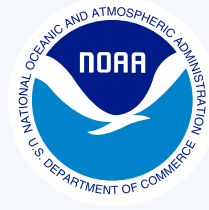


NOAA's National Estuarine Research Reserve System

Coastal communities are home to over 128 million people, support 58.3 million jobs, and account for 46 percent of the nation's economic output. Congress created the National Estuarine Research Reserve System to protect and enhance estuaries and coastal communities through research, stewardship, education, and training. The program is implemented through a voluntary partnership between NOAA and coastal states and territories. The 29 research reserves cover over 1.3 million acres.

In fiscal year 2020, NOAA invested more than \$27.5 million, allocated through the Coastal Zone Management Act, in this program. Federal funding was matched by more than \$9 million from state and university partners. Another bright spot: the Margaret A. Davidson Fellowship program, which is building the next generation of coastal leaders.



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