



NOAA Announces Funding for Six Projects to Improve National Estuarine Research Reserves

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Six construction projects for national estuarine research reserve sites received nearly \$1.5 million from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Construction projects will range from state-of-the-art estuarine science laboratories to interpretive trails designed for public use.

“These projects will enhance the access and experience of those visiting the sites and help solidify these programs’ position as leaders of coastal and estuarine science,” said Erica Seiden, program manager for NOAA’s National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

Funding will support the following projects:

- Maine’s Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve will construct exhibits focused on climate change impacts on coastal landscapes and the role of renewable energy efforts in reducing carbon emissions (\$24,108).
- Florida’s Rookery Bay Reserve will construct Goodland Field Station Phase II research facilities (\$490,380).
- South Carolina’s North Inlet-Winyah Bay Reserve will construct a residential services building for visiting researchers and educators and enhance field station infrastructure (\$89,820).
- Oregon’s South Slough Reserve will expand the Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Laboratory (\$329,000).
- New Jersey’s Jacques Cousteau Reserve will construct the Life on the Edge Interpretative Trail at the Grassle Marsh (\$204,561).
- Elkhorn Slough Reserve will improve access through the Visitor Services Enhancement Project (\$321,500).

The National Estuarine Research Reserve System is a network of 28 coastal sites designated to protect and study estuarine systems. NOAA provides funding and national guidance, and each site is managed on a daily basis by a lead state agency or university with input from local partners.

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