

# A ROADMAP FOR ADDRESSING MARINE DEBRIS IN THE NERRS



Explore our comprehensive guide, developed to help the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) and its partners address the growing issue of marine debris in estuaries.

The Roadmap identifies **three integrative approaches** for the NERRS to address marine debris.

- **Develop a National Narrative:** Align efforts and communicate strengths across the system.
- **Build Partnerships:** Collaborate with the Marine Debris Community of Practice (DCoP) to foster collaborative action.
- **Shared Resources and Opportunities:** Support individual Reserves in their work and collective action

Supported by the NERRS Science Collaborative, the Roadmap leverages the system's unique role in managing marine debris through collaboration with partners and key stakeholders. By incorporating practical application pathways, case studies from Reserves, and evaluation strategies, it promotes a strategic, systemwide approach to advancing local and national efforts to reduce marine debris and foster resilient and thriving estuaries.

Access the Roadmap at <https://myumi.ch/1bQ4d>



Images: Nurdle patrol and nurdles collected at the coast of Gulf of Mexico (top right). Volunteers clearing woody debris (bottom right). Photos courtesy of the Mission-Aransas NERR and Rachel Carson NERR.



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