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Connecting land, water, and people on changing coasts...
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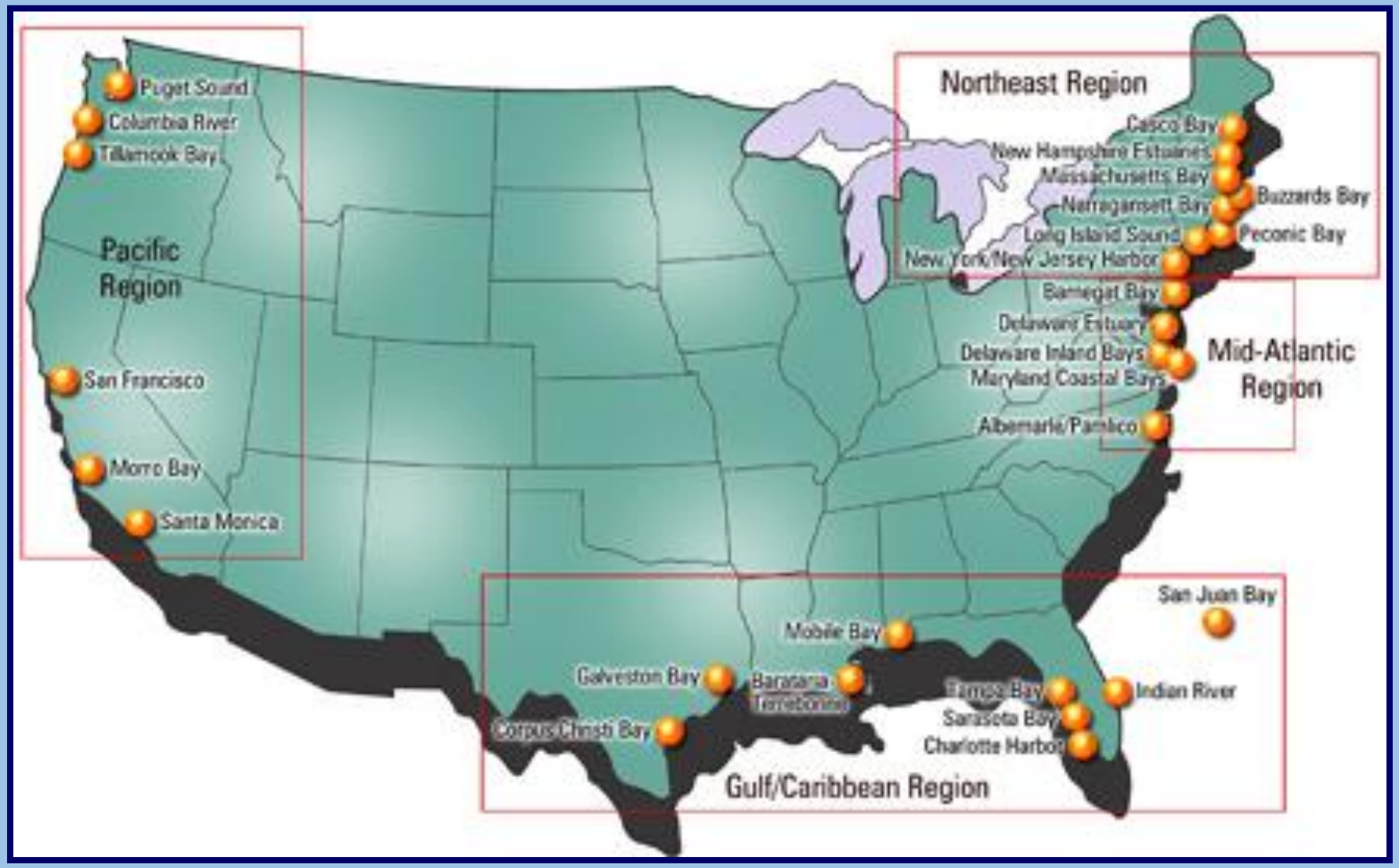
National Estuary Program

- **CWA Section 320 (1987) established NEP to protect "estuaries of national significance"; unanimously reauthorized in 2016; directed EPA to convene a Management Conference to develop plans (CCMP) for attaining and maintaining water quality in an estuary.**

- **CCMP includes protection of public water supplies; the protection and propagation of native populations of shellfishes, fishes, and wildlife; CCMP allows recreational and other activities; requires control of point and nonpoint sources of pollution.**

- **Promotes ... research to identify the movements of nutrients, sediments & pollutants through estuarine zones and the impact of nutrients, sediments, and pollutants on water quality, the ecosystem, and designated or potential uses of the estuarine zones.**

National Estuary Program



NEPs and ANEP

NEPS have a unique decision-making framework:
non-regulatory, consensus-driven, and science based.

