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Landscape-Scale Hydrologic and Wetlands Restoration: Benefiting Coastal Water Quality and Water Management Needs

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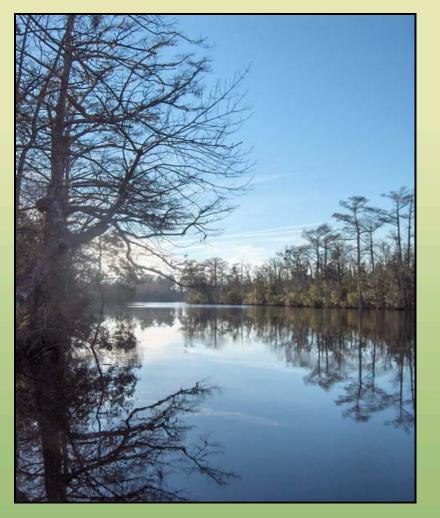






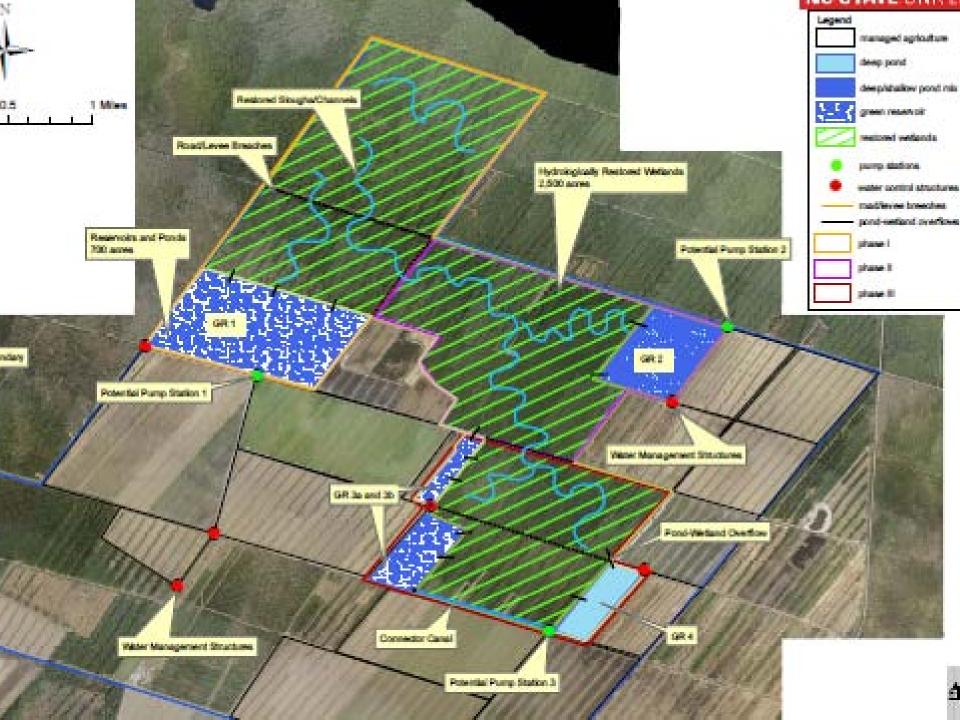
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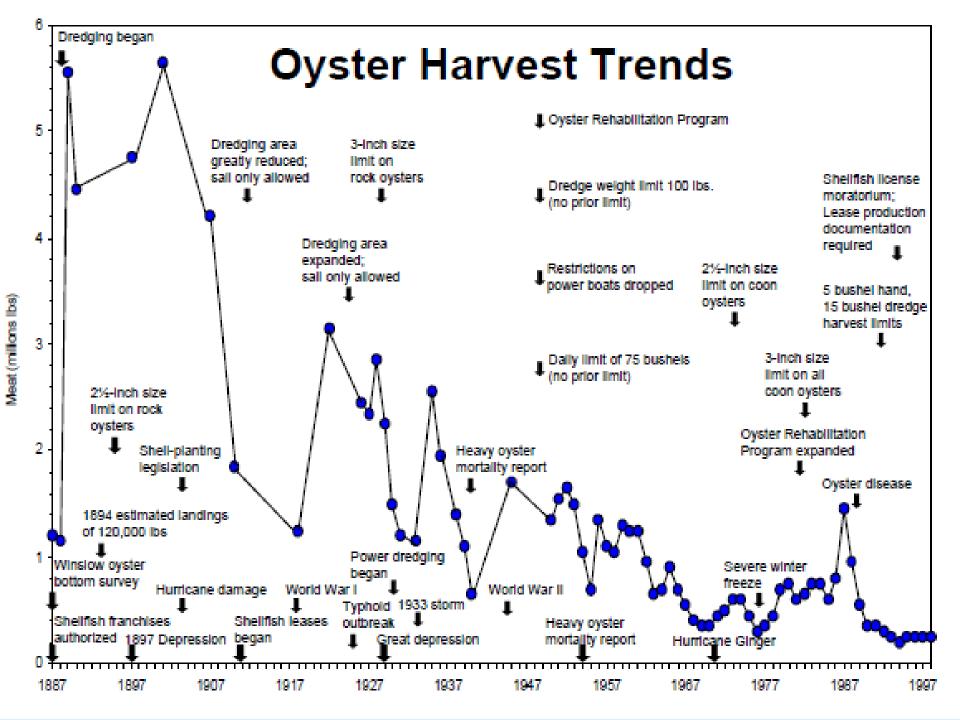


