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The Conservancy has helped protect more than 119 million acres and 5,000 miles of rivers worldwide.







We manage more than 100 marine projects across



Coastal Conservation in Georgia

With partners: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NMFS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, USGS, SC and GA DNR, University of Georgia, SINERR, Savannah State University, Clemson, Southeastern Natural Sciences Academy

Restoration of freshwater ecological flows to tidally influenced wetlands

Living shoreline stabilization demonstration project

Oyster reef research and restoration

Diadromous fish research and habitat restoration

Climate change adaptation learning network

Land Protection







Research Questions

What are the ecosystem service values associated with the conservation of coastal/marine habitats?

How to incorporate "local" responses to climate change into planning and management strategies?

How much freshwater does the estuary "really" need?