



OHIO COASTAL MANAGEMENT

The mission of the Ohio Coastal Management Program sets forth management policies for Ohio's portion of Lake Erie, the coast and watershed in order to preserve, protect, develop, restore, enhance and balance the use of Ohio's natural and cultural coastal resources.



State Program in Action

- In partnership with NOAA and other agencies, Ohio has managed 50 state/federal coastal land conservation grants to acquire, preserve, and protect more than 25,000 acres of critical coastal habitat.
- The Ohio Coastal Design Manual is a unique tool to help consultants and property owners design safe and successful erosion control and access projects along Lake Erie.
- Over 200 Lake Erie public access sites are mapped in the Lake Erie Public Access Map Viewer, Lake Erie Public Access StoryMap, and Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook.
- Competitive funding is made available annually for communities, non-profits, and educational institutions through the Coastal Management Assistance Grant program. More than \$8 million has been awarded to over 150 projects since 1998.



The Ohio Coastal Management Program manages coastal resources along Ohio's 312-mile Lake Erie coast.



Catalyzing Action to Address Coastal Hazards

The Ohio Coastal Management Program and Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve administer the Ohio Nature-Based Shoreline Training Program. The program helps consultants, contractors, and property owners gain essential knowledge and tools to develop nature-based shorelines along Ohio's Lake Erie coast.

A State-Federal Partnership

The Ohio Coastal Management Program successfully competed for \$1.7 million from NOAA for the acquisition and preservation of 105 acres of habitat along the Chagrin River in northeast Ohio. The Ohio Coastal Management Program collaborated with Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the City of Willoughby to close on the Chagrin River Floodplain Land Conservation Project in August 2023. The acquisition is part of a larger initiative to protect the Chagrin River that benefits urban coastal communities and contributes to a growing conservation corridor along the Lake Erie tributary.



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