

VIRGINIA PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

ACFHP works to restore and conserve fish habitat in VA and along the Atlantic Coast.

ENHANCING RECREATIONAL FISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LYNNHAVEN RIVER THROUGH HABITAT RESTORATION - FUNDED

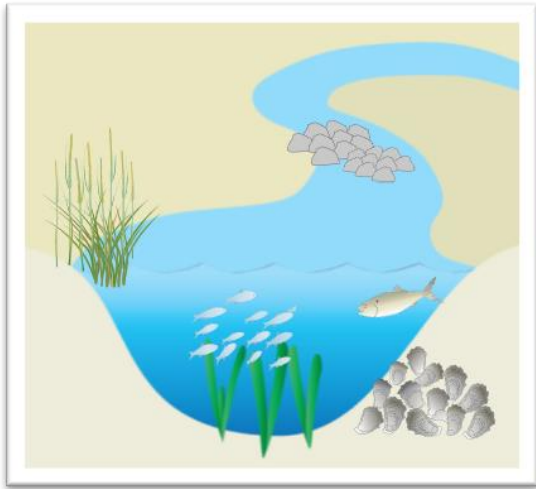
PROBLEM: The Lynnhaven River is important habitat for 11 federally managed species with high recreational or socioeconomic significance including summer flounder, black sea bass, striped bass, red drum, spot, Atlantic croaker, and many more.

RESTORATION: Constructed a **one-acre** oyster reef in the Eastern Branch of the Lynnhaven River. With shells collected through the City of Virginia Beach's oyster shell recycling program, the reef was seeded with one million oyster spat. Oyster reefs provide the necessary habitat structure and water clarity for native species to thrive.

PROJECT LED BY: Lynnhaven River Now, a local watershed association, partnered with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and local anglers.



ACFHP's PRIORITY HABITATS IN VA



Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

Tidal Vegetation

Riverine Bottom

Marine and Estuarine Shellfish Beds

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A circular photograph of a marsh landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the water and the tall grasses. The trees in the background are silhouetted against the sky. The text "Shutterstock / JuneJ" is visible at the bottom of the circle.

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