NEPs are efficient: for each federal dollar...
NEPs leverage $19 of local investment.

NEPs are successful:
NEPs have protected/restored $2x10^6$ acres since 2000.

NEPs enjoy strong bipartisan support.
ANEP is a 501(C)3 represents and provides a unified voice for all 28 NEPs.

NEPs and ANEP

ANEP
ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAMS

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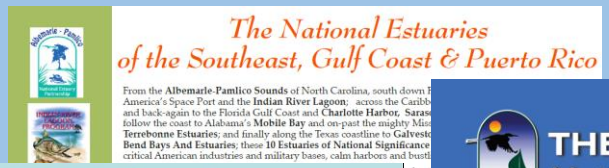

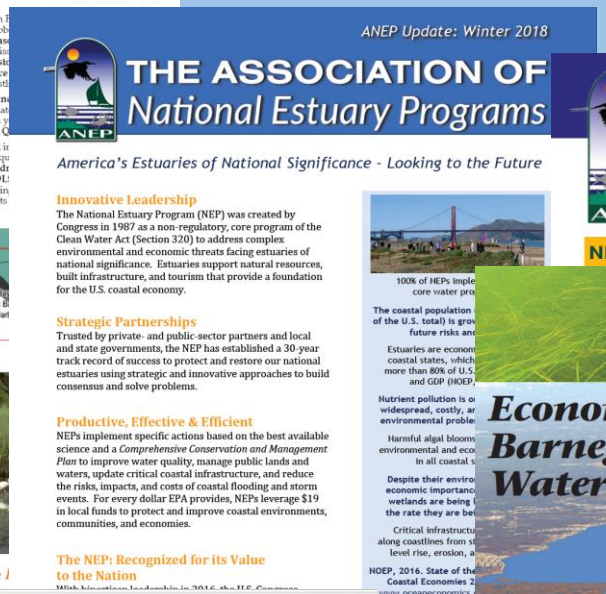

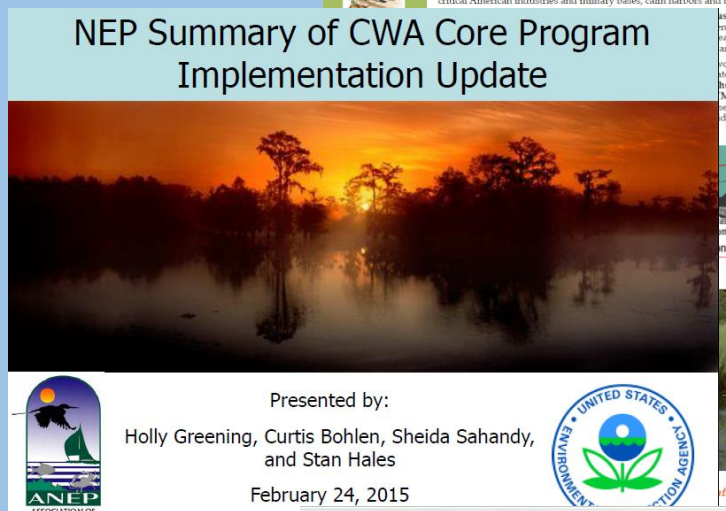

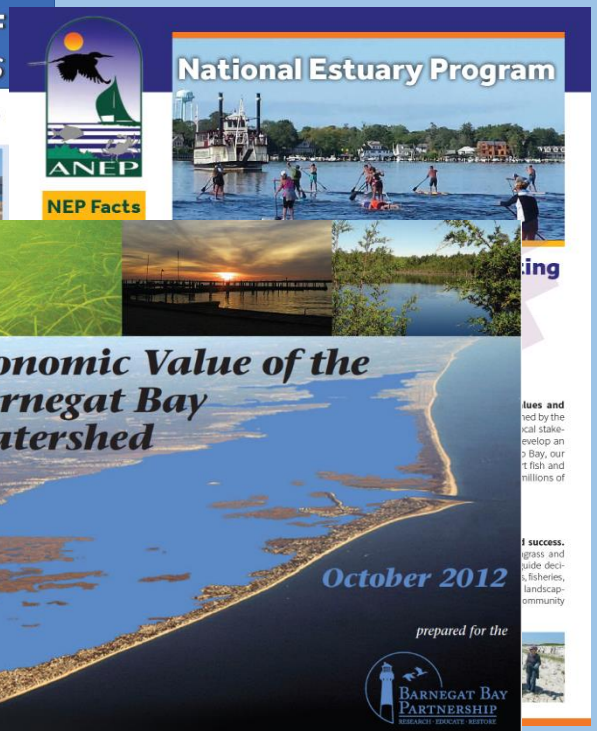

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Some BBP Partners

How is the BB watershed changing?

