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MICHIGAN COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

2020 Grant Awards

The Michigan Coastal Management Program (MCMP) in the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy is awarding \$700,865 in grant funds to coastal partners for 13 grant projects and statewide initiatives. The MCMP is committed to provide creative grant funding to support the efforts of coastal communities, non-profit organizations, and universities to protect, preserve, restore, enhance, and wisely develop our coastal resources along the longest freshwater coastline in the nation.

The MCMP was approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in 1978, under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The MCMP provides technical and funding assistance to Michigan's coastal communities for land use plans, zoning ordinances, and other local policies and programs that balance community growth with protection of coastal natural and maritime heritage resources, reduce risks from coastal hazards, and encourage commerce and recreation focused on the Great Lakes coast. The MCMP promotes Federal, State, and local government coordination.

Statewide Initiatives

Project: Coastal Clean Marina Initiative

Partner: Michigan Boating Industries Association

Grant Amount: \$25,000 grant / \$25,000 local match

Location: Michigan's coastal marinas

Project Description: The MCMP will collaborate with the Michigan Boating Industries Association to support Clean Marina Specialists who will strategically conduct site visits at new and renewing marina facilities, conduct a survey of marina engagement, assist in trainings, and provide technical assistance to the Clean Marina Operations Committee.

Program Contact: Madeleine Gorman, Coastal Waters Coordinator

Project: Michigan Coastal Management Program Marketing & Communications Plan

Partner: Michigan State University

Grant Amount: \$100,000 grant / \$100,000 local match

Location: Michigan's coastal communities

Project Description: The MCMP will collaborate with Michigan State University to develop a targeted communications plan and framed messages that effectively communicate the purpose of the MCMP and the value of Michigan's coastal resources, promoting a culture of stewardship.

Program Contact: Ronda Wuycheck, Program Manager

Project: Coastal Communities Scenario-Based Planning, Coastal Hazard-Ready Strategy

Partner: Land Information Access Association (LIAA)

Grant Amount: \$65,777 grant

Location: Michigan's coastal communities

Project Description: The MCMP will collaborate with LIAA to assist in the development of master plans to support vibrant and resilient communities.

Program Contact: Matt Warner, Coastal Hazards Coordinator

Project: Coastal Communities Scenario-Based Planning and Data Collection, Coastal Hazard-Ready Strategy

Partner: Michigan Technological University (MTU)

Grant Amount: \$100,000 grant

Location: Michigan's coastal communities

Project Description: The MCMP will collaborate with MTU to collect geospatial data that will help inform scenario-based planning efforts with an understanding of community hazard vulnerabilities, with a goal to support resilient and vibrant communities.

Program Contact: Matt Warner, Coastal Hazards Coordinator

Project: Coastal Communities Scenario-Based Planning and Data Collection, Coastal Hazard-Ready Strategy

Partner: University of Michigan (UM)

Grant Amount: \$95,490 grant

Location: Michigan's coastal communities

Project Description: The MCMP will collaborate with UM to advance research on coastal community planning for weather-related issues such as Great Lakes water level variability and increasingly frequent and intense coastal storms.

Program Contact: Matt Warner, Coastal Hazards Coordinator



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Coastal Planning Grants

Project: Solanus Mission Beach Project

Partner: City of Petoskey

Grant Amount: \$10,000 grant / \$10,000 local match

Location: City of Petoskey

Description: To support vibrant, healthy, and resilient communities, the City of Petoskey will conduct a planning project for the Solanus Mission Beach, on the shores of Lake Michigan. The project will include the development of feasibility plans for the restoration of coastal habitat, utilizing natural and nature-based solutions. Improving universal public access to the city's sole public beach for all to enjoy is also a project component.

Program Contact: Karen Boase, Coastal Habitat Coordinator

Project: Ottawa Sands Master Plan

Partner: Ottawa County Parks and Recreation

Grant Amount: \$30,000 grant / \$30,000 local match

Location: Ottawa County

Project Description: To support vibrant, healthy, and resilient communities, the Ottawa County Parks Department will build off preliminary concepts developed for restoring and protecting the park's sensitive natural features while providing controlled public access for the enjoyment of visitors. A comprehensive planning process will be initiated with the goal of maintaining the park's natural features while determining suitable recreational uses.

