

New Jersey Resources' Coastal Climate Initiative (CCI) was launched in 2021 to help advance environmental stewardship and community resilience-focused projects in our coastal communities and beyond.



In 2023, NJR committed **up to \$2 million** in funding over five years to support projects and programs to enable direct project support for community resiliency and ecosystem services, and by 2024 had pledged **over \$1.2 million** to dedicated one-time and long-term projects through the CCI program.



The CCI program has helped numerous nonprofit organizations and projects, including:

**Rutgers University's inaugural Vibrant Communities Program's** sustainability and resiliency project in Manitou Park.

**New Jersey Audubon's** efforts to preserve, restore and enhance the habitats and resiliency of the Hovnanian Sanctuary in Berkeley Township – part of the Pinelands National Reserve.

**Monmouth University's Urban Coast Institute** to support the Clam Cove Living Shoreline Pilot Project, as well as the stabilization and restoration of coastal wetlands in the Barnegat Bay Watershed.

**Monmouth Conservation Foundation's** efforts to restore and improve the Scudder Preserve, an important natural habitat in Middletown.

**The Natural Resources Education Foundation** – CCI is supporting the expansion and preservation, education and research work for shoreline stabilization and restoration at The Lighthouse Center in Waretown.