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BBP Priorities

- Reduce eutrophication & improve water quality.
- Address water supply & flow issues.
- Prevent habitat loss & support habitat restoration.
- Protect and restore fish and wildlife.
- Address land use.

Governor's 10-Point Plan for the Barnegat Bay

- Closing OCNGS in 10 yrs
- Stormwater Mitigation ($10 million x 10 yrs)
- Fertilizer Regulation
- Soil Health Restoration Regulation
- Land Acquisition
- Special Area Management Plan (SAMP)
- Rigorous Water Quality Standards (TMDL)
- Education
- Comprehensive Research
- Reducing Water Craft Impacts

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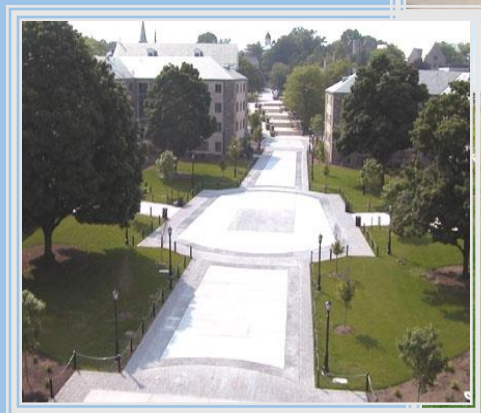
Nonpoint-source pollution & stormwater management



Keep your stormwater to yourself!

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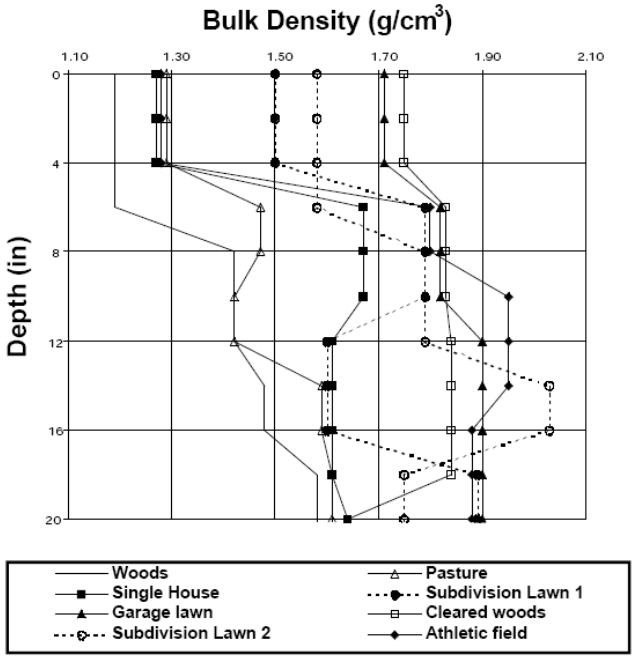
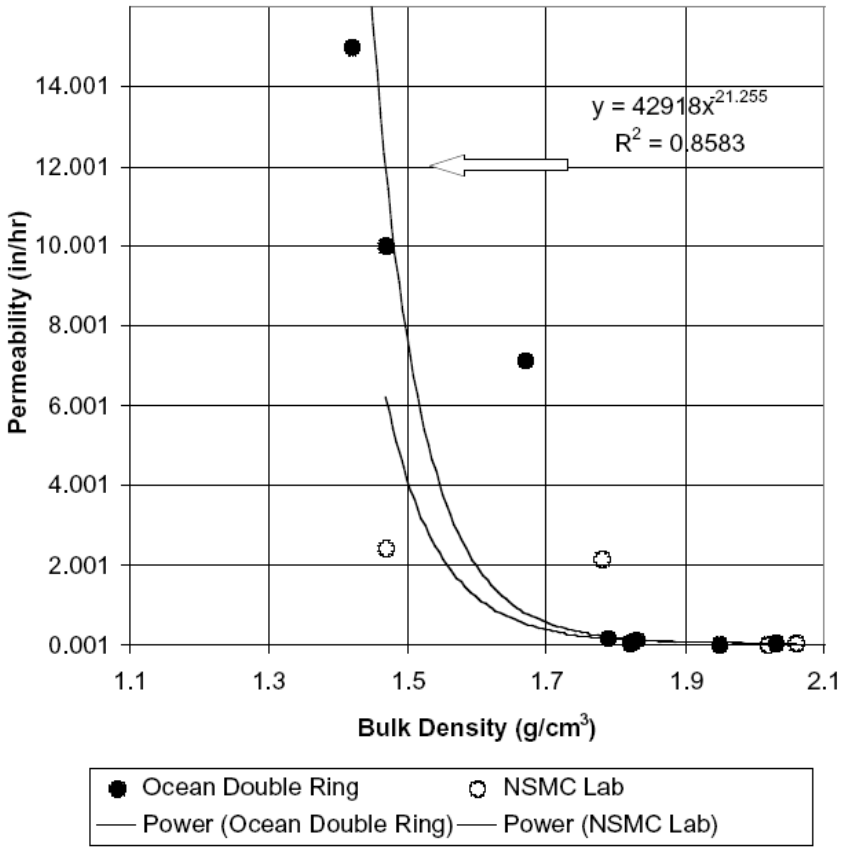
Don't treat soil like dirt!

