

Coastal habitats provide valuable benefits to fish, wildlife, and communities.

They are habitat for the fish we eat, are often the front line of protecting coastal communities from storms, and support cleaner water.

The Coastal Restoration Toolkit can help you develop a coastal restoration project in your community, from concept to proposal.



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About the Coastal Restoration Toolkit

The toolkit was developed by Restore America's Estuaries to provide high-level, introductory educational information for community members on how to develop a coastal restoration project from concept to proposal. Divided into five topic areas the Toolkit includes project examples, tools and resources, contacts, funding sources, and permitting information.

The Toolkit was commissioned by the NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation/ Restoration Center to support coastal communities and residents interested in using restoration to improve the condition of coastal habitats.

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Your Coast Needs You.

Find tools and information you need to launch a restoration project **in your community.**

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Small actions add up to make huge impacts.

Flooding

Flooding poses grave risks to our coastlines and has dramatically increased in most coastal areas. Voice your support for natural open spaces like wetlands and floodplains, which can absorb flood waters.

Coastal Erosion

Climate change is increasing coastal erosion due to higher water levels and more frequent storms. Planting marsh grasses and reducing your boat wake can slow erosion.

Water Quality

We depend on clean, clear water for drinking, bathing, swimming, fishing, and enjoying the beauty of the shoreline. Plant a rain garden or a stream buffer to reduce surface runoff, a major source of water pollution in coastal regions.

Invasive Species

Invasive and non-native species cause ecological harm by displacing native species, degrading habitat, and altering food webs. Be a “weed warrior” in your community.

Wildlife Habitats

Coastal wetlands are disappearing at a rate of 80,000 acres a year. Replacing a portion of your lawn with native plants or removing a bulkhead can provide habitat for birds, fish, and other wildlife.

More Ways to Help

Have a concern in mind? We can help!

It starts at home—in your town.
In your classroom. In your back yard.

HUMAN ACTIONS

- Have **increased** coastal flooding.
- Have contributed to **>70%** habitat loss of the North American Coastal Plain.
- Can **#RestoreYourCoast**. Start with the Coastal Restoration Toolkit.

Launch your project today at:

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