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SOUTH CAROLINA COASTAL MANAGEMENT

The mission of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program (SCCZMP) is to protect and enhance the state's coastal resources by preserving sensitive and fragile areas while promoting responsible development in the eight coastal counties of the state.



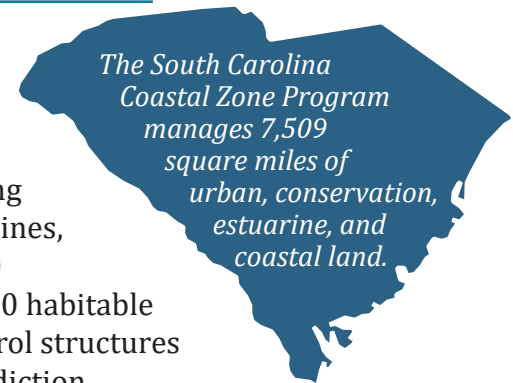
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State Program in Action

- Processed over 4,000 requests for critical area alterations, state certifications, and federal consistency determinations.
- Completed comprehensive mapping of estuarine and oceanfront shorelines, including inventory of over 17,000 estuarine structures and over 2,500 habitable structures, pools and erosion control structures within the state's beachfront jurisdiction.
- Removed 46,201 marine debris items totaling over 2,150 lbs. through the volunteer-based Adopt A Beach program, and 12 Abandoned Vessels totaling 91 tons from Charleston Harbor.
- Provided technical and planning assistance to 18 beachfront counties and municipalities in the development and implementation of Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plans (LCBMP).



Looking to the Future

- Increase the efficiency of regulatory permitting processes through the deployment of web-based services and improved public access to regulatory documentation.
- Enhance planning, policy development and regulatory decision-making at the state and local level through improved accessibility to coastal data, information and analysis.
- Promote resilience to coastal hazards through strategic intergovernmental and public-private partnerships.



HELPING PREPARE FOR COASTAL HAZARDS

The SCCZMP led the establishment of the Charleston Resilience Network, a public-private collaborative effort to foster a unified strategy and provide a forum to share science-based information, educate stakeholders, and enhance long-term planning decisions that result in resilience.

“The South Carolina Coastal Management Program has provided trusted leadership and expertise as we look for solutions to enhance resilience to coastal hazards within the City of Charleston”
- Mark Wilbert, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Charleston, SC

Working with Partners in South Carolina

SC CZMP collaborates with the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium to identify key coastal research priorities and opportunities to engage and partner with diverse stakeholders to efficiently deliver information and services.

“Whether the topic is coastal resilience, shoreline management, marine debris, or local engagement, the SC CZMP and the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium continue - as they have for more than 35 years - to work together to ensure that coastal decision-making is based on the best scientific information available. The interactions between our programs ensure that we are serving the citizens – and visitors – of coastal South Carolina with sound and integrated information and management program efforts.”

- M. Richard Devoe, Executive Director, South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium

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