Program Contact: Karen Boase, Coastal Habitat Coordinator

Project: Resilience Zoning Ordinance Update

Partner: Village of Sebewaing

Grant Amount: \$47,100 grant / \$47,100 local match

Location: Village of Sebewaing

Project Description: To support vibrant, healthy, and resilient communities, the Village of Sebewaing will update their zoning ordinance building off the past MCMP support in developing a Resilient Master Plan. The new ordinance will create local regulatory controls needed to ensure the coastal resources and land uses are managed, while ensuring the goals of the community's vision can be enforced.

Program Contact: Matt Smar, Coastal Community Development Coordinator



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Project: Conservation Park Coastal Access Plan

Partner: Pere Marquette Charter Township

Grant Amount: \$20,000 grant / \$20,000 local match

Location: Pere Marquette Charter Township

Project Description: To support vibrant, healthy, and resilient communities, Pere Marquette Charter Township will develop conceptual designs and a final Master Plan for public access and management strategies to protect sensitive coastal habitat at the Pere Marquette Conservation Park, which includes a segment of the Lake Michigan Water Trail. The planning process will involve public engagement to generate ideas, support, and buy-in for this coastal access opportunity.

Program Contact: Weston Hillier, Public Access Coordinator

Project: Underwater Cultural Resources Public Access and Research Conference

Partner: Central Michigan University

Grant Amount: \$65,341 grant / \$65,341 local match

Location: Michigan's coastal communities; Michigan's underwater preserves; Great Lakes bottomlands

Project Description: To promote a culture of water-based stewardship, Central Michigan University will host a conference examining public access to Michigan's underwater cultural resources and their inherent research potential. The conference will highlight current research, engage stakeholders on current issues, and launch an action plan to direct future studies while promoting public access, tourism, and management of these fragile cultural resources in Michigan's underwater preserves and on Great Lakes bottomlands.

Program Contact: Weston Hillier, Public Access Coordinator

Project: Lake Charlevoix Communities' Plans to Utilize Green Infrastructure for Coastal Resilience

Partner: Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

Grant Amount: \$62,611 grant / \$62,611 local match

Location: Charlevoix County

Project Description: To support vibrant, healthy, and resilient communities, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council will assess opportunities for integrating green infrastructure with existing gray stormwater infrastructure in three Lake Charlevoix communities; Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan. Community engagement sessions will highlight strategies and gather community feedback. The outcomes will be specific municipal assessments and plans that guide water quality protections based on collaborative efforts by the communities to protect Lake Charlevoix.

Program Contact: Madeleine Gorman, Coastal Waters Coordinator



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Low-Cost Construction Grants

Project: Black River Small Watercraft Dock Enhancement

Partner: City of South Haven

Grant Amount: \$35,000 grant / \$35,000 local match

Location: City of South Haven

Project Description: To support vibrant, healthy, and resilient communities, the City of South Haven will construct a small watercraft dock at the northwest side of the Dyckman Avenue Bridge. The access site will enhance ease of accessibility for all users on the Black River that accommodates small and non-motorized vessels such as kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, and dinghies.

Program Contact: Weston Hillier, Public Access Coordinator

Project: Au Gres Harbor Site Enhancements

Partner: City of Au Gres

Grant Amount: \$44,546 grant / \$44,546 local match

Location: City of Au Gres

Project Description: To support vibrant, healthy, and resilient communities, the City of Au Gres will install a fishing pier, dark sky quality lighting, safety handrails, and informational signage at the newly acquired Au Gres Harbor Site. This enhanced site will encourage increased tourism and economic development of the area and increased appreciation of the community's connection to the Lake Huron coastline and Au Gres River.

Program Contact: Weston Hillier, Public Access Coordinator

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