

Pocosin Lakes Peatland Restoration & ACR Carbon Accounting Methodology (USA)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · United States of America

Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

The Nature Conservancy has rewetted 37,000+ acres of pocosin peatland at Pocosin Lakes NWR, NC, and with TerraCarbon built the first ACR-approved peatland carbon methodology for the Southeast coastal plain, backed by a \$67.8M EPA grant to restore 33,000 more acres.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	2/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[The Nature Conservancy \(North Carolina Chapter\), with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and TerraCarbon](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Coastal Review: NC peat holds carbon market promise, but process complex](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[The Nature Conservancy: Saving North Carolina's Peatlands](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[WECT: TNC receiving \\$67.8 million to conserve and restore peatlands](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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