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## Living Shorelines Vocabulary

*Directions: On the line next to each definition, write the word (from the list below) that it best defines.*

Bulkhead  
Ecosystem  
Erosion  
Estuary  
Habitat  
Living shoreline

Marsh  
Mussels  
Native plants  
Nutrients  
Resilience  
Sea level

Shell bags  
Shoreline  
Tides  
Wave  
Wetlands

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Plants, animals, and other organisms that live together in their surrounding environment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A method of protecting shoreline using natural materials, like oyster shells and native plants.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. An organism with two dark, hard outer shells that can open and close.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The ability to recover or adapt after hazardous events, such as hurricanes and flooding.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Collection of recycled oyster or mussel shells that can be used to create a living shoreline.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The average height of the ocean.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. A type of wetland where most of the plants are grasses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A moving ridge on the surface of water.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The wearing away of material like soil, sand, and rock by natural forces, such as wind or water.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Plants that are found naturally in a specific area or ecosystem.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. A manmade hard structure, like a wall, that divides the land and waterway.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Daily rise and fall of the levels of the ocean.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Land that is saturated with water constantly or seasonally.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Chemical substance found in every living thing on Earth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Area of a river where fresh and salt waters mix together.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. The narrow surface where the land meets a body of water.