

## The Coastal Program at North Carolina *Caring for Our Coastal Habitats*

### Overview

North Carolina has a vast and rich coastal ecosystem that many people depend on to make their living whether it is through fishing, farming or the support of recreational activities.

The Coastal Program in North Carolina is not just limited to the sandy beaches of North Carolina's coast, but also its extensive river system that empties into the Pamlico Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. The Coastal Program focuses on collaboration and objective science to solve environmental problems in very tangible ways, on a scale meaningful to the general public.

### Priorities

The Coastal Program in North Carolina is working with partners on:

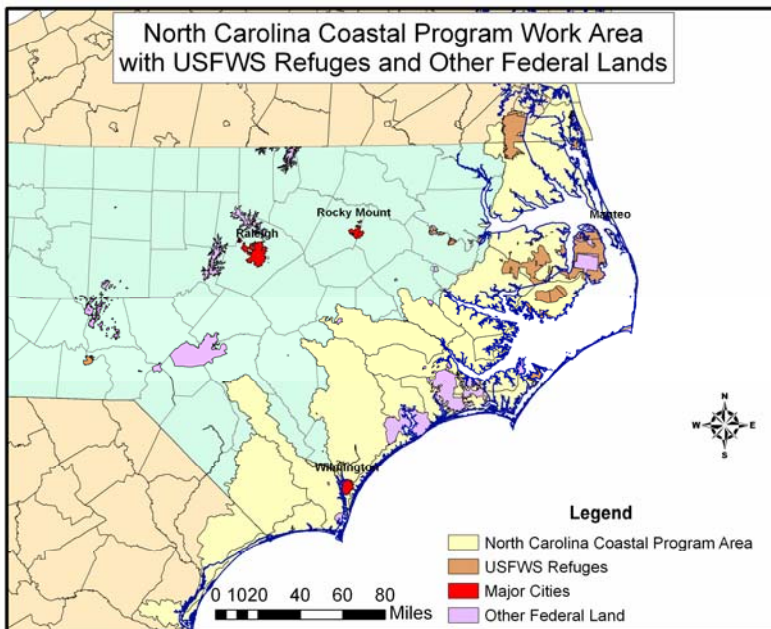
### Coastal Program Accomplishments

FROM 1994-2006	IN FY 2006
<b>Restored</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Over 4,000 acres of coastal wetlands</li><li>➢ Migratory fish access to over 1,500 miles of rivers and streams</li><li>➢ Migratory fish access to over 50,000 acres of lakes</li></ul>	<b>Restored</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ 1,500 acres of coastal wetlands</li></ul>
<b>Protected</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ 36,000 acres of coastal habitat</li></ul>	<b>Protected</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ 8,000 acres of coastal habitat</li></ul>

- Reforestation and recover Atlantic White Cedar and bald cypress reforestation to recover the globally endangered Atlantic white cedar ecosystem.
- Restoration of wetland hydrology in coastal plain bogs to improve water quality in the

downstream coastal estuary and to sequester carbon to help combat global warming.

- Dam removal and fish ladder construction to restore populations of striped bass, shad, river herring and sturgeon in the Neuse and Cape Fear Rivers.



### For More Information

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