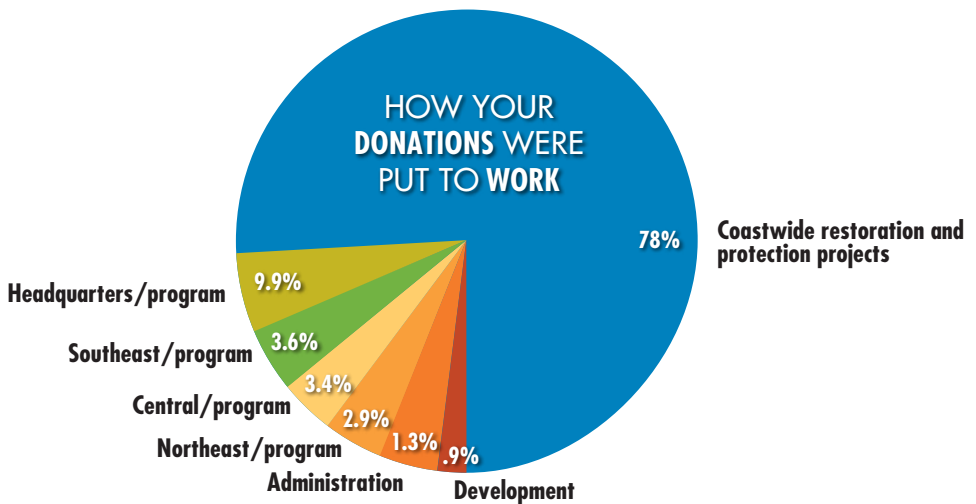
Donations	233,550
Campaign donations	243,809
Grants	839,445
Investment income	133,735
Membership	135,836
Special projects	3,500,107
Miscellaneous	17,768
Total Grants & Revenues	5,104,250

EXPENSES

Administration	82,153
Development	56,492
Headquarters/program	638,080
Northeast/program	183,547
Central/program	217,250
Southeast/program	233,913
Coastwide restoration	2,977,514
Land transferred	2,045,809*
Total Expenses	\$6,434,758

NET ASSETS

Change	(1,330,508)
Beginning	32,740,790
Ending	31,410,282



*The federation transferred 200 acres of land in Onslow County to the State of North Carolina. This transfer was consistent with the federation's mission and the restrictive covenants on the property.

The N.C. Coastal Federation's audit is conducted by Williams, Scarborough, Smith, Gray, LLP. Please contact the federation for a copy of the full audit or visit www.nccoast.org.