



2024 CSO Spring Member Meeting

Strengthening Coastal Communities Resilience in the Great Lakes Region

Project Partners

Association of State Floodplain Managers (prime)
Coastal States Organization
American Planning Association
Great Lakes Sea Grant Network
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (*funder, via the National Coastal Resilience Fund*)

Objectives

- Enhance community capacity to plan for and mitigate coastal hazards.
 - Support, supplement, and integrate coastal program work in the region.
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Approach

- Refresh the [Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide](#).
- Identify local community teams through a regional competition. Convene teams for a kick-off workshop to develop scenario-based hazard assessments.
- Provide a year-long technical assistance program for participating teams to assess vulnerabilities and develop mitigation strategies through better stewardship of natural assets and protection of critical infrastructure.
- Seek opportunities to support community-led project funding proposals.
- Reconvene for a closeout workshop to share lessons and secure lasting network connections.

Community Teams

City of New Baltimore, MI
City of St. Clair Shores, MI
Minnesota Point, MN
Wayne County, NY

Project Status

The Resilience Challenge is in Phase III of providing planning support to four Great Lakes communities. After completing a hazard self-assessment and the Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard, community teams are working with project support to complete a scenario-planning process including developing GIS vulnerability models for “Lucky,” “Expected,” and “Perfect Storm” climate futures and identifying management options.

Next Steps:

- Technical assistance site visits are being scheduled now.
 - The next cohort call is scheduled for Apr. 12.
 - A capstone workshop will be held Aug. 26-27.
 - The refresh process for the Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide is underway.
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