

NC DIVISION OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT



NC COASTAL RESERVE & NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE

DCM Mission

The Division of Coastal Management works to protect, conserve and manage North Carolina's coastal resources through an integrated program of planning, permitting, education and research.





Division Structure

- Headquarters in Morehead City w/25 FTE positions
- Four district offices w/30 FTE positions
- Four Coastal Reserve offices w/5 FTE staff and many volunteers
- DCM has 3 sections
 - Permitting & compliance
 - Planning & policy development
 - Coastal Reserve





Coastal Reserve



- 5 full-time permanent staff responsible for management, education & research activities
- 10 sites (4 NERR/6 state)
- Over 40,000 acres



Coastal Reserve



- The N.C. Coastal Reserve program sets aside undeveloped coastal lands and waters for research, education and public use – all with an eye toward helping us understand changes in our coastal area and the importance of these natural areas for the future.
- The Coastal Reserve comprises ten sites, from Currituck Banks in the north to Bald Head Woods in the south.
- Four of the sites (Currituck Banks, Masonboro Island, Rachel Carson and Zeke's Island) also make up the N.C. National Estuarine Research Reserve.



Coastal Reserve Sites

- **Currituck Banks**
- **Kitty Hawk Woods**
- **Emily & Richardson Preyer Buckridge**
- **Buxton Woods**
- **Rachel Carson**
- **Permuda Island**
- **Masonboro Island**
- **Zeke's Island**
- **Bald Head Woods**
- **Bird Island**



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15A NCAC 07O .0103 RESPONSIBILITIES: DUTIES OF THE COASTAL RESERVE PROGRAM

The Coastal Reserve Program of the Division of Coastal Management shall be responsible for managing and protecting the North Carolina Coastal Reserve; for promoting and coordinating research and educational programs at the components while allowing for compatible traditional uses; for maintaining a management plan for the Reserve; for maintaining cooperative agreements with scientific, educational, and resource management agencies and private citizens that will assist in the management of the Reserve; and for providing new information on coastal processes to coastal management decision makers.

Rachel Carson Reserve



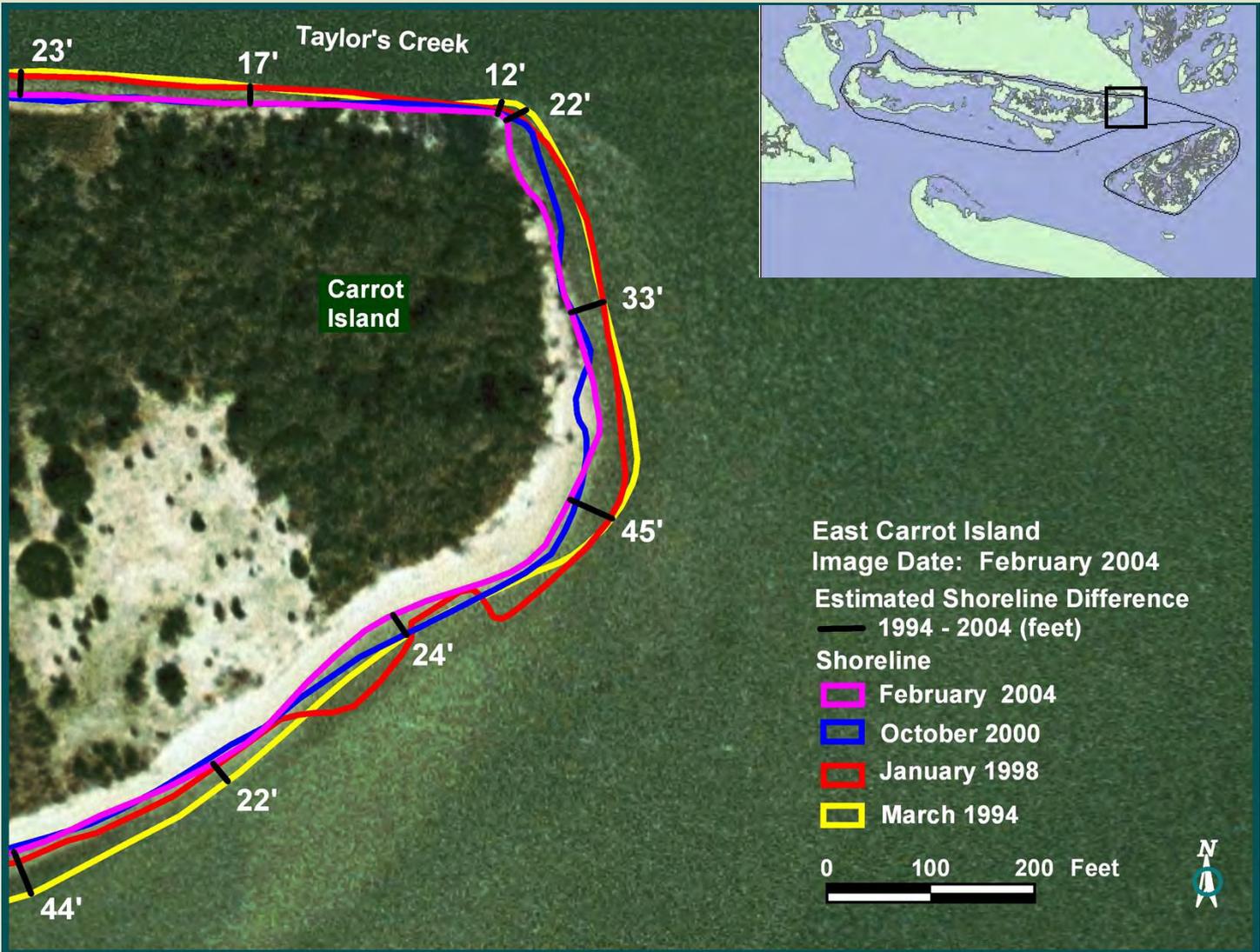


Figure 3.12: Historical shorelines on the east end of Rachel Carson (Carrot Island) since 1994, showing significant erosion.







