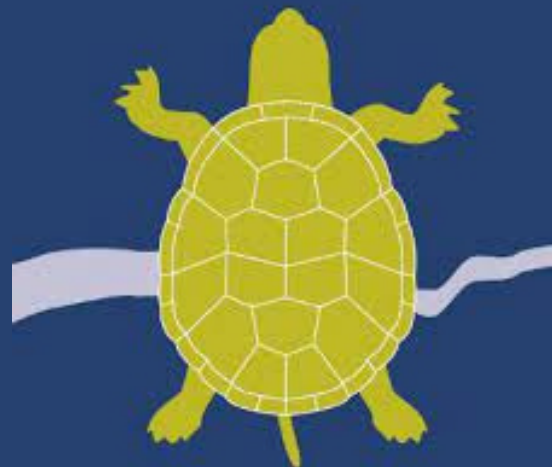


LYNNHAVEN RIVER NOW INTERNSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

Lynnhaven River NOW

- Started in 2002 working in the Lynnhaven River Watershed
- Dedicated to protecting all Virginia Beach Waterways
- Focused on creating a sustainable lifestyle in Virginia Beach and educating the public

OBJECTIVES

- Goal Statement: to ensure the resilience and viability of coastal ecosystems in the face of climate change, contributing to the preservation of biodiversity, the protection of coastal communities, and the sustainable use of natural resources for current and future generations.
- Case study aims to look at three key areas: oyster restoration, tree replanting and restoration, and public education and outreach.
- Worked at community events, went to meetings, and restoration project installations

RECOMMENDATIONS

Oyster Restoration

- Buying Local Oysters
- Continued Monitoring of Oyster Restoration Projects
- Construct Research and Development Zones for Oyster Aquaculture

Tree Restoration

- Planting Nonnative Trees to Adapt Virginia Beach Vegetation to High Heat
- More Tree Restoration Projects in High Heat Areas

Public Outreach and Education

- Educating the Public on the Benefits of Restoration Projects
- Ecotourism on Virginia Beach Waterways
- Dive Against Debris Dives in Partnership with PADI AWARE to Clean Up Waterways