Bulk Density Profiles of Permeability Testing Sites Ocean County, NJ



Bulk Density vs. Permeability



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Your guide to a beautiful, healthy and eco-friendly yard.

Create a Jersey-Friendly Yard

The Interactive Yard

The Interactive Yard is a tool to help learn about the basic concepts behind transforming your yard into a Jersey-Friendly Yard.

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NRCS at home on the water!


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MACWA

Mid-Atlantic Coastal Wetlands Assessment

- **Establish an integrated wetlands monitoring and assessment program in the Delaware Bay and Barnegat Bay Estuaries and beyond.**

Partnership for the Delaware Estuary Inc.

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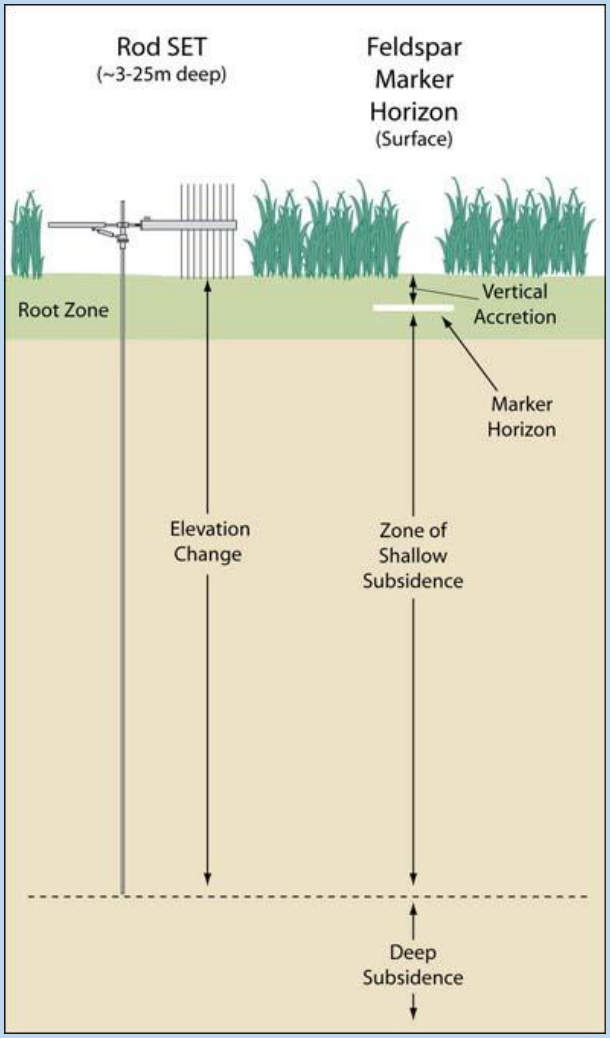
United States Environmental Protection Agency

The Academy of Natural Sciences

NJ Coastal Management Program

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

SETs and MHs



- **Measures elevation change**
- **Paired with marker horizons to measure surface accretion**

Barnegat Bay Wetland Trends

- 45% of BB is bulkheaded
- 1995-2007: shoreline loss baywide = 54 ft (4 ft per yr)
- High conversion of wetlands to mudflats
- Open Water Marsh Management (impacts?)

