

Wisconsin

FY '08

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT FUNDING

Program's Goals and Objectives

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) supports the management, protection and restoration of Wisconsin's coastal resources, and increases public access to the Great Lakes. The WCMP's goals are:

- To improve the implementation and enforcement of existing state regulatory and management policies and programs.
- To improve the coordination of existing policies and activities of governmental units and planning agencies on matters affecting key coastal uses and areas.
- To strengthen local governmental capabilities to initiate and continue effective coastal management consistent with identified state standards and criteria.
- To provide a strong voice to advocate the sustainable use of the coastal environment and the recognition in federal, state, and local policies of the uniqueness of the coastal environment.
- To increase public awareness and opportunity for citizens to participate in decisions affecting the Great Lakes resources.

Key Accomplishments

- Awarded grants totaling \$1.76 million for protection and enhancement of Wisconsin's Lake Michigan and Lake Superior coasts. The grants were distributed to nonprofit organizations and local, state and tribal governments to help fund 41 projects totaling \$3.7 million.
- Sponsored the 2008 Wisconsin Beach Sweep as part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), a worldwide event coordinated each year in September by the Ocean Conservancy. Wisconsin has been participating in the Great Lakes Region ICC since 1989. 961 volunteers cleaned Thirty-one beaches covering over 27 miles.
- Governor Jim Doyle nominated the St. Louis River for designation as the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Priorities and Needs

The program's key priorities and needs for the next year are:

- Funding to support an expanding National Estuarine Research Reserve System, which will enable full implementation of the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) in FY2010.
- Continued funding for Coastal Management Program grants, and reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act.
- Enact and fully fund Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program.

A Program at the
Wisconsin Department
of Administration

CZMA Approved:
1978

Coastal Population in
2004:
2,012,245

Miles of Coastline:
820

Coastal and Ocean
Economy in 2004:
\$81,290,474,700*

CZMA Funds:
\$2,158,000

State and Other
Matching Funds:
\$1,967,000

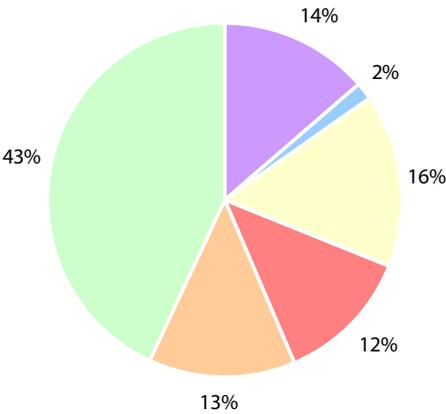
Total:
\$4,125,000



* Based on available data provided by
The National Ocean Economic
Program
<http://noep.mbari.org/>



How was the money spent?



Total Funds
\$4,125,000

Community Planning and Development - \$566,240 (14%)

- Provided funding assistance towards community and natural resource planning efforts for one city comprehensive plan, one neighborhood plan for stream restoration, one county zoning revision project, two urban river waterfront plans, one county open space and recreation plan, and one unique natural resource overlay zoning model ordinance.

Public Access - 650,896 (16%)

- Constructed an outdoor classroom in the City of Superior's Municipal Forest.
- Constructed a floating dock for access to the Menomonee River in the Milwaukee Harbor.
- Developed plans for complete reconstruction of the Arrowhead Pier in the City of Superior, which is a major boating and fishing access site on the St. Louis River.

Coastal Hazards - \$65,689 (2%)

- Building set-back distances and maps for coastal erosion areas were developed for Bayfield County on Lake Superior.
- Lake Michigan nearshore areas were studied for the relationship between lakebed erosion and shoreline erosion and threats to buildings on lakeshore bluffs.

Coastal Habitat Conservation and Restoration - \$550,959 (13%)

- Restored 50 acres and 45 shoreline miles of State Natural Area wetlands by removing invasive species, and restored 14 acres of forested wetlands.
- Completed an inventory of 392 species of plants at Amnicon Falls State Park, including four species of concern.
- Monitored invasive plant species in the Bad River/Kakagon Sloughs in response to low lake levels on Lake Superior.

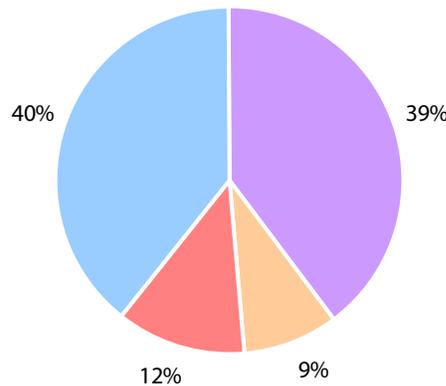
Coastal Water Quality Protection - \$511,637 (12%)

- Restored 14 acres of farmed wetland to wooded wetland habitat in the Milwaukee River watershed.
- Improved water quality of forested coastal watersheds by evaluating the effectiveness of waterway buffers in forest products harvest areas.
- Developed construction plans to reduce nonpoint pollution at eleven public beaches in Door County on Lake Michigan.

Coordination and Public Involvement - \$1,779,580 (43%)

- Provided funding to the coastal Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) to provide on-going technical assistance and outreach to the public on issue areas that include wetland protection, public access, coastal hazards, etc.
- Enhanced the local role in waterway/wetland protection by supporting implementation and enforcement of state waterway and wetland regulations and assisting with local shoreland-wetland ordinances
- Updated digital wetland inventory maps for four coastal counties and provided online access to wetland maps and data.
- Lead an interagency partnership and public involvement process to nominate the St. Louis River for designation as the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Who received the funds?



Total Funds
\$4,125,000

State Partnerships - \$1,632,962 (39%)

- Department of Natural Resources: Staffing of Waterway and Wetland protection positions.
- University of Wisconsin: NERR designation, coastal hazards studies, water quality monitoring.
- Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: Phragmites control methods evaluation

Community Grants - \$1,630,486 (40%)

- Milwaukee County: public access trails.
- City of Milwaukee: public access dock.
- Door County: beach nonpoint construction plans.
- City of Superior: boat launch and fishing pier construction plans.

Community and Other Technical Assistance - \$488,640 (12%)

- Regional Planning Commissions: community technical and planning assistance.

Other Partnerships - \$372,912 (9%)

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa: invasive species monitoring.
- Sixteenth Street Community Health Center: neighborhood plan for stream restoration.

OTHER PARTNERS

Bayfield County, Brown County, Iron County, Milwaukee Riverkeeper, Wisconsin Wetlands Association, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Milwaukee Public Library, City of Kenosha, River Alliance of Wisconsin

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