

Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership (APNEP)
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January 2020



While the team at the APNEP office didn't create a list of resolutions for 2020, we have started the year off with an effort to improve the Partnership and look to the future of the CCMP. In January, the [Leadership Council](#) and [Science and Technical Advisory Committee](#) leadership participated in a 2-day strategic planning and reassessment meeting facilitated by [Coastwise Partners](#) in Beaufort, NC. The meeting focused on recommendations based on interviews with the Leadership Council, STAC leadership, and APNEP staff. It was a productive meeting with a lot of discussion, and we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in this strategic planning effort. We look forward to utilizing their insight and feedback to continue improving the effectiveness of our Partnership. Stay tuned as we begin to implement the recommendations throughout 2020!

Among other APNEP-supported initiatives in 2020 is an economic valuation of [submerged aquatic vegetation \(SAV\)](#) in the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed by the [Center for Environmental and Resource Economics Policy](#) at NC State University. We hope that this

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with government agencies, local governments, economists, legislators, decision makers, and the general public.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Crowell

APNEP Director

APNEP News



Applications Now Being Accepted for 2020 Summer Teacher Institute

North Carolina-based 8th-12th grade science teachers are invited to apply between now and March 13th for the UNC Institute for the Environment's "At Water's Edge" Teacher Institute! Explore our state's coastal ecosystems through this **free**, multi-day professional development workshop. APNEP is proud to have supported the UNC-IE teacher institute for over a decade!

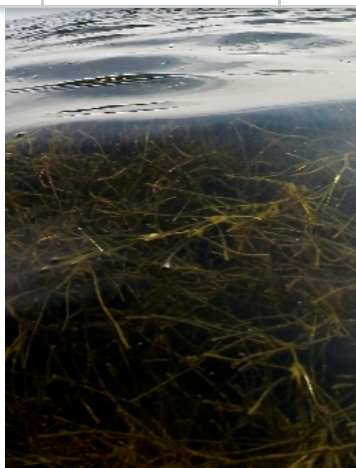
[Learn more and apply for the summer teacher institute](#)

"Out of Sight but Not Out of Mind" Underwater Grasses Talk Now Available Online

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Lead Dr. Ed Kennedy spoke in late November about the importance of underwater grasses in our coastal waters as part of the [N.C. Office of Environmental Education and Public Affairs Lunchtime Lecture series](#). The video recording of his presentation is now available online!

[Watch the recording of "Out of Sight but not Out of Mind"](#)



STEM Educators Invited to Attend SciREN Coast

Researchers and educators in eastern North Carolina are invited to attend the SciREN Coast networking event on the evening of February 27th at the Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium. Check out the aquarium exhibits after hours and pick up some new researcher-created lesson plans. APNEP staff will be sharing some of our estuary and coast-focused lesson plans at the event; we hope to see you there!

[Learn more about SciREN Coast](#)

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Power to the People: Part II

How a group of citizen scientists is working to preserve healthy waters and strengthen communities in northeastern North Carolina. Can anyone be a scientist? Coming to our attention are science or something that happens in science labs or grey-areas universities, advocates for citizen science respond to this question with an emphatic yes.



The Allen Parker Slave Narrative Site - Welcome

This site contains materials that place the Allen Parker slave narrative from eastern North Carolina into a historical context.



Sand Tiger Sharks Are Drawn to North Carolina's Shipwrecks



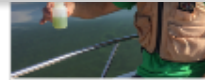
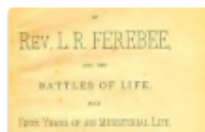
A HISTORIAN'S COAST: The Book of Nature - Coastwatch

By DAVID CECILSD with Photos Courtesy of North Carolina Museum of History In 2025, a postcard publisher named Allen Parker told the story of his life as a slave on the North Carolina coast. Parker. Continue reading "A HISTORIAN'S COAST: The Book of Nature"



A Brief History of Sea Level Rise in North Carolina - Coastwatch

By STANLEY R. RIGGS The story of accelerating sea level rise and its human impact unfolds on the most recent edge of a 200-million-year-old timeline. The longer tale begins with the birth of the Atlantic Ocean reading "A Brief History of Sea Level Rise in North Carolina"



Power to the People: Part I

The communities along the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound in northeastern North Carolina have a common and common goal: to improve the region's main waterways. In fact, Elizabeth, a small town at the confluence of the Chowan and Roanoke Rivers, was one of North Carolina's first colonial capitals from 1722 to 1743 and this area has been home to present day and ancestral American Indian communities.



Discover the Science, History, and Culture of the Albemarle Pamlico Region

The Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system has long supported diverse natural communities as well as a rich history and culture. We've been highlighting articles and videos that celebrate what makes the second-largest estuary in the United States special in a [Wakelet app list](#) that will be continually updated with new resources.