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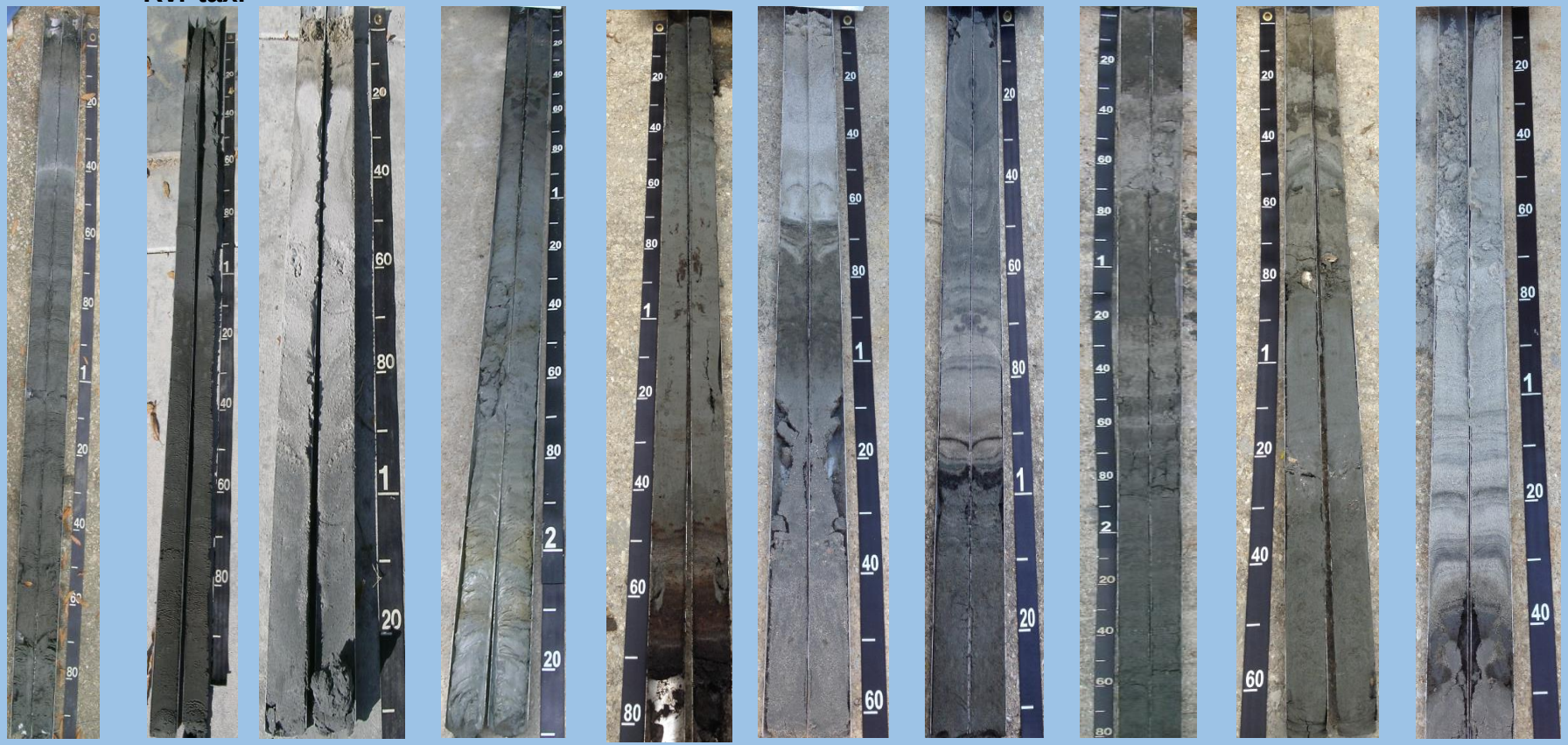
Soils of Barnegat Bay



Barnegat Soil Survey Uses?

- Eelgrass restoration
- Aquaculture restoration (oyster, clam, etc.)
- Relict inlet identification
- Shoreline erosion documentation
- Finfish restoration
- Baseline soils data never before provided
- ID high-C sequestration subaqueous soil areas
- ID living shoreline areas.

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Carbon sequestration, sulfitic soils & wetland/upland restoration....

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