



Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

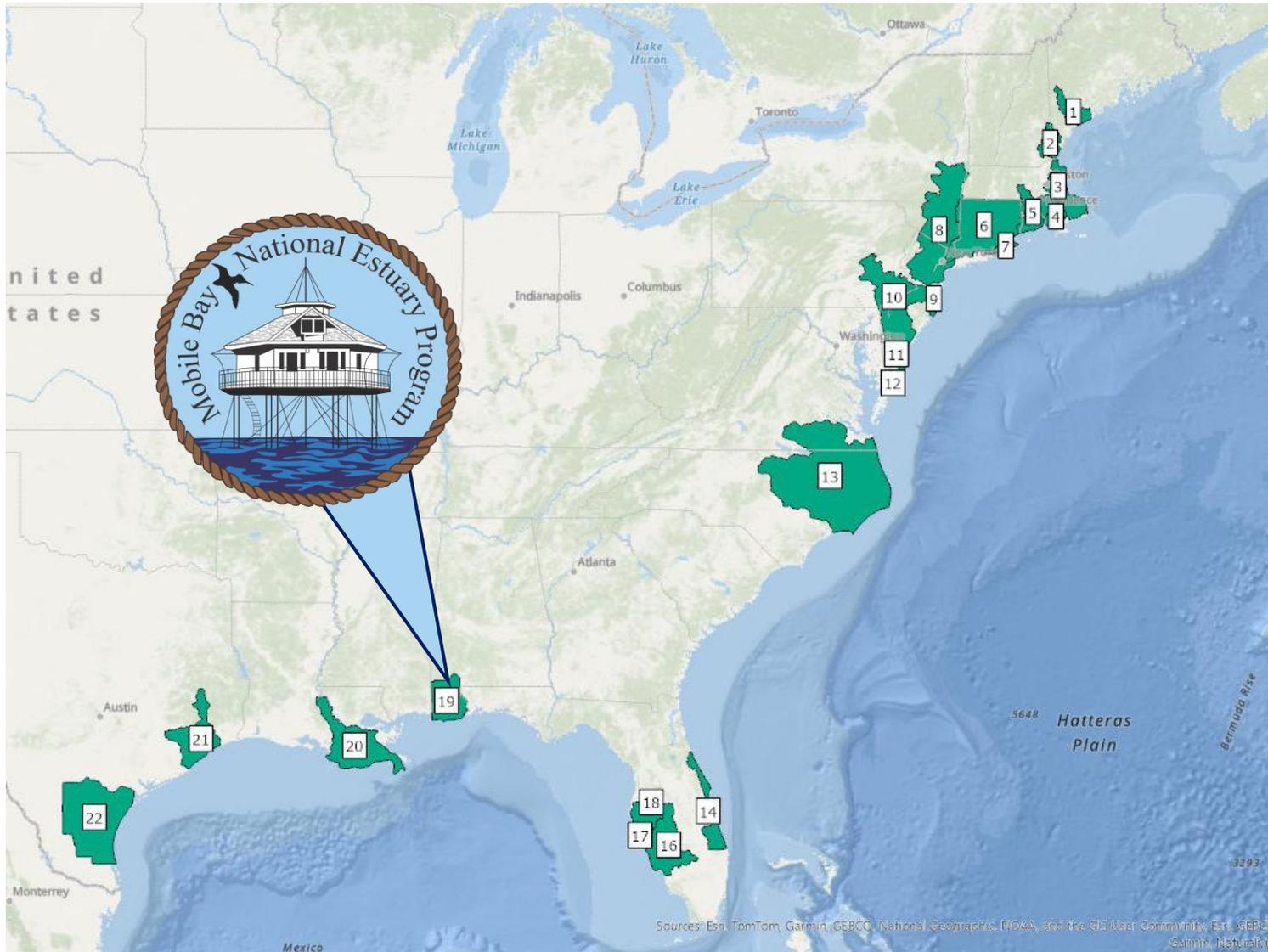
A Division of The Dauphin Island Sea Lab

Getting to Know Your National Estuary Program



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What is the National Estuary Program?



-The National Estuary Program (NEP) is an EPA program to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of our national estuaries.

