

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT IN MICHIGAN



The Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program promotes wise management of the cultural and natural resources of Michigan's Great Lakes coastal areas by fostering environmentally, economically, and socially vibrant coastal communities and supporting the Great Lakes as a resilient natural system.

The current goals and objectives of the coastal program are to:



- Promote environmental stewardship based on collaborative community and regional approaches and initiatives.
- Create and enhance public access to the Great Lakes and coastal resources.
- Preserve cultural and historical maritime structures.
- Further the research and knowledge of coastal natural systems to support science-based policies and regulations.

MICHIGAN HAS
3,224 MILES
OF COASTLINE

OVER **\$178 BILLION**
OF MICHIGAN'S GDP COMES
FROM COASTAL ZONE
COUNTIES

4.8 MILLION+
PEOPLE LIVE IN A
MICHIGAN COASTAL ZONE
COUNTY

WHERE THE WATER MEETS THE LAND: FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL COLLABORATION IN MICHIGAN

Recent Highlights and Outcomes:

- The Office of the Great Lakes is partnering with the Michigan Association of Planning to incorporate coastal resiliency principles and practices into community land use plans and zoning ordinances. Professional planners will assist in drafting relevant master plan updates and adoption of policies with substantial community engagement that complies with Michigan's planning laws.
- The Office of the Great Lakes continues its partnership with the Alliance for the Great Lakes in running the statewide Adopt a Beach Program addressing marine debris at approximately 140 coastal beaches. New this year, is the creation of the Michigan Clean Beach workgroup that is exploring options for not only cleaning up but reducing beach waste through outreach and more accessibility to waste and recycling containers for Michigan beach visitors.
- The Office of the Great Lakes supported the development of series of short videos developed by the Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy. The videos, entitled The Power of Nature, underlying themes of Health, Protection, Inspiration, Education, Nourishment, and Connection purpose is to foster the next generation of coastal champions.



Key Priorities:

- Work to become leaders and a unifying force for coastal management through collaboration and advocacy to foster healthy and productive coastal ecosystems; resilient coastal communities; and vibrant and sustainable coastal economies.
- Place greater emphasis on promoting local and regional stewardship of coastal resources by providing substantial technical and financial assistance for creative coastal projects.
- Improve governmental coordination to reduce time delays, duplication, and conflicts in coastal management decision-making.

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