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.

The current goals and objectives of the coastal program are to:
- Promote environmental stewardship based on collaborative community and regional approaches and initiatives.
- Create and enhance public access to the Great Lakes and coastal resources.
- Preserve cultural and historical maritime structures.
- Further the research and knowledge of coastal natural systems to support science-based policies and regulations.

**MAINTAINING A VITAL AMERICAN RESOURCE: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT**

**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT IN MICHIGAN**

**Over 4.8 million people live in a Michigan coastal zone county.**

**Over $178 billion of MI’s GDP comes from coastal zone counties.**

**Michigan has 3,224 miles of coastline.**

**The Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program promotes wise management of the cultural and natural resources of Michigan’s Great Lakes coastal areas by fostering environmentally, economically, and socially vibrant coastal communities and supporting the Great Lakes as a resilient natural system.**

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In FY 2014, how was the money spent?

- 42.3% Coordination and Public Involvement
- 25.2% Coastal Hazards
- 15.1% Community Planning and Development
- 10.6% Public Access
- 9.5% Coastal Habitat Conservation and Restoration
- 8.3% Community Grants
- 6.7% State Partners
- 11.1% Other Partners
- 5.2% Academic Institutions
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In FY 2014, who received the funds?

- Community Grants: 15.1%
- State Partners: 67.0%
- Other Partners: 11.1%
- Academic Institutions: 5.2%

Michigan FY 2014 Highlights & Outcomes

1. Focused grant funds to local coastal partners to implement Phase II of the Great Lakes Water Trail Initiative.
2. Worked with our federal partners to reduce the Routine Program Change backlog.
3. Provided leadership to improve beach safety through enhanced understanding and improved communication associated with dangerous currents.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR FY 2015

1. Work to become leaders and a unifying force for coastal management through collaboration and advocacy to foster healthy and productive coastal ecosystems; resilient coastal communities; and vibrant and sustainable coastal economies.
2. Place greater emphasis on promoting local and regional stewardship of coastal resources by providing substantial technical and financial assistance for creative coastal projects.
3. Improve governmental coordination to reduce time delays, duplication, and conflicts in coastal management decision-making.