

*Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research
Reserve (SINERR)*

Emerging Restoration Opportunities

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Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) - \$77M to NERRS (over 5 yrs)

- **Part 1: \$100K/yr to each Reserve, Capacity-Building; planning, staffing, site assessments, monitoring, etc.**
- **Part 2: ~\$12M/yr for Habitat Restoration (or Land Acq.); competitive annual proposals**

SINERR IIA Proposed Projects (one per yr):

- 1) Upland forest restoration (maritime, longleaf pine) in Airstrip Field (behind our office)***
- 2) Marsh restoration - Dean Creek (remove causeway on Nature Trail, after build new boardwalk)***
- 3) Living Shoreline at UGAMI (South End Creek)***

Each will involve site assessments (hydrology, soils, etc.), pre- and post-monitoring, GIS/mapping, etc.

(Colby Peffer, Stewardship Coord., has lead)

Future Restoration Opportunities?

- **\$2.6B to NOAA under Inflation Reduction Act**
 - **\$\$ to NERRS, CZM, Sea Grant???**

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Thanks!