

Wisconsin

FY '05

C O A S T A L Z O N E M A N A G E M E N T F U N D I N G

Mission Statement

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is dedicated to preserving and improving access to the natural and historic resources of Wisconsin's Great Lakes Coasts. The program works cooperatively with state, local and tribal government agencies, along with non-profit groups, to manage the ecological, economic and aesthetic assets of the Great Lakes and their coastal areas.

Program 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 \$1.5 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 54 projects totaling \$4.7 million.
- Received NOAA approval to move forward with the designation of a Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, pending sufficient funding.
- Sponsored the 2005 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. Nine beaches in five cities participated.
- Co-sponsored the 10th annual Wisconsin Wetland Science Forum, which featured Great Lakes coastal wetlands. 220 people attended this event.
- Co-sponsored the joint Lake Michigan State of the Lakes Conference and Great Lakes Beach Health Conference.

Priorities and Needs

The key priorities of the Coastal Program for the next year are the following:

- Funding to initiate the site selection for a Wisconsin Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) site.
- Continued funding for implementation of the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.
- Complete a Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Plan.

If provided more funding and support, the Coastal Program would seek to accomplish the following:

- Conserve through acquisition priority coastal and estuarine lands through the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program.
- Designate a Wisconsin Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR).

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Coastal population in 2000:
1,992,393

Miles of coastline:
820

Coastal and Ocean
Economy in 2000:
\$1,241,080,165*

CZMA funds:
\$2,504,000

State and other
matching funds:
\$2,311,000

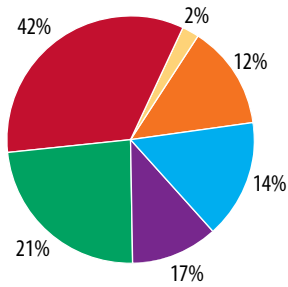
Total:
\$4,815,000



* Based on available data provided by
The National Ocean Economic
Program, www.oceanomics.org



How was the money spent?



Total Funds: **\$4,815,000***

*percentages do not total 100% due to rounding

Community Planning and Development: \$664,091 (14%)

- Funded the development of a historic structures assessment for the S.S. Meteor in Superior, the last remaining whaleback ship on the Great Lakes.
- Provided funding assistance towards community and natural resource planning efforts for four counties, one tribal government, one city and town, and one city park.

Public Access: \$479,873 (10%)

- Provided enhanced access to Lake Superior at two sites.
- Developed one water trail, and two recreational trails adjacent to Lake Michigan tributaries.
- Designed and constructed an interpretive and classroom structure at Saxon Harbor, Lake Superior.

Coastal Water Quality Protection: \$996,472 (21%)

- Completed a pilot study to inventory and assess private septic systems near tributaries to Lake Michigan.
- Stabilized the Menomonee River bank and cleaned up contaminated sediments while providing public access in central Milwaukee.
- Studied bacterial contamination at Door County and Manitowoc County beaches to assess linkages between sources of bacteria and risks to human health.

Coordination and Public Involvement: \$2,000,408 (42%)

- 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
- Provided local decision makers with water-based tours of their communities to learn about the connections between land use patterns and water quality.

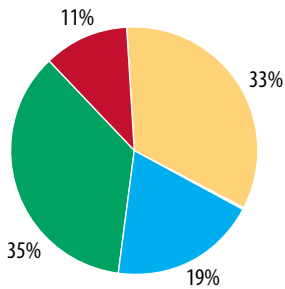
Coastal Hazards: \$80,500 (2%)

- Characterized bluff and wave conditions of the Lake Superior Coast.

Coastal Habitat Conservation and Restoration: \$593,656 (12%)

- Restored 287 acres of State Natural Area wetlands by removing invasive species.
- Inventoried 660 restored wetlands covering over 1000 acres on private lands.
- Completed an inventory and prioritization of dams on tributaries to Lake Superior to assist with public and private assessments of the ecological value of removing or repairing dams.

Who received support?



Total Funds: **\$4,815,000***

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Community and Other Technical Assistance: \$977,093 (19%)

- Local assistance to the three Wisconsin Coastal Regional Planning Commissions

Community Grants: \$1,695,580 (35%)

- Provided community coastal planning grants

Other Partners: \$536,827 (11%)

- Funding to support a natural resources inventory/management system for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

State Partners: \$1,605,500 (33%)

- Staffing of Waterway and Wetland protection positions
- Update of the State's coastal counties wetland inventory
- Grants to University of Wisconsin to support studies of water quality and beach health on Lake Michigan.

Partners include...

Coastal towns, cities and counties • Department of Transportation • Department of Tourism
 Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection • Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute • University of Wisconsin - Extension
 The Nature Conservancy • Nature and environmental education centers • Pier Wisconsin • Tribal governments
 Sixteenth Street Community Health Center • Biodiversity Project

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