

EDWARD DANA BEACH

Dana Beach founded the [South Carolina Coastal Conservation League](#) in 1989. Since that time, the organization has grown from 2 staff members and an annual budget of \$90,000 to 25 staff members, with offices in Beaufort, Charleston, Georgetown, and Columbia, supported by an annual budget of \$2.5 million. The Conservation League works with citizens and government to develop policies that promote sustainable patterns of development for people and the environment.



Dana graduated *magna cum laude* from Davidson College with a degree in mathematics. He earned an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. After working in New York City in finance, he moved to Charleston where he served as a legislative assistant to Congressman Arthur Ravenel, Jr. Dana is the recipient of a variety of awards including the Order of the Palmetto and Time Magazine for Kids “Hero for the Planet.” He is the author of the Pew Oceans Commission’s publication, [Coastal Sprawl: The Impacts of Development on Aquatic Ecosystems in the United States](#).

Dana has served on a variety of boards and commissions, including the Penn Center, Smart Growth America, Governor’s Water Law Commission, the Butler Conservation Fund and the Conservation Voters of SC. He was a founding board member of the American College of the Building Arts.

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