

# 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!*



**296,131 VISITORS**

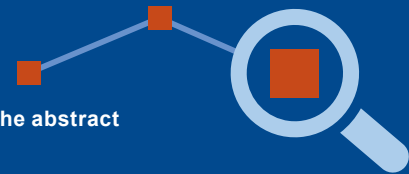
learn about estuaries through Research Reserve outreach & education

### Prepares

the Next Generation

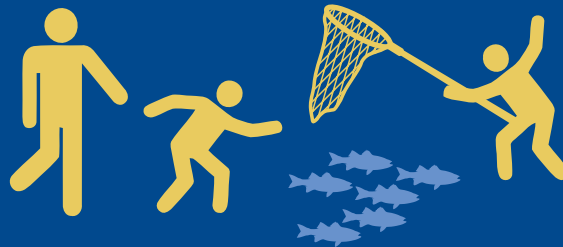
**54,773 STUDENTS**

take learning out of the abstract & into the outdoors



**4,347 TEACHERS**

are trained in the estuary & supported in the classroom



#### SKILLS BUILT

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

ESTUARY SCIENCE

LOCAL DATA

LAB WORK

FIELD INVESTIGATION

### Improves

the Environment

**10,570 CITIZENS**

are trained & inspired to protect their coasts & estuaries



#### VOLUNTEER ACTIONS

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

**30 RESEARCH RESERVE EDUCATORS**

lead programs that foster coastal stewardship in communities in 25 states



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