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ALABAMA COASTAL MANAGEMENT

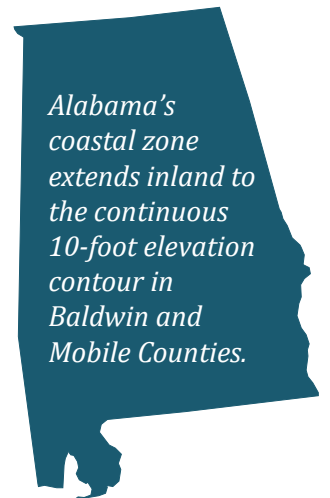
It is the shared mission of the State of Alabama and partnering agencies to promote protection, conservation and sustainable economic use of the State's coastal resources. We accomplish this by providing technical assistance and funding for planning and project implementation. We work to coordinate and integrate meaningful conservation activities within our coastal zone.



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State Program in Action

- The Alabama Coastal Area Management Program awarded over \$513,177 in CZM project funding to 19 local government agencies in coastal Alabama.
- Three coastal Alabama communities completed public access improvement and shoreline habitat restoration projects using Section 306a funding.
- CZM Program Staff provided technical review of 324 federal consistency projects
- The 30th annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup drew 5,300 volunteers who removed over 21 tons of marine debris and recycled over a ton of rigid plastic debris.



Alabama's coastal zone extends inland to the continuous 10-foot elevation contour in Baldwin and Mobile Counties.

Looking to the Future

- Work with coastal resource management agencies and local governments to achieve approval of the Alabama Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Program.
- Enhance and promote sustainable economic development in the coastal area while reducing vulnerability to natural hazards through the Community Resilience Initiative (Section 309).
- Use local government capacity building and education and outreach activities as catalysts to increase conservation of coastal resources.



HELPING PREPARE FOR COASTAL HAZARDS

The Community Resilience Initiative (Section 309) is a five year program designed to enhance the participation of local communities in the FEMA Community Rating System. This goal is being accomplished through active and targeted community outreach, technical support, training workshops, and face to face consultations with communities. Future support will include a small grant program to facilitate the enrollment and enhancement of communities participating in the program. The initiative will improve community resilience to flood related risks.

"Through region-specific training, technical assistance, and future grant funding, the project is a great opportunity to work directly with coastal communities to protect people from flooding."
- Amy Gohres, project liaison.

Working with Partners in Alabama



The Mobile Bay National Estuary Program is one of our key partners. We work directly with them in a variety of ways, including project planning and implementation, providing technical support to local research and management projects, and most importantly in the development of watershed management plans within our management area. This partnership strengthens both of our programs and results in better products and outcomes that enhance conservation and coastal resilience. The watershed management planning process is one of the keystones of Alabama's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program and this partnership with the Mobile Bay NEP has made the planning process more relevant and meaningful.

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