National Estuarine Research Reserve Education

Change on the Ground in 2022

**Connects**

People to Estuaries

- 1 million+ ACRES of natural classrooms & living laboratories with 26 INTERPRETIVE CENTERS

Hello to the Connecticut Reserve, designated in 2022!

**Prepares**

the Next Generation

- 54,773 STUDENTS take learning out of the abstract & into the outdoors
- 4,347 TEACHERS are trained in the estuary & supported in the classroom

**Improves**

the Environment

- 10,570 CITIZENS are trained & inspired to protect their coasts & estuaries
- 30 RESEARCH RESERVE EDUCATORS lead programs that foster coastal stewardship in communities in 25 states

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**SKILLS BUILT**

- Observation
- Asking research questions
- Problem solving
- Data driven decision making

**VOLUNTEER ACTIONS**

- Protect wildlife
- Monitor water quality
- Plant native species
- Clean up the coasts

Creating value through education 37,371 volunteer hours = $1,119,261*

*Value of a volunteer hour is calculated at $29.95 based on data from the Independent Sector.

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