

MICHIGAN'S COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

PROTECT

ENHANCE

PRESERVE

RESTORE

About

Michigan's Coastal Management program was established in 1978 to protect and manage the nation's longest freshwater coastline. It provides leadership and support for Michigan's coastal communities and their unique ecological resources.

Location: Michigan Office of the Great Lakes,
Department of Environmental Quality

Coastline: 3,288 miles

Staff: 6 full-time staff, 3 part-time support staff

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Activities

Provides technical and grant assistance to municipalities and other local and regional groups to support environmental stewardship, innovate to address unique coastal challenges, and serve as cooperative partners in economic development.

Achievements

- Partnership with the Michigan Association of Planning to incorporate coastal resiliency principles and practices into community plans, policies, and ordinances.
- Implementation of Clean Beaches and Clean Marinas programs.
- Support of numerous regional public access and trails projects that contribute to sustainable economic development.

Challenges Addressed

Michigan's coastal communities face unique challenges from erosion, lake level changes, coastal hazards, and seasonal economies. The Coastal Program helps local decision makers implement hazard preparedness systems and supports sustainable, diverse economies.

Focus Areas

Public Access

Community
Development

Coastal
Hazards

Water Quality

Coastal
Habitat

