

# Environmental Research Projects Status Update

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# **Kiawah Conservancy Research Projects**

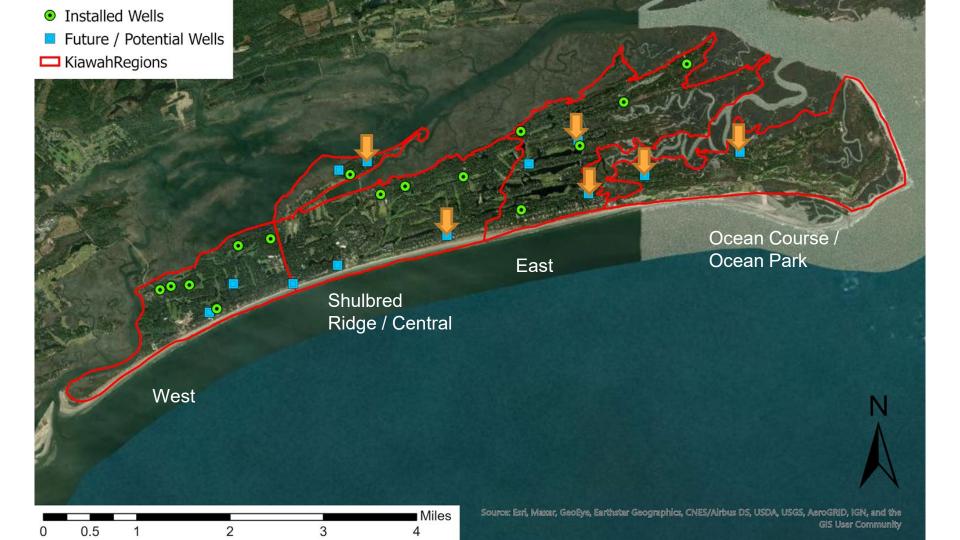
Town of Kiawah Island - FY 2019-2020

## **Groundwater Table Study**

Begin investigating groundwater table depth and groundwater salinity on Kiawah Island and establish a long-term monitoring effort. Cooperative effort with Dr. Tim Callahan, Chair, College of Charleston's Geology Department.

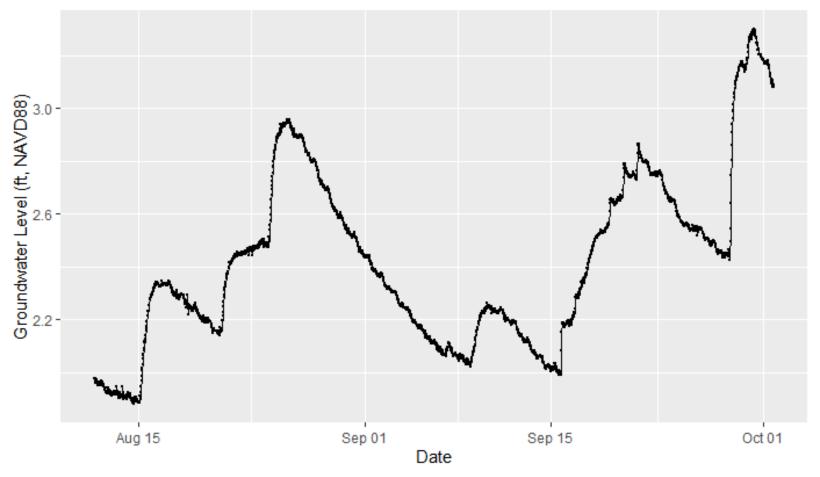
## Marsh Vulnerability Study

Investigate changes in marsh vegetated shoreline position over time, investigate natural features in the marsh, and catalog built infrastructure affecting marshlands. Cooperative effort with Dr. Norm Levine, Director, College of Charleston's Santee Cooper GIS and Lowcountry Hazards Lab.



