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$2,271,354 in leveraged funds

= 338% return on state’s investment

**Economic Opportunity**

- $2.3 million economic benefit
- 9 coastal businesses created or sustained
- 28 jobs created or sustained
- 137% increase of maricultured oyster harvest, from $272,440 in 2017 to $645,423 in 2018

**Coastal Resilience**

- 4 trainings to improve coastal community resilience
- 9 communities implemented sustainable development practices and plans

**Education & Workforce Development**

- 15,950 K-12 students reached
- 241 teachers trained and 21 of 46 counties engaged
- 34 graduate students and fellows supported
- 4 undergraduate students supported

**Volunteer Stewardship**

- 3,784 volunteer hours completed
- $93,427 value of volunteer time
- 399 acres of beach habitat enhanced

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