



COASTAL TRAINING PROGRAM

PROVIDING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COASTAL LEADERS

The National Estuarine Research Reserve System's coastal training program empowers local decision makers to make effective, science-based decisions that positively impact coastal ecosystems, communities, and economies.

Each of the 28 reserves employs a professional training coordinator who brings science and technology to coastal managers through a variety of means, including workshops, seminars, and technical assistance.

While training focuses on the coastal management challenges of a specific community, many topics are common throughout the coastal zone: habitat restoration, water quality issues, stormwater management, and land use concerns. The data and information provided are derived from each site's research programs as well as the expertise available

from the training coordinator's large network of local and regional partners. This partnership approach also allows the training program to quickly respond to changing local needs.

Each reserve's inclusion in the national network also provides great benefits. Because the overall research reserve system is housed within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), coastal training coordinators have easy access to NOAA data and resources. The national system approach ensures professional continuity in delivery and content standards, and an ability to share information among the larger reserve family.

Knowing what works in one community is a great benefit to other communities facing similar issues.

