

RIVERS TO REEFS

COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

RIVERS TO REEFS represents a journey across the region's landscapes and ecosystems of the southeastern U.S. coast. Highly specific to its focus on the natural beauty of the coastline, the project specifically focuses the area from Florida's Indian National Exchange Research Reserve to Georgia's Gray's Reef National State Preserve, 27 miles offshore. Some of the geographic features of Florida's Reef have been recognized and the distance to Gray's Reef has been determined to provide the ecological relationships among the ecosystems in this area. The goal is to document, ultimately changing perceptions to value the ecosystems, including their ability to study, respond to and support the changes. The project serves as a starting point for further study of our coastal and marine environments. An understanding of the interconnectedness of coastal ecosystems is the first step in their proper conservation and protection.

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RIVERS often incorporate the life or land nearby to eat. More water flows from higher to lower elevations providing habitat, sediment and supporting activities of the river. This is a natural cycle that allows the water to flow. This is a natural cycle that allows the water to flow. This is a natural cycle that allows the water to flow.

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