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WE NEED YOU!

Seeking Property Owners for a Living Shoreline Community Assistance Program

Living shorelines

A “living shoreline” is a shoreline protection method that uses native plants and natural materials like oyster shells, reef blocks, or bagged shells to attract oysters and plants.

Living shorelines are used across South Carolina’s coast to prevent erosion, restore marshes and wildlife habitat, and promote healthy waterways. With support from a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant, the Nature Conservancy (TNC) of South Carolina and partners are working with underserved communities to plan, design, and build living shorelines. As part of this effort, TNC is seeking property owners to participate in creating more resilient shoreline. All planning and construction costs will be covered by NOAA grant funding.

What do living shorelines do?

- Protect communities! They stabilize marsh edges by promoting marsh growth and reducing erosion from waves and storms. They also help marshes keep up with rising sea levels.
- Save money! They are low maintenance and can be easily repaired after storms.
- Create marine habitat! They support oysters and over 100 species of crabs, shrimp, fish, birds, and other wildlife.

The Living Shoreline Community Assistance Program

The Nature Conservancy's Living Shoreline Community Assistance Program, funded through a NOAA grant, works to increase the use of living shorelines to strengthen South Carolina's coastal resilience.

This will be accomplished through the acceleration of the implementation of living shorelines in underserved communities.

Interested property owners can submit an application and if selected, The Nature Conservancy will provide the design, permitting and construction of the living shoreline.

Interested? Get In Touch.

The Nature Conservancy is now accepting applications from property owners who are interested in the implementation of a living shoreline along the tidal shoreline. Adjacent property owners are strongly encouraged to apply. The process to apply is outlined below:

1. Fill out an application online or request a paper application.
2. On the application, you will be asked to provide the following information:
 - Address
 - Basic demographic information
 - Description of shoreline on your property
 - Reason for interest in a living shoreline installation
3. If your application is selected for review, a site visit will be scheduled to confirm that your property is an appropriate site for a living shoreline.
4. If your application is approved, The Nature Conservancy will provide all necessary permitting guidance, design work, and financial assistance to ensure your living shoreline is built to a high standard.

Reach out to the Nature Conservancy with questions or visit scor.sc.gov/TNC-CAP to apply.



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