Explore what makes the Albemarle-Pamlico special

APNEP Meeting Updates

- **January 14-15:** The [APNEP Leadership Council](#) met for a two-day strategic planning meeting. Members discussed recommendations developed for APNEP by the facilitation group [Coastwise Partners](#) based on interviews with APNEP staff and Leadership Council members. APNEP office staff and the Leadership Council will be moving forward with implementing these recommendations throughout 2020.
- **January 27:** The [APNEP Ecological Flows Action Team](#) met to discuss the Team's next steps in light of the recent Phase 1 assessment of ecological flows data needs and gaps for the Albemarle-Pamlico region.



Upcoming Events & Meetings

All meetings associated with APNEP's committees, Action Teams, and Monitoring & Assessment Teams are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact apnep@ncdenr.gov.

- **February 27, 2020, 5:00pm - 8:00pm** | [SciREN Coast Teacher-Researcher Networking Event](#) (Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium, Pine Knoll Shores NC)
- **March 12, 2020** | [APNEP Science and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting](#) (TBD)
- **April 18, 2020, 10:00am - 4:00pm** | [Love Your River](#) (Elizabeth City, NC)

Soundings Blog



Power to the People: Part II

January 23rd, 2020

Can anyone be a scientist? For the Chowan-Edenton Environmental Group's citizen scientists, the answer is an emphatic yes! Check out our newest blog post to learn how the CEEG has utilized community-driven, place-based citizen science to inform environmental research in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound.

Check out the blog post

Current Grant Opportunities

- Feb. 7: [EPA Environmental Justice Grants 2020](#)

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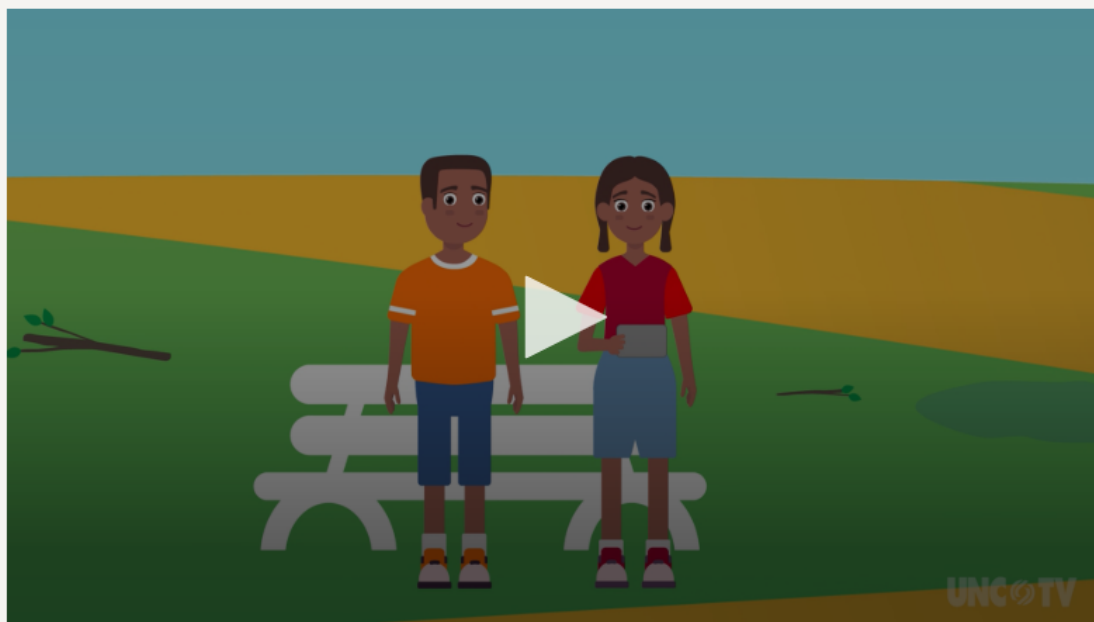
- March 26: [NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants](#)
- Ongoing: [NC Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund](#)
- Ongoing: [NC Sea Grant Minigrants Program](#)

[Grant Details](#)

Partner Spotlight

River Avengers | UNC-TV Science

Video Grades: 4-6 Collection: [UNC-TV Science/NC Science Now](#)



NC Watershed Stewardship Network Unveils New Watershed Wisdom Lesson Plan

Formal and informal educators, check out this free multimedia, interdisciplinary 5E watershed lesson plan from the NC Watershed Stewardship Network! This lesson plan is a multi-week exploration of the water cycle, watersheds, and shows 4th and 5th graders how they can protect their local waters. APNEP is proud to be part of the collaborative group that worked to make these new resources possible.

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What We're Reading

- [A Rising Sea Doesn't Lift All Boats](#) (Hakai Magazine)
- [A Brief History of Sea Level Rise in North Carolina](#) (NC Sea Grant Coastwatch)
- [Notorious 'terminator weed' might be a climate change savior](#) (E&E News)
- [When Do Spotted Seatrout Succumb to Winterkill?](#) (NC Sea Grant Hook, Line, and Science)



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