



North Carolina
Coastal Federation
Working Together for a Healthy Coast

OUR STRATEGY

2016



“We share in the responsibility
to protect and restore our coastal
public trust resources.”

—TODD MILLER

Advocate for Compatible Industrial Development in the Coastal Zone



Opposing industries and policies that have the potential to significantly degrade our coast is a major initiative for the Coastal Federation.

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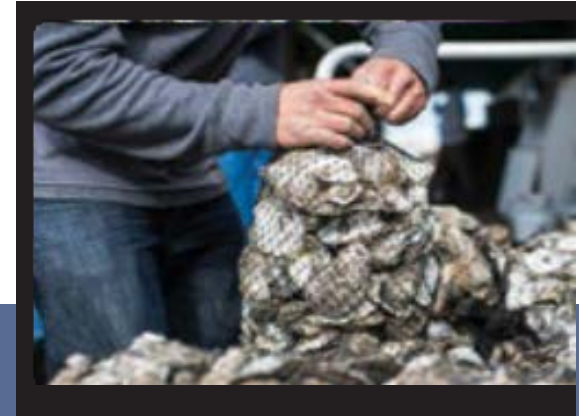
We stopped Titan Cement from establishing its operations in the region and to promote clean economic growth for a healthy coast.

OFFSHORE DRILLING

We opposed offshore oil drilling and maintains that the risk to our coast is higher than any perceived reward. Now our focus is on a permanent moratorium and to stop seismic surveys along our coast.

Improve the Economy Through Coastal Restoration

We promote how coastal restoration and economic development are closely tied together by demonstrating how restoration can create jobs and boost industry growth like tourism and fishing.



For every million dollars spent on restoration projects, about 15 full time jobs are supported.



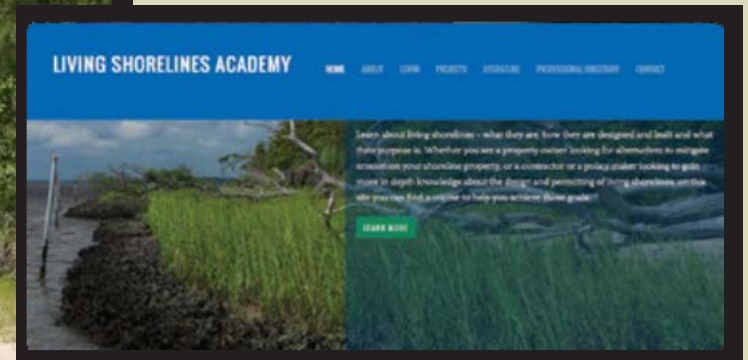
Restore and Sustainably Manage Oysters

Oysters are a vital keystone species in our estuaries. However, oyster populations are in decline in North Carolina.

The goal is to have the N.C. coast regarded as the “Napa Valley” of oysters. We help to coordinate the efforts to build a statewide network of oyster sanctuaries, enhance shellfish management areas, improve and protect water quality, and implement other priority actions.



LIVING SHORELINES ACADEMY



Protect the Natural Functions of Estuarine Shorelines

Valuable N.C. estuarine shorelines are threatened by rising sea levels and waves from storms and boat wakes are causing these shorelines to erode.

