

Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership

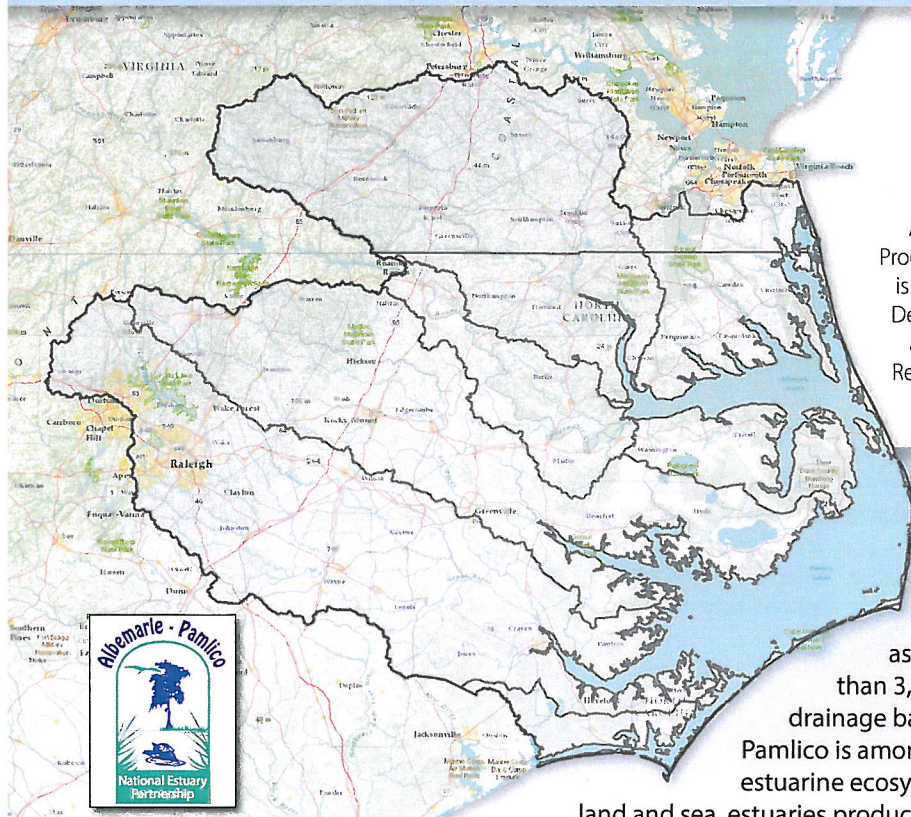
Our mission:

To identify, restore and protect the significant resources of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system.

Our approach:

The Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership pursues its mission with guidance and support from its advisory bodies, regional partners and its ecosystem-based Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. APNEP's initiatives are guided by input from a diverse group of regional partners and stakeholders. Together, we work to protect and enhance one of the nation's most valuable estuaries.

APNEP's comprehensive approach is designed to preserve the integrity of the entire estuarine ecosystem, with a special emphasis on improving water quality in the region's rivers and sounds.



APNEP was among the first of 28 National Estuarine Programs established by the Clean Water Act. APNEP is a cooperative effort jointly supported by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Financial support is provided by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.


The Albemarle-Pamlico estuary was designated as "an estuary of national significance" in 1987, and it continues to be recognized as a nationally important resource through its recent designation as one of "America's Great Waters." With more than 3,000 square miles of estuarine waters and a drainage basin of 28,000 square miles, the Albemarle-Pamlico is among the nation's largest and most significant estuarine ecosystems. Due to the mixing of nutrients from

land and sea, estuaries produce more food per acre than even the richest farmland. Estuaries provide habitat for 75 percent of America's commercial fish catch and between 80 and 90 percent of America's recreational fishing catch. In North Carolina, the Albemarle-Pamlico estuary supports billions of dollars of economic activity per year through industries including commercial and recreational fishing, tourism and shipping.

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Resources for University Students

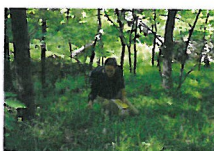
To achieve its mission, APNEP engages college students across the region. These efforts help the program develop cost-effective initiatives and provide applied training to the next generation of environmental scientists and managers.

Internships

APNEP hosts interns interested in ecosystem-based management, science, education, policy and law. APNEP traditionally hosts one paid REACH intern each summer (<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/hr/reach>). Volunteer interns will be also considered on a case-by-case basis in Raleigh, Washington (N.C.), or Suffolk. A cover letter, three references and a CV may be sent via email to any APNEP staff member. Materials received before April 15 will receive priority consideration for summer positions. Interns will participate in a variety of projects and working groups, and internships often provide flexibility to meet individual goals.

Client-based Research

APNEP has partnered with graduate students and faculty from several institutions to study management issues in the Albemarle-Pamlico region. Social network analysis, ecosystem-based management frameworks and invasive species response strategies are examples of areas where APNEP has provided opportunities for work. APNEP participates in formal client-based research programs and also welcomes specific inquiries from interested students or faculty.



News and Social Media

APNEP prides itself on being a great source of current information on environmental issues in the Albemarle-Pamlico region. The APNEP website (www.apnep.org) features a daily news feed as well as routinely published articles on APNEP initiatives. Also, you can join our mailing list at www.apnep.org or find us on Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter!

Grants

APNEP occasionally offers grants for applied scientific research in the Albemarle-Pamlico region. To be notified of grant opportunities, please join the APNEP listserv at www.apnep.org or follow us on Facebook or Twitter. APNEP also maintains a list of open grants and several grant databases at portal.ncdenr.org/web/apnep/grants.



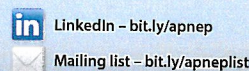
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