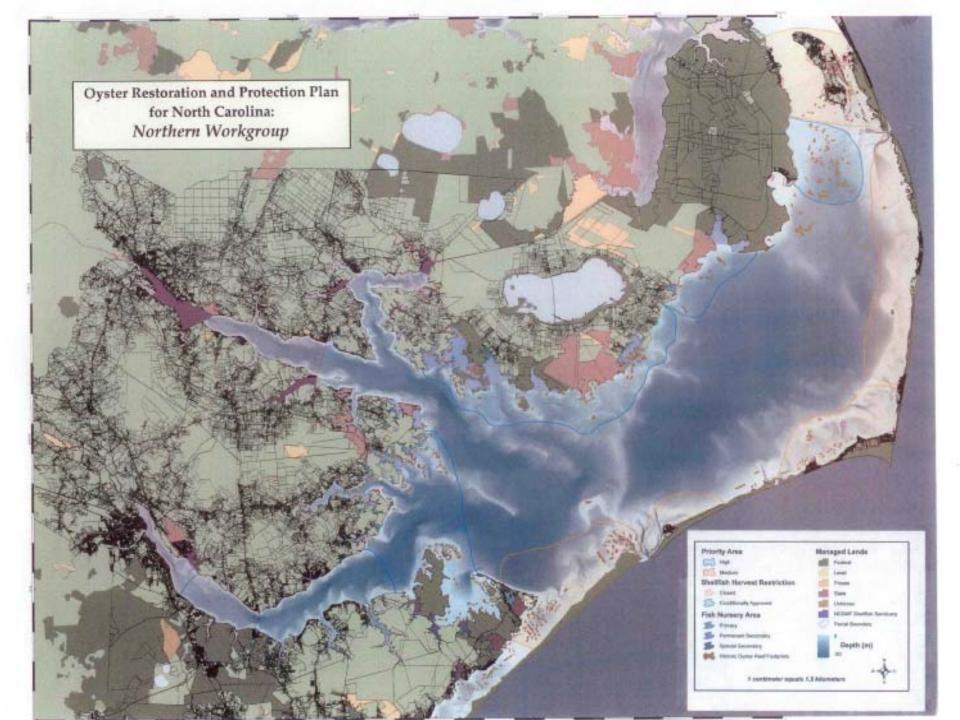
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- 10,000 CitizenMembers
- 150 Affiliated Groups
- Staff of 19
- 27 Board Members











### Pocosin Swamp







#### Wetlands Restoration Group



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Swan Lake

Mattamuskeet Ventures, LLC

Alligator River Growers/ Lux Farm

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Pump Station** 

2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Pump Station Long Shoal River

Otter Creek

Pamlico Sound



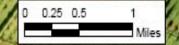
Swan Lake & Alligator River NW Refuge

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Alligator River Growers/ Lux Farm Property