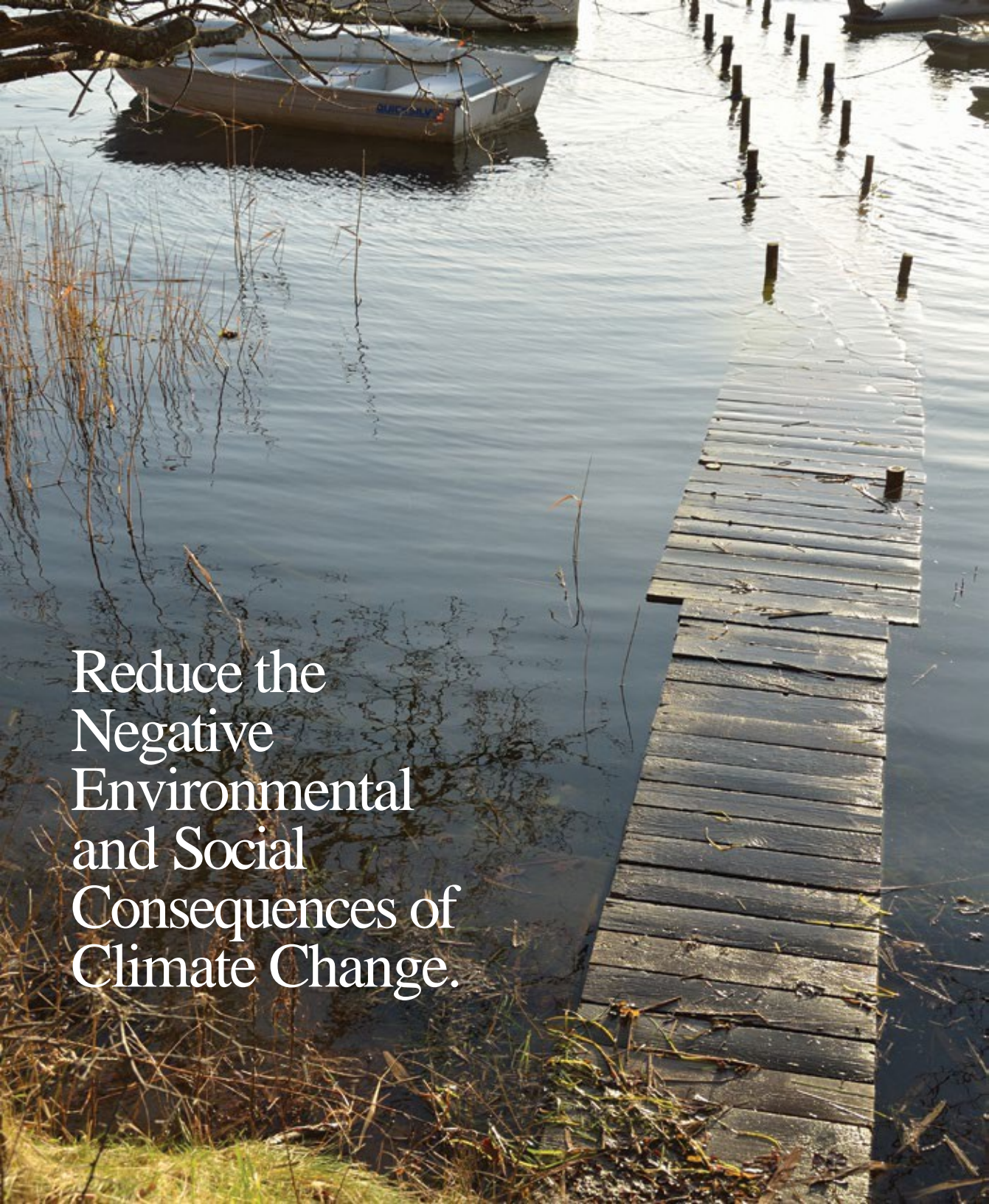
We are committed to promoting a more effective and natural way to manage shoreline erosion called “living shorelines.”

Coming in spring of 2016
livingshorelinesacademy.org

Preserve Riparian Lands Vital to Coastal Water Quality

Strategic acquisition of land critical to coastal water quality is an important part of our work. Priority sites for preservation include riparian waterfront shorelines as well as cropland that can be restored to wetlands and bottomland hardwood forests currently under increased threats.





Reduce the Negative Environmental and Social Consequences of Climate Change.

The results of rising seas and more extreme weather events can appear most obvious in coastal communities—more shoreline, erosion, flooding, salt water intrusion, forest fires, crop failures, and increased polluted runoff into shellfish and swimming waters.

The influence of climate change on the health of the coast is addressed throughout many of our strategies.

Protection and Planning for the Lower Cape Fear Watershed

EPA designates significant sections of the Cape Fear River for special protection under Section 404(c) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The US Fish & Wildlife Service officially designates the lower Cape Fear River watershed as an Aquatic Resource of National Importance.



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A Vision for the Lower Cape Fear River

- Surface and groundwater protection and management
- Collaborative planning effort on a regional scale
- Expand on the Cape Fear River Partnership and the Cape Fear Arch Vision
- Create a holistic platform of support and advocacy for the river and its resources



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A River Corridor of Economic Opportunity

- RTI report: Natural resources hold more economic benefits than previously thought
- Millions of dollars of investment depend on the river ecosystems natural attributes
- Benefits include flood control, recreational opportunities, public health benefits.
- Creation of a study for the Cape Fear River will encourage conservation and investment in the region



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