Habitat Tradeoffs Workshop:

Living Shorelines

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Shoreline protection approaches that incorporate habitat restoration alone or in combination with some type of built infrastructure to provide coastal protective services to humans.

(NOAA 2015, Smith et al. 2020)



Smith et al. 2020 Frontiers in Marine Science

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Table 6 Mean seasonal abundance of crabs, fish and shrimp for natural and restored marshes at DUML and NCMM for all years combined

		DU	ML	NCMM				
	Spring		Fall		Spring		Fall	
	Natural (9)	Restored (9)	Natural (6)	Restored (6)	Natural (6)	Restored (6)	Natural (12)	Restore
Crabs	1.00 ± 0.78	0.56 ± 0.34	2.00 ± 0.86	3.33 ± 1.52	5.17 ± 1.56	2.50 ± 1.23	4.33 ± 0.99	3.75 =
Fish	773.11 ± 258.25	912 ± 185.53	173.33 ± 79.90	166.17 ± 60.27	1220.67 ± 588.87	986.33 ± 515.07	47.83 ± 15.34	32.08 =
Shrimp	51.33 ± 28.53	13.44 ± 9.35	2.00 ± 1.44	20.83 ± 14.11	18.00 ± 8.06	42.83 ± 15.95	15.00 ± 5.42	8.42 =

Standard error and number of samples (in parentheses) are also shown. Within each site, seasonal values were not significantly different between restored and natural marshes. Bold values indicate that seasonal abundance per site and marsh type was significantly greater in that season than in the other

Currin et al. 2008 Wetlands Ecology Management







Scyphers et al. 2011 PLOS One

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Isdell et al. 2021 PeerJ

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Barros et al. 2023 Restoration Ecology

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Striped killifish (A), mummichog (B), blue crab (C), and silverside (D): Guthrie et al. 2022 Ecological Engineering



Smith et al. 2021 Ecological Engineering

Living Shorelines: Habitat Provision Over Time





Evaluating new designs

Geesin et al. in prep

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Reference

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Gittman et al. 2016 Ecological Applications

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Gittman et al., 2014 OCM ; Smith et al. 2017, 2018 Marine Policy and Ecological Applications.

Storm Resilience

Polk et al. 2021 IEAM, Gittman et al. 2021 CSP, Gittman et al. in prep

Hurricane Florence 2018

Hurricane Dorian 2019

How did living shorelines perform relative to bulkheads?

Gittman et al. in prep

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Wave Transmission During Normal vs. Storm Conditions - TS Ian

Atlantic, NC, Video: Georgette Tso

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Wave Transmission During Normal vs. Storm Conditions - TS Ian Atlantic, NC Newport, NC

$$K_t = \frac{H_{m0,LANDWARD}}{H_{m0,SEAWARD}}$$

When Kt=1 (black line), there was no change in wave height as the wave crossed the breakwater

Tso et al. In prep