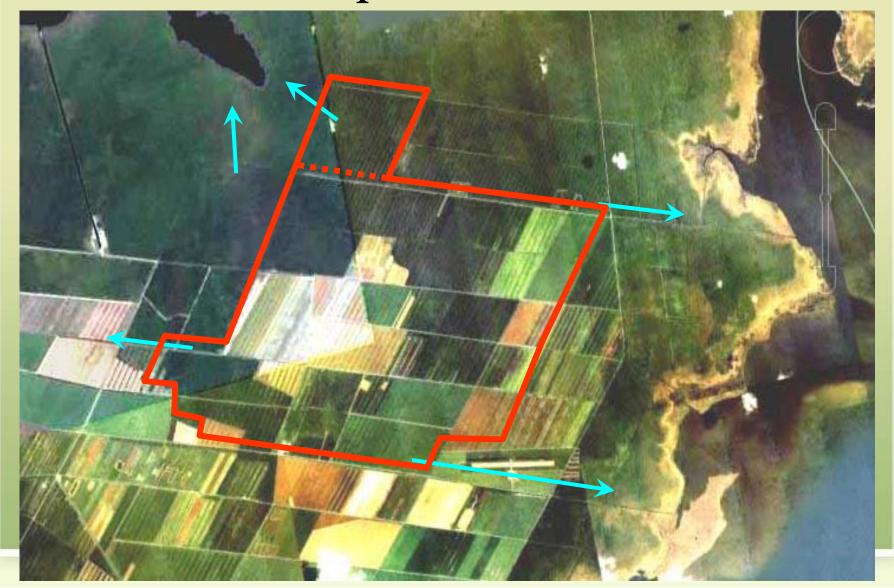
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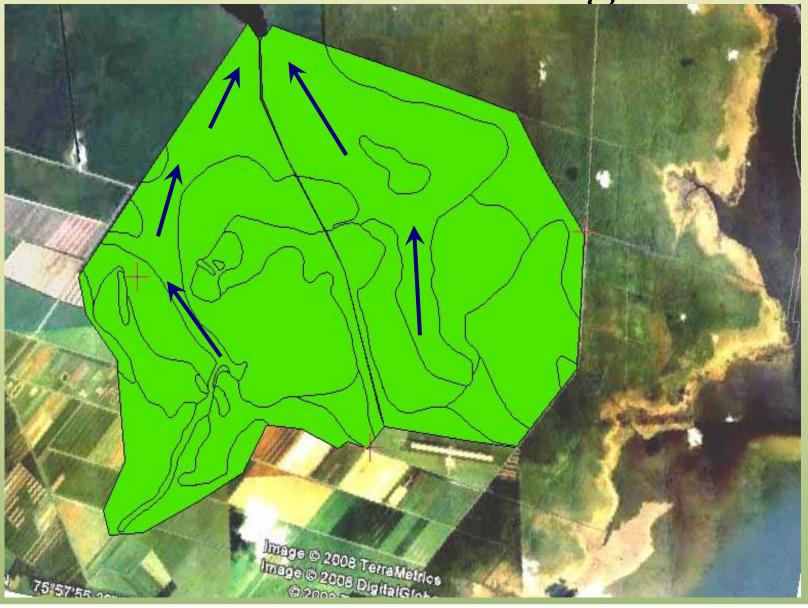


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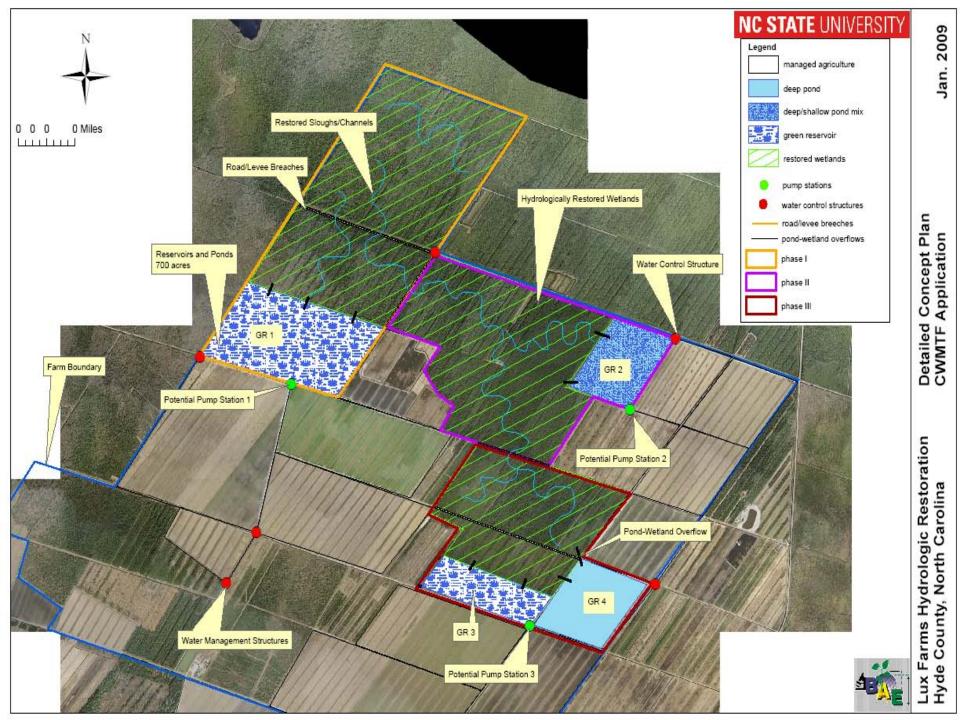
# Farm boundaries and current flow patterns