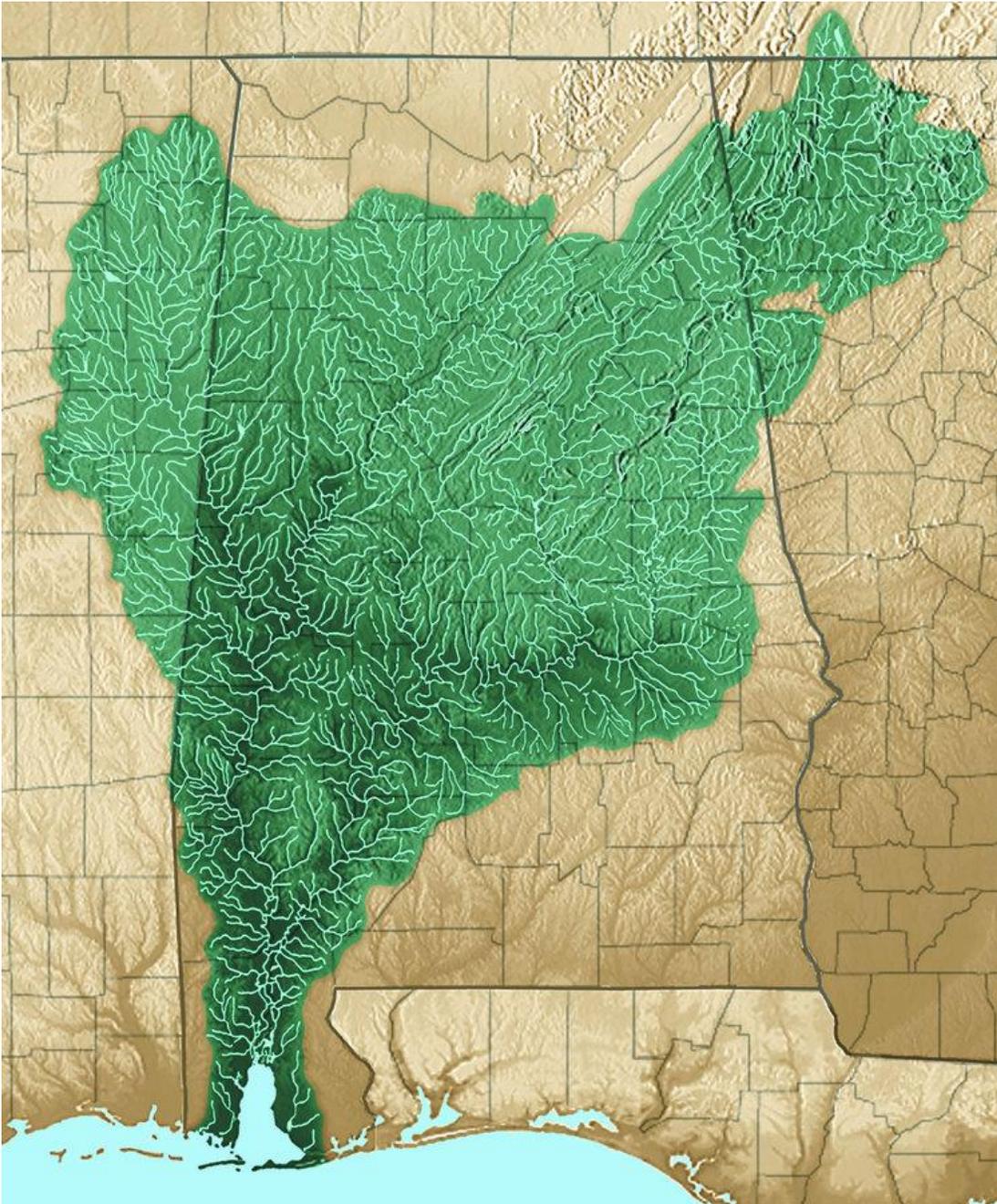
- Mobile Bay is one of 28 “nationally significant estuaries” in the United States.

