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Battleship secures \$400,000 grant to address flooding using restored shoreline and marsh

Wilmington, NC – September 18, 2019 – The Clean Water Management Trust Fund has awarded Battleship NORTH CAROLINA a grant of up to \$400,000 to address flooding using nature-based infrastructure.

Grant funds will be available for the Living with Water project, which aims to restore more than 800 feet of shoreline and 2 acres of wetlands to reduce regular flooding at the Battleship site and improve water quality in the Cape Fear River.

"This innovative approach protects Battleship facilities and access for visitors, while also protecting and restoring the natural habitat of the area," said Captain Terry Bragg, Executive Director of the Battleship.

Data from the National Weather Service's tidal gauge near downtown Wilmington shows an extraordinary rise in flooding events starting in the 1970s, with the greatest increase happening since 2000. Living with Water is a multimillion-dollar plan to mitigate the risks posed by ongoing flooding by mimicking the natural environment of the Battleship site on Eagles Island.

The Clean Water Management Trust Fund's grant will support the Living with Water plan as it moves forward with a sustainable design to protect the Battleship and its place in the coastal Cape Fear River watershed.

The Fund, established by the North Carolina General Assembly, awards grants to nonprofit and governmental organizations to protect and restore the state's land and water resources.

About the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA

The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA is self-supporting, not tax supported, and relies primarily on admissions to tour the Ship, sales in the Ship's Store, rentals, donations and investments. No funds for its administration and operation come from appropriations from governmental entities at the local, state or federal levels. The Battleship is located at the junction of Highways 17/74/76/421 on the Cape Fear River. Visit www.battleshipnc.com or follow us on [Facebook.com/ncbb55](https://www.facebook.com/ncbb55), [Twitter.com/battleshipnc](https://twitter.com/battleshipnc) and [Instagram.com/battleshipnc](https://www.instagram.com/battleshipnc) for more information. The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA is a historic site within the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (www.NCCulture.com).

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