#### Estimated Historic Drainage Area



**Historic Flow Directions** 



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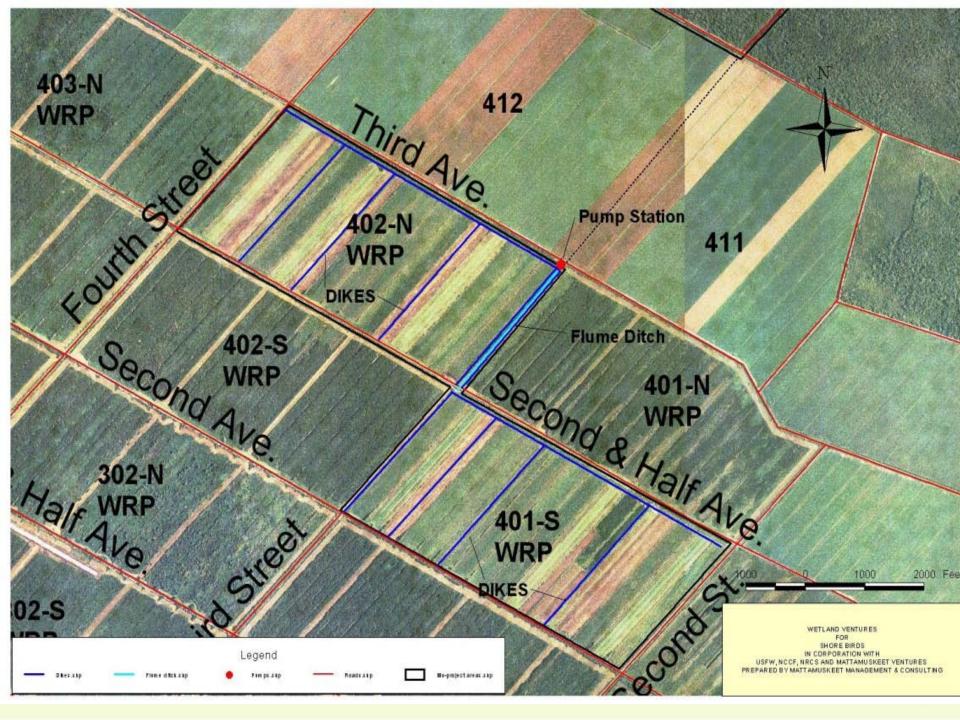
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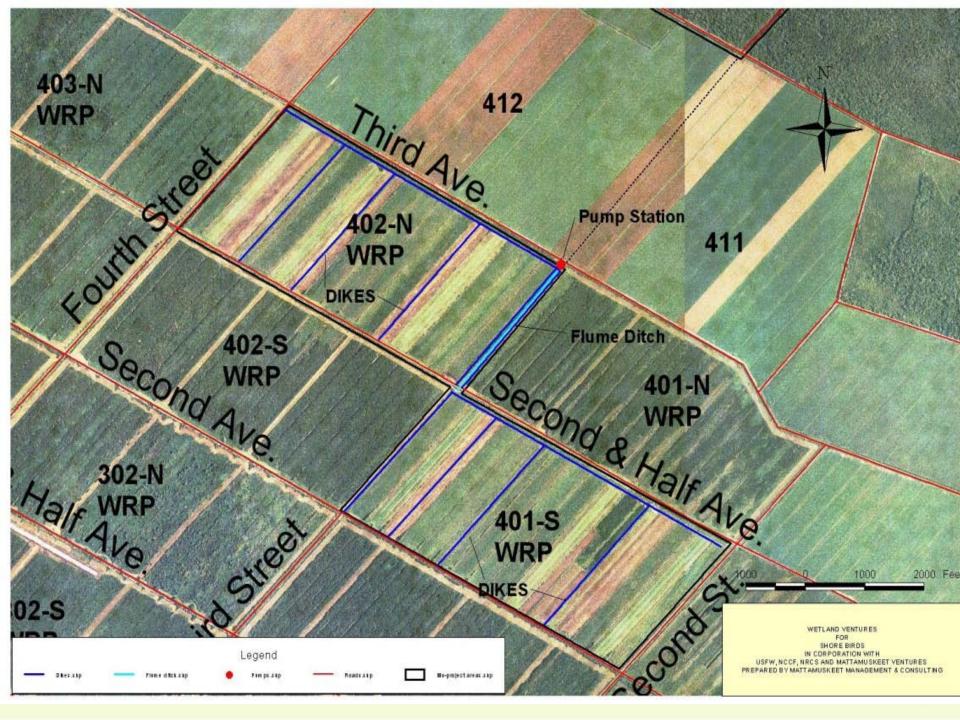


