

Edisto Beach State Park Internship

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INTRODUCTION

- Located in South Carolina's Lowcountry
- Protects shoreline, saltmarsh, and maritime forest.
- Focused on providing education and recreation to visitors, and to maintaining important species and their habitats.

OBJECTIVES

- Goal Statement: EBSP creates a future where visitors are inspired to become better environmental stewards due to experiences provided by the park.
- Case study aims to determine how EBSP can create inspiring experiences.
- Worked as a sea turtle intern monitoring and nests, while also providing educational experiences to the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Social

- Social media programs to reach a wider audience
- Monthly sustainability challenges
- An actionable list to outline habits with positive impacts (drafted during internship)

Educational

- Virtual reality displays & new trail signage to show how the world will be affected by environmental changes
- Specific sustainability programs to highlight environmental issues and possible interventions

Physical

- Water bottle filling station, compost, & more efficient recycling to reduce waste
- Rain catchment and permeable parking surfaces to reduce runoff
- Over time, electric vehicles and solar panels would be beneficial

