



The Coastal Program in New Jersey

Caring for Our Coastal Habitats

Coastal Program Goals and Principals

- ☞ Target coastal watersheds
- ☞ Ecosystem level approach
- ☞ Voluntary and proactive
- ☞ Collaboration and partnerships
- ☞ Restore and protect habitat
- ☞ Provide leadership and expertise



A Combination of Threats

Coastal ecosystems comprise less than 10 percent of our Nation's land area but support a much higher percentage of the Nation's wetlands, migratory songbirds, fish and shellfish, waterfowl, shorebirds, and threatened and endangered species. Coastal birds, fish, other animals, plants, and scenic spaces are under pressure from a combination of threats including urbanization, contaminants, overfishing, oil spills, wetland loss, invasive species, nutrient over-enrichment, and fish barriers (e.g., dams). The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) Coastal Program is developing innovative partnerships with governments, businesses, and other conservation partners to identify, protect, and restore some of the most valuable fish and wildlife habitat in coastal regions around the country.

Program Facts

The Coastal Program focuses exclusively on the coastal watershed and applies an ecosystem-level approach to solving resource problems. The program focuses on a strategic (rather than opportunistic) approach. The Coastal Program

has been successful in a variety of habitat types from salt marshes along the ocean to riparian habitats up in the watershed. The Coastal Program is a non-regulatory, proactive program that relies on voluntary partnership-building with



a wide variety of partners including federal and State agencies, local and tribal governments, businesses, conservation organizations, and private landowners. The program funds projects on private and public lands that include habitat restoration and protection.

How to Become a Partner

The Service's Coastal Program is working with our partners to develop a variety of effective non-regulatory solutions to habitat conservation problems. By working together and making strategic use of innovative conservation tools, the Service and its partners are protecting and restoring far more high-priority coastal habitats for longer periods of time than they could achieve independently. The Coastal Program in New Jersey has been successful in protecting land in Strathmere through acquisition, building a fish ladder in Camden, and restoring coastal wetlands on the Great Egg Harbor River near Tuckahoe. However, together we can accomplish much more to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitats along New Jersey's coast. If you are interested in this meaningful partnership

program, please contact the Service's New Jersey Field Office.

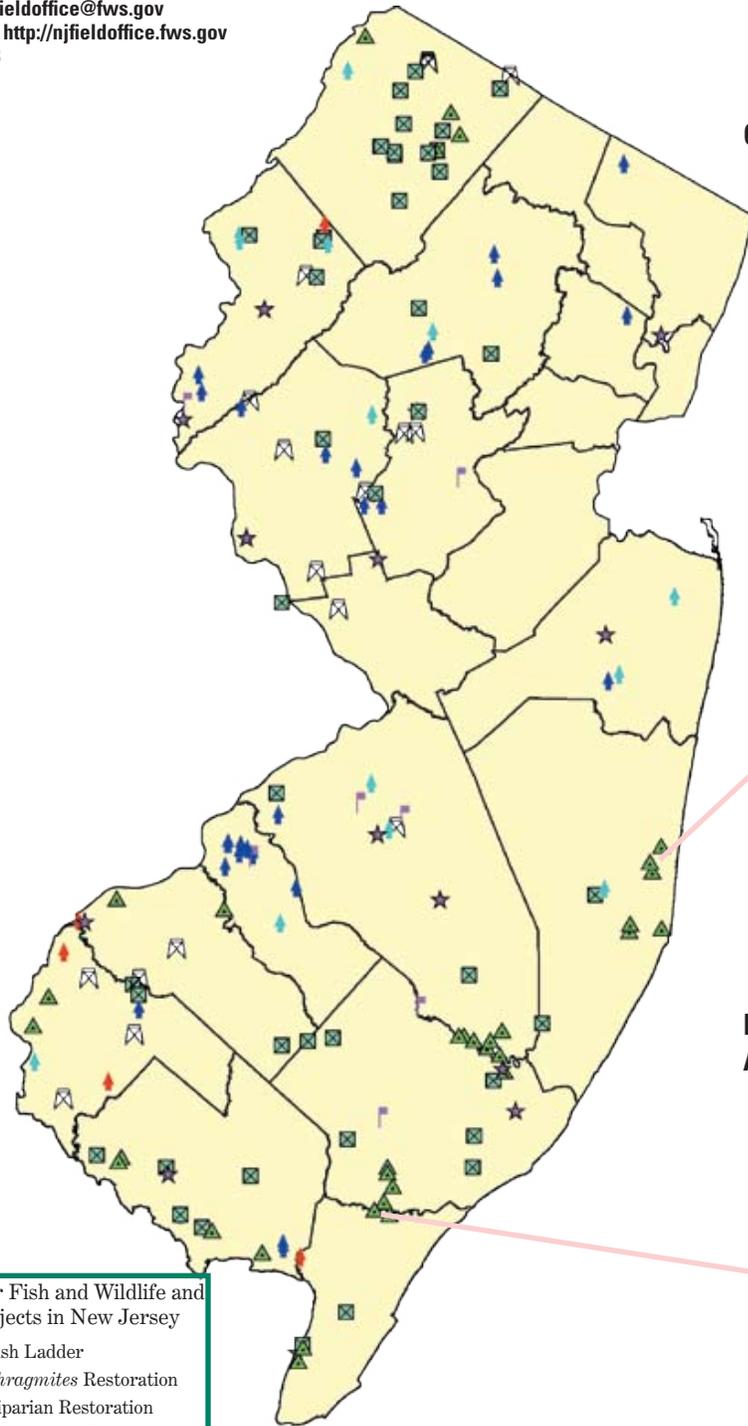
Accomplishments in New Jersey - 1998 to 2002

- ☞ 1,877 acres of wetlands
- ☞ 154 acres of upland
- ☞ 75 miles of anadromous fish passage
- ☞ 3,780 acres of habitat protection through conservation easement or purchase



Project Sites in New Jersey

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Partners for Fish and Wildlife and Coastal Projects in New Jersey

-  Fish Ladder
-  *Phragmites* Restoration
-  Riparian Restoration
-  Streambank Fencing
-  Upland Grassland
-  Upland Reforestation
-  Upland and Wetland Restoration
-  Wetland Restoration

Clamming Creek Habitat Restoration Project



Highlights:

Control invasive *Phragmites australis* through integrated pest management techniques

Used Open Water Marsh Management to restore hydrologic function to the salt marsh

Resource benefits:

Migratory birds and other salt marsh dependent species

Lester G. MacNamara Wildlife Management Area Habitat Restoration Project

