

## PROJECT OVERVIEW REPORT

- 1. UTC Identifying Number 69A3551847102
- Center Identifying Number CAIT-UTC-REG71
- 3. Project Title

Bio-mediated Method for Improving the Erosion Resistance of Coastal Embankment

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7. Project Description

The primary goal of this proposal is to develop a bio-mediated technique that would enable enzyme induced calcite precipitation (EICP) under varying temperatures to improve the physical properties of soil embankment and mitigate coastal erosion in the State of New Jersey.

8. Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)

The intended outcome of the project is a final report to be distributed to a broad range of agencies across the region as well as a technical synthesis report that will include a set of concise but comprehensive recommendations for successfully implementing the developed technique with the existing NJ coastal soils. The developed bio-mediated soil reinforcing technique will be readily available to be deployed on the selected embankment sites of interest along NJ coastal roadways.

Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)To Be Determined



## 10. Dates and Budget

Start date: 7/1/2022 End date: 12/31/2023

UTC (CAIT) Dollars: \$75,000

Cost Sharing: \$75,360 Total Dollars: \$150,360

## 11. Keywords

embankment stability, bio-mediated technology, ground improvement, climate impact, coastal erosion

## 12. Web Links (Reports and Project Website)

https://cait.rutgers.edu/research/bio-mediated-method-for-improving-the-erosion-resistance-of-coastal-embankment/