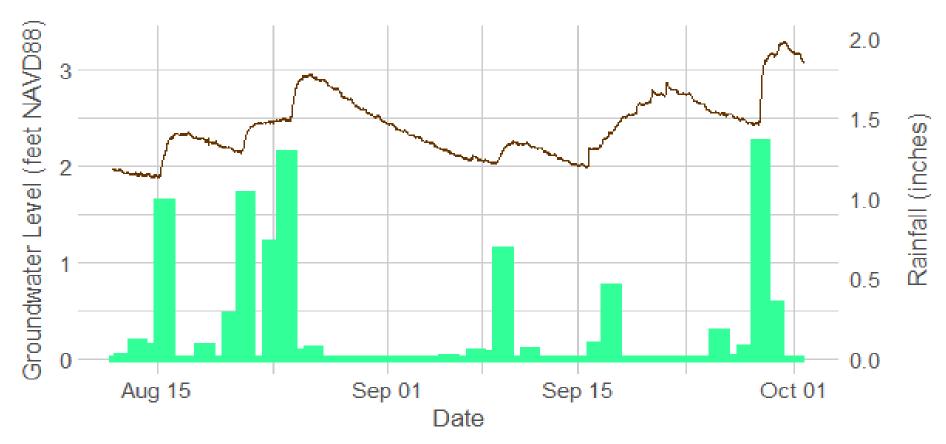


### Rhetts Bluff Groundwater Fluctuations



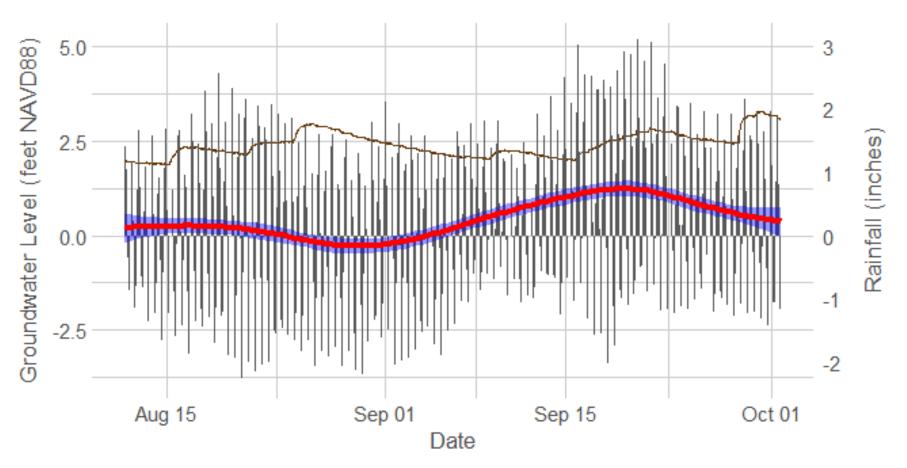
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# **Rhetts Bluff GWT and Rainfall Trends**



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## Rhetts Bluff GWT and Sea Level Trends



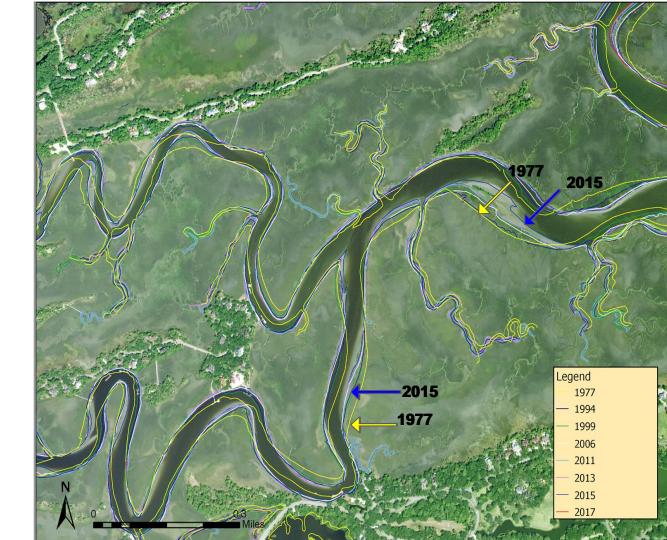
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# **Marsh Vulnerability Study**