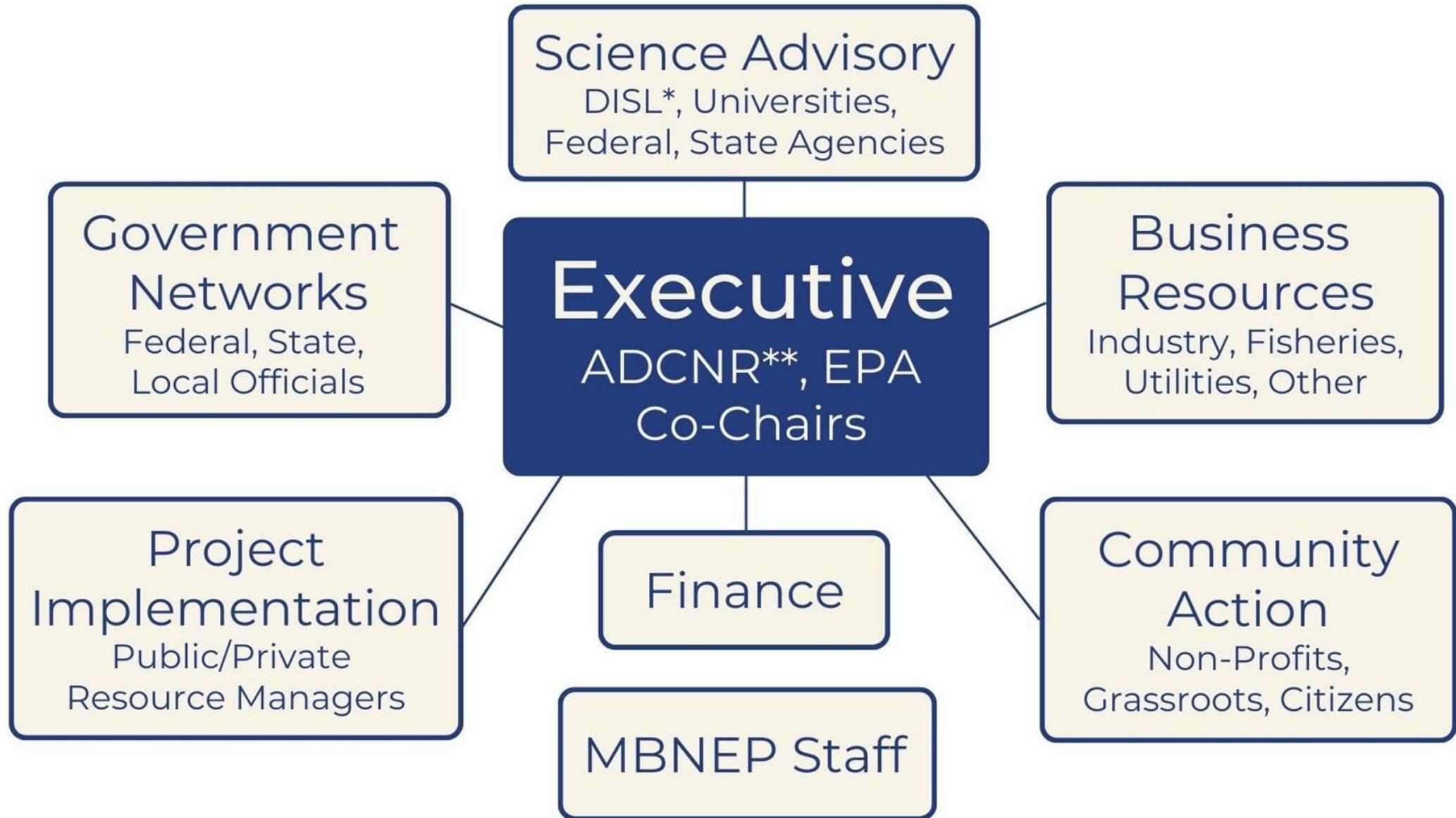
- Non-regulatory, non-advocacy organization

- Established in 1995, later became a division of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab

Scope of Work

- 4th largest watershed in the United States.
- Drains from parts of Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee
- Collective impact through our Management Conference





