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Shoreline Restoration Continues at Jones Island

SWANSBORO – Strong storms and wind-driven tides have caused significant erosion along the shoreline of Jones Island in the White Oak River causing considerable loss of valuable habitat for fish, crabs and other commercially and recreationally important fish and shellfish. Come lend a hand in the ongoing effort to restore the salt marsh on the island.

Volunteers of all ages can join the N.C. Coastal Federation and Hammocks Beach State Park in several shoreline plantings in April and May. Jones Island is part of Hammocks Beach State Park and is home to the Jones Island Environmental Education and Restoration Center.

Volunteers and students will plant thousands of marsh grasses along the island's shoreline on the following dates and times.

- April 13: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - April 16: 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.
 - April 30: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - May 1: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - May 2: 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.
 - May 3: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 - May 14: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - May 15: 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 - May 16: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Volunteers for the marsh plantings will meet at the Hammocks Beach State Park Visitor Center in Swansboro. Park rangers will ferry them to the island. Volunteers should bring a lunch and wear closed-toe shoes and clothing that may get wet or sandy. Planting tools, gloves, water, snacks and sunscreen will be provided. All events are weather dependent.

Those interested in volunteering for these fun and rewarding planting events should register through the federation's online calendar at www.nccoast.org. More information will be emailed to registered volunteers a few days before the event.

The salt marsh and oyster habitat restoration projects at Jones Island are currently being funded by the Fish America Foundation and the federal Estuary Restoration Act.