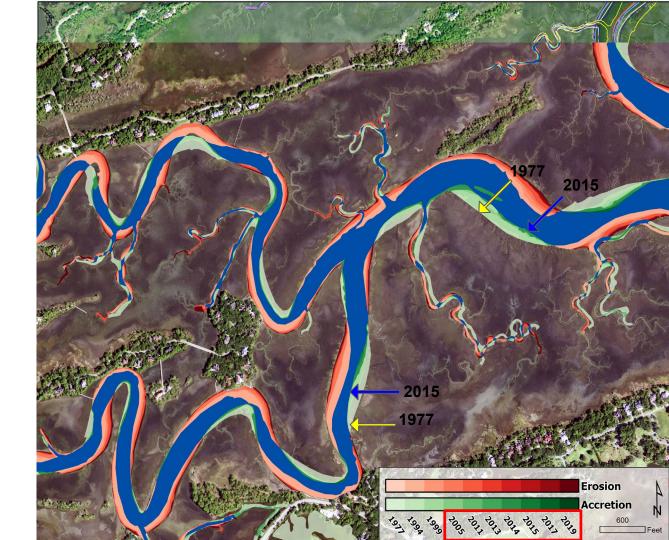
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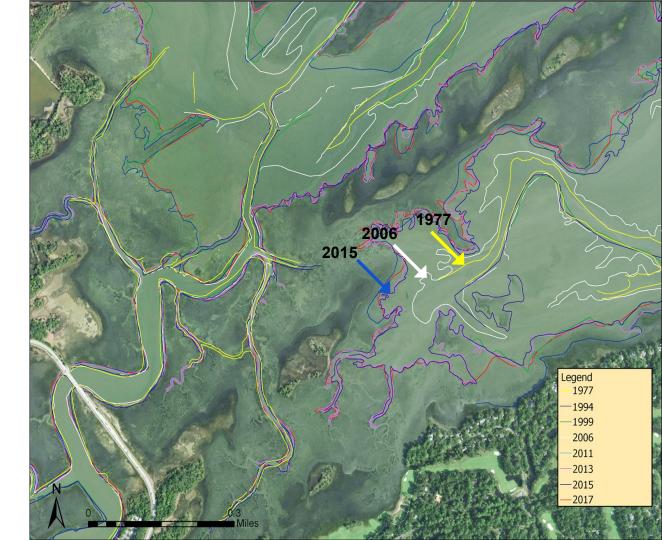
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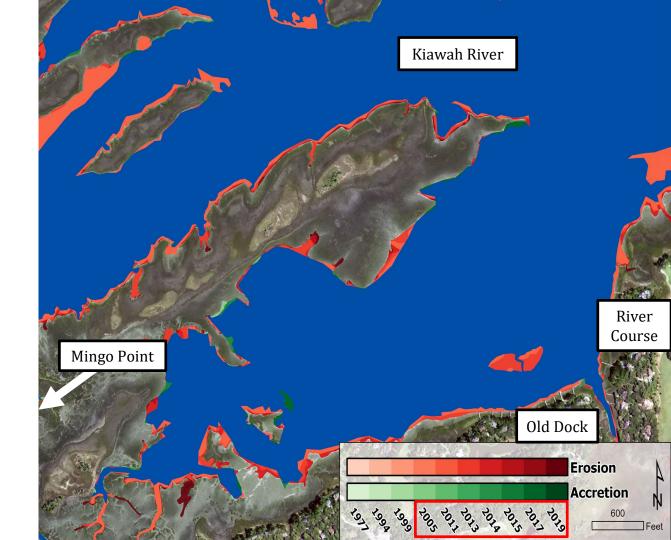
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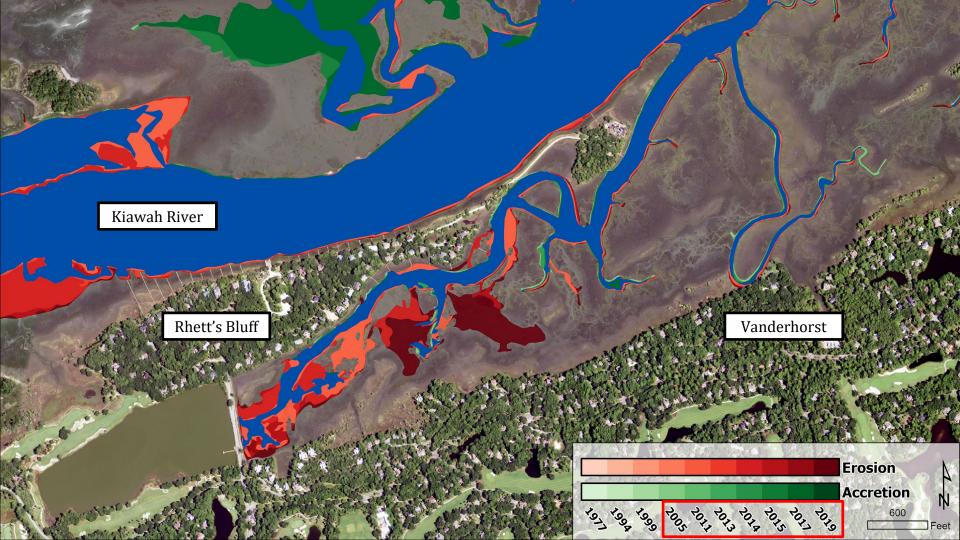
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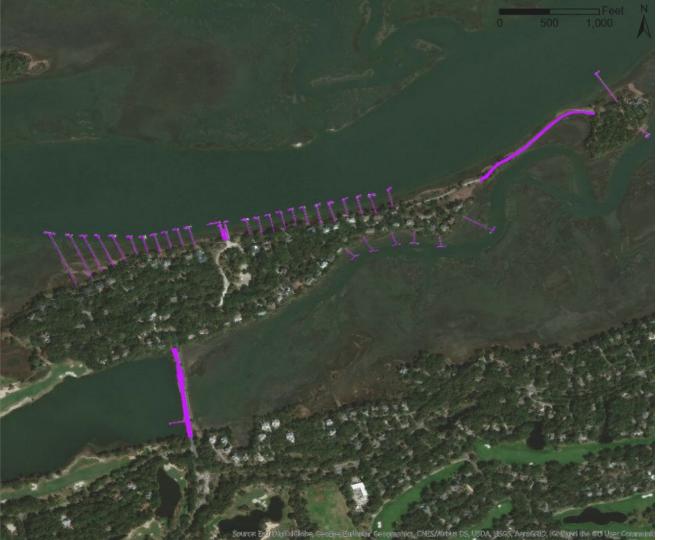
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# Marsh Infrastructure

Rhett's Bluff SCDHEC-OCRM

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