



NWF LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Objectives:

- Scale up the appropriate use of LSLs for coastal protection, restoration, and enhancement.
- Increase the use of LSL techniques where they are ecologically and geomorphologically appropriate, and are adaptive to rising sea levels and a changing climate.

Focus:

- National- and state-level permitting and policy
- Private practitioners' technical knowledge

Approach:

- Identify federal and state policy conditions that incentivize or impede LSL uptake.
- Assess the implementation of USACE NWP 54.
- Deliver training resources for practitioners.

PROJECT DETAILS

- The Coastal States Organization (CSO) has partnered with the National Wildlife Foundation (NWF) on a project to support living shoreline (LSL) policy implementation. The project geography includes the Atlantic Seaboard and Gulf of Mexico.
- NWF and CSO have released a report entitled [*Softening Our Shorelines: Policy and Practice for Living Shorelines Along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts*](#) exploring opportunities to increase the appropriate use of living shorelines to promote resilience in coastal communities and support wildlife and ecosystem services. Thank you to all the CSO members who gave phone interviews and shared feedback on the development of this report!
- CSO has been working with NWF to disseminate and promote the report's findings with key stakeholders, including holding six briefings for federal agency partners and presenting the report at public webinars such as the [*Sustainable Shorelines Designs Webinar Series*](#) coordinated by the Hudson River NERR.
- CSO is also collaborating with NWF on the development of resources to support regional/state level training programs targeted at marine contractors for the siting, design, installation, and performance monitoring of LSLs.
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