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Governor Walker Announces \$1 Million in Grants for Wisconsin's Coastal Communities

Today, the Department of Administration (DOA) announced \$1.06 million in grants to protect and improve the natural resources, support the quality of life and foster economic development in Wisconsin's coastal communities. The 32 grants administered by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program will be used by local and state governments, regional planning commissions, universities and nonprofit organizations to assist with projects totaling nearly \$2.6 million.

"Wisconsin's Great Lakes are an important economic engine," said DOA Secretary Scott A. Neitzel. "Lake Michigan and Lake Superior provide the people of Wisconsin with drinking water, commerce and recreation, and are a reason so many people live and visit our great state."

The intergovernmental and private sector collaborations aided by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program advance Wisconsin and regional Great Lakes priorities such as enhancing public access, sustainable use practices, habitat restoration, and pollution control.

Recipients for this year's grants were recommended by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, a Governor-appointed citizen and governmental advisory group. The funds are part of Wisconsin's federally-funded Coastal Management Program.

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program balances natural resource protection and sustainable economic development along Wisconsin's Great Lakes coasts. The program awards federal funds from the Office of Coastal Management in the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to local governments and other entities for innovative coastal initiatives.

Additional information about the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program can be found at <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.

A complete list of grants is attached.

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