COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT IN
INDIANA

The mission of the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program is to protect and enhance coastal resources by providing technical and financial assistance and coordination to current and future partners.

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

- Make Coastal Decision Makers aware of coastal resources, issues and values.
- Ensure Coastal Program resources are used for planning and implementation that will restore and protect the Indiana coastal area.
- Help partners take action by sharing information and offering guidance.

FEDERAL FUNDS: $1,046,000
STATE AND MATCHING FUNDS: $969,000
TOTAL: $2,015,000

Coastal Zone Management Grants are funded by NOAA and located in the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriation Bills.

Over half of Americans live, work and play along the U.S. coastal zone, and our coasts constitute a majority of the nation’s economy.

State coastal programs have managed this vital resource since passage of the Coastal Zone Management Act in 1972, coordinating and balancing the needs of diverse stakeholders. From shipping lanes and ports, to bike lanes and parks, our coasts provide resources for a vast range of competing interests vital to our way of life.

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In 2016, how was the money spent?

- **Coastal Hazards**: 30%
- **Public Access**: 31%
- **Coordination and Public Involvement**: 12%
- **Coastal Habitat Conservation and Restoration**: 4%
- **Community Planning and Development**: 3%
- **Coastal Water Quality Protection**: 19%

In 2016, who received the funds?

- **State Partners**
  - Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves – Restoration, Management of Properties
  - City of Michigan City – Public Access of waterways
  - City of Hobart – property acquisition
- **Community and Other Technical Assistance**
  - City of Michigan City – Public Access of waterways
  - City of Hobart – property acquisition
- **Other Partners**
  - Save the Dunes – Developed Natural Resource Protection Guide
  - Dunes Learning Center – Outdoor Event, education and outreach

**Additional Partners**

- NOAA Office for Coastal Management
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant
- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
- The Nature Conservancy
- Alliance for the Great Lakes
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- Shirley Heinze Land Trust
- Northwest Indiana Urban Waters Partnership
- Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

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**Key Priorities for 2017**

1. Development and implementation of Coastal Training Program that informs and supports sustainable development and decision-making in the coastal zone.
2. Wetlands protection improvements, including updated wetlands mapping and development of model ordinance and best management practices for long-term stewardship.
3. Offer technical, planning, and financial assistance to partners whose projects are in line with the mission of the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program.
4. Improved access to coastal data for coastal decision makers.