Our Mission



Access to Water and Open Spaces



Coastlines



Fish and Wildlife



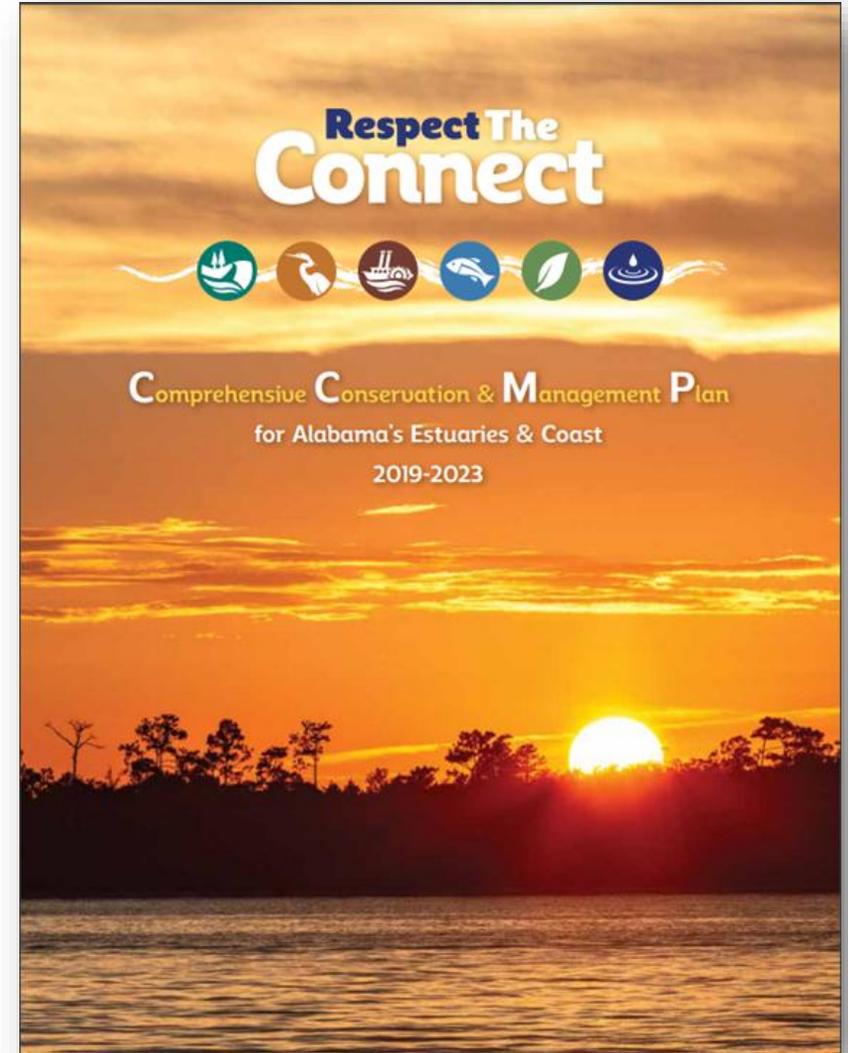
Heritage and Culture



Environmental Health and Resilience

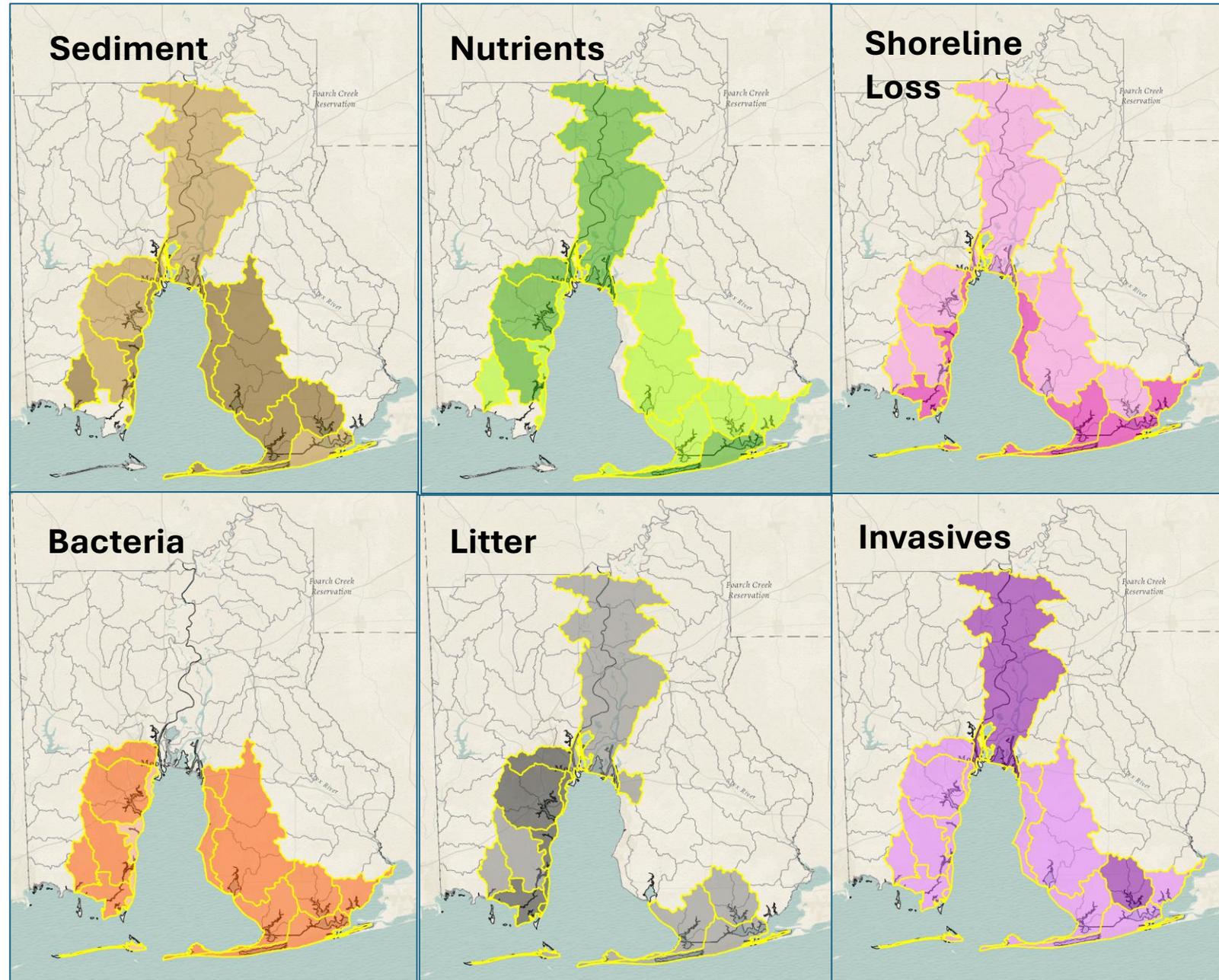


Water Quality



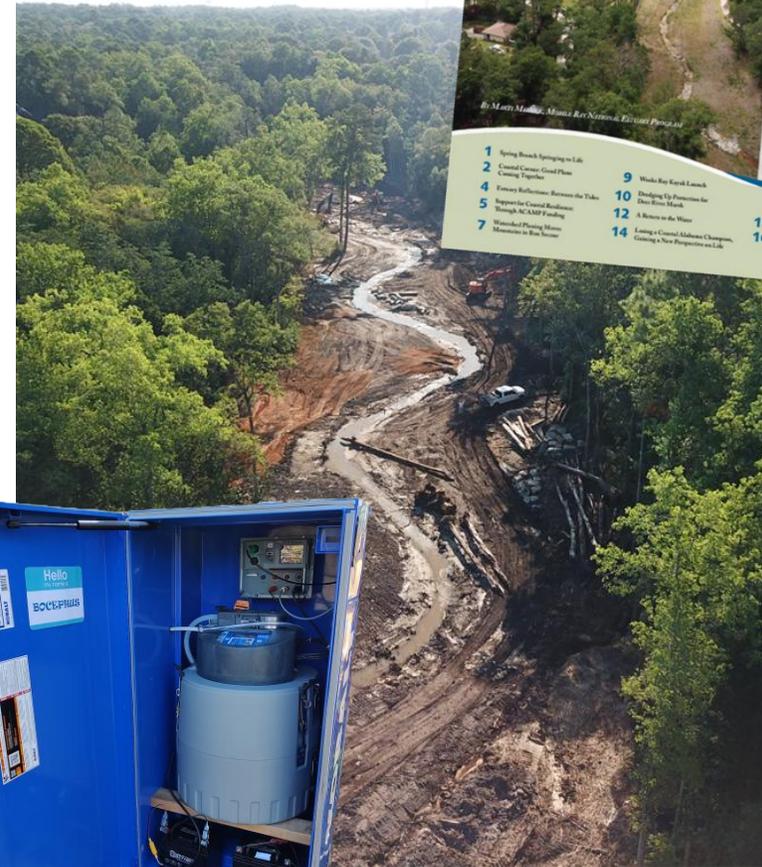
Issues

- Our current watershed management priorities
- Stressor evaluation compiled by the SAC



Our Tenets

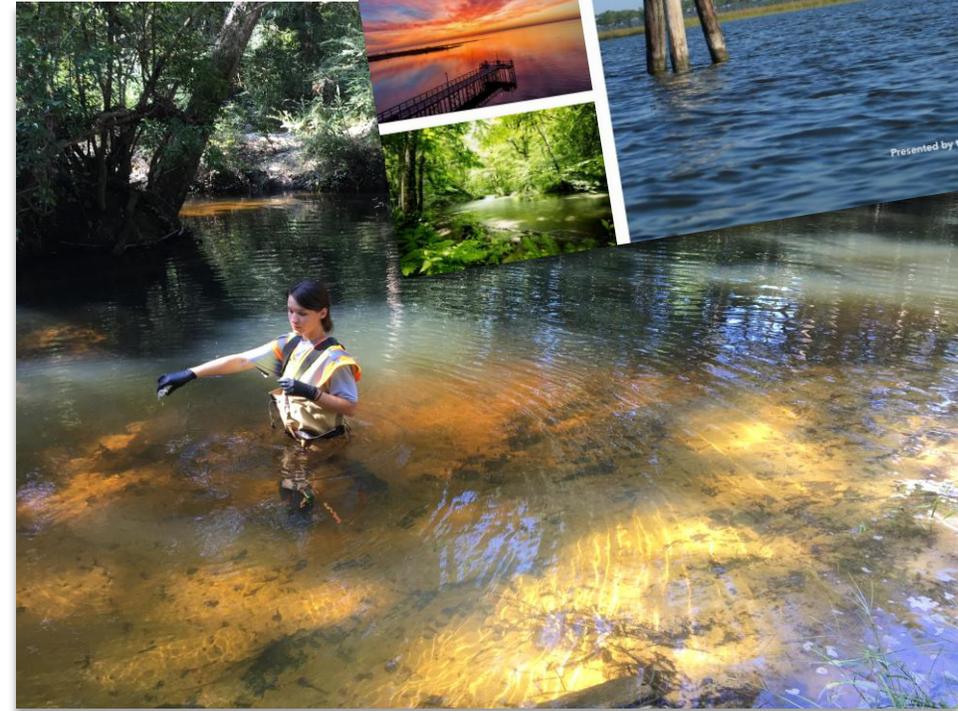
- Estuary Status and Trends
- Ecosystem Restoration and Protection
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
- Education and Public Involvement:



1	Spring Branch Springing to Life	9	Wade For Earth Lunch	15	The MINEP Plan's Coverage!
2	Local Lower Gulf Plan	10	Developing Pipelines for	16	Shape the Future of the Wetlands Delta
	Coming Together		Clear River Marsh		
4	Estuary Reflections Between the Tides	12	A Return to the Water		
5	Support to Coastal Resilience	14	Leading Coastal Habitat Champions,		
7	Wanted! Planting Native		Getting to New Perspectives on Life		
	Managers in Bay Towns				

Estuary Status and Trends

- Coastal monitoring
- Environmental reporting
- Ecosystem research
- Stressor evaluation



Ecosystem Restoration and Protection

- Plan, implement and measure progress of watershed management program
- Invasive species management
- Improve access to water and open spaces



Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

- Workshops, networking
- Local government
- Advise and support local watershed groups
- Assist with resource development

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Education and Public Involvement

- Business outreach and involvement
- Promotes community engagement, awareness, and involvement
- Special events





Questions?





Thank You!

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