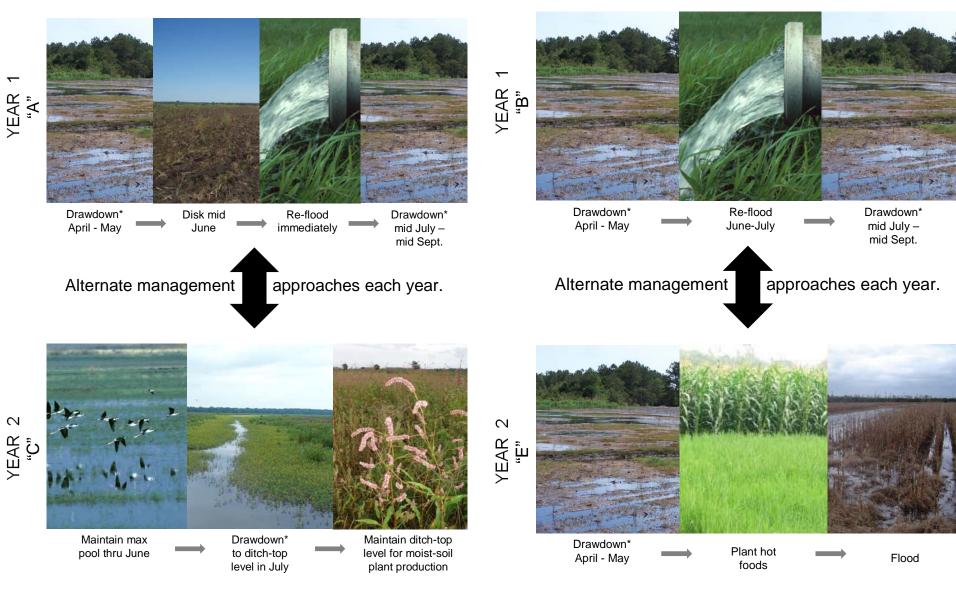












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#### Project Results

Water Quality Improvements Redirected >180M gallons of water No surface discharge from project area

Shorebird Habitat Creation Low bird counts <100

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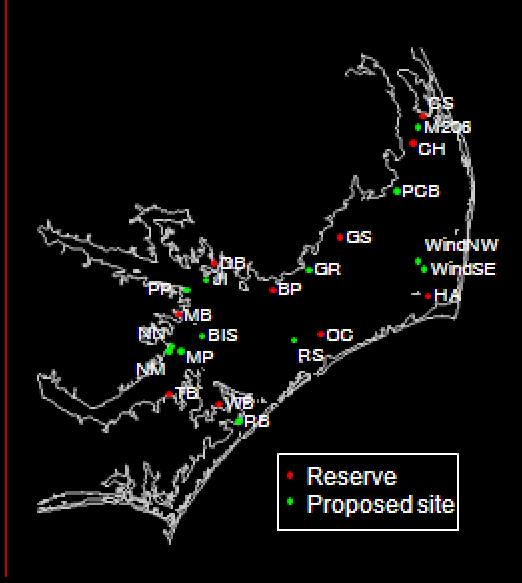
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#### Map of 10 reserves and 13 proposed sites



- Reserves -CS: Croatan Sound -CH: Crab Hole -GS: Gibbs Shoal -BP: Bluff Pt -DB: Deep Bay -MB: Middle Bay -MB: Middle Bay -TB: Turnagain Bay -WB: West Bay -OC: Ocracoke -HA: Hatteras
- Proposed sites -M206: Manteo 206 -PCB: Parched Corn Bay -GR: Gull Rock -JI: Judith Island -PP: Pamlico Pt -BIS: Brant Island Shoal -NN: Neuse north shore -NM: Neuse mid-river -MP: Maw Pt -RB: Rumley Bay -RS: Royal Shoal -WindSE: SE corner of wind farm

-WindNW: NW corner of wind farm

#### Funders and Partners

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Columbia Migratory Field Office
  - Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge
  - Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge
- Albemarle Pamlico National Estuary Program
- Clean Water Management Trust Fund
- Mary Cary Flagler Charitable Trust Fund
- N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- EPA 319 Program

- Mattamuskeet Drainage Association
  - Lux Farms
  - Mattamuskeet Ventures
- Hyde County Cooperative Extension
- N.C. State University
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Northern Oyster Work Group
  - N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
  - The Nature Conservancy
  - Sea Grant
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - N.C. State University

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