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MICHIGAN COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Coastal Leadership Academy

The Michigan Coastal Management Program (MCMP) and the Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) have teamed up to launch the Coastal Leadership Academy (CLA). The purpose of the CLA is to bring community leaders and planners together to share the coastal resilience challenges they are experiencing throughout their communities and learn strategies that can help address those challenges.

What is the CLA?

The CLA is a multi-session program that introduces participants to creative planning/zoning tools and adaptation strategies that can help address coastal challenges. The CLA uses a flipped classroom style where instructional learning is transferred from group to individual learning. During group sessions, coastal experts lead technical trainings demonstrating scientifically based tools and planning principles designed to inform complex decision-making and evaluate trade-offs involved in local coastal management.



What types of strategies are discussed in CLA?

The following Building Coastal Resilience Video Series provides the foundation for resiliency principles promoted throughout the [CLA](#):

1. Overview of Michigan's Coastline - Take the first step to becoming resilient to these challenges and learn about the natural resources found on Michigan's coast.
2. Impacts of Water Levels and Weather - Take the next step to coastal resilience, and learn how the weather, climate, regional water budget, lake levels, and coastal processes influence our coastline.
3. Protecting the Coast for Everyone - Take the next step to coastal resilience and learn why the Public Trust Doctrine is vital for protecting the rights of coastal residents, communities, and visitors to access our coast.
4. Data and Tools for Making Informed Decisions - Take the next step to coastal resilience and learn about the data resources and tools available to coastal decision-makers to use to make informed decisions about managing their coastal resources.
5. Adaption Strategies for Dynamic Coastlines - Take the next step to coastal resilience and learn how to promote wise development on the coast through adaption strategies that protect, accommodate, and sometimes retreat from the coastline.
6. Planning for a Resilient Future - Take the next step to coastal resilience and learn how to develop resilient master plans and policies that best fit your coastal community.

What can I do to get started?

To become a participant of the Coastal Leadership Academy or request to host a Coastal Leadership Academy for your community, contact Ronda Wuycheck at WuycheckR@Michigan.gov

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