

Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program

2017 Funding Cycle
Grant Application Workshop



Mission of the LMCP

The mission of the Indiana DNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program is to protect and enhance coastal resources by providing technical and financial assistance and coordination to current and future partners.



Program Area

- Whiting
- East Chicago
- Hammond
- Highland
- Munster
- Dyer
- Schererville

- Gary
- Griffith
- Merrillville
- Crown Point
- Lake Station
- New Chicago
- Hobart
- Winfield

- Ogden Dunes
- Dune Acres
- Porter
- Burns Harbor
- Portage

- Beverly Shores
- Chesterton
- Valparaiso

- Michiana Shores
- Long Beach
- Michigan City
- Town of Pines
- Trail Creek



Grants Programs

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**Small
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Coastal Grants Program

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- Since 2002 LMCP has awarded over \$12M in grants for over 300 projects

Federal Requirements

- Must be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972
- Low cost construction and acquisition projects must be located entirely within the coastal region, which excludes federal land (INDU)
- Low cost construction and acquisition projects must address areas that meet the criteria established for Areas of Particular Concern (page 10 of Pre-proposal guidance document)
- Must have broad and lasting public benefit and meet ADA requirements

Eligible Applicants

- **Units of local government**
- **Area-wide agencies**
- **State agencies**
- **Colleges, universities**
- **Conservancy districts**
- **Port Authorities, Basin Commissions**
- **Non-profits (special conditions apply)**



Funding Basics

- Reimbursement *only* grant program – grantees do not receive the cash up front
- Match Rate = 1:1
Grant pays half of project cost,
grantee pays half of project cost
- 18 months to complete the project***

Eligible Project Types

Funding is available for projects that protect, restore, and improve access to coastal natural, historical, and cultural resources.

Categories:

- **§306A Low Cost Construction**
- **§306A Acquisition**
- **§306 Education and Outreach**
- **§306 Planning/Coordination/Management**
- **§306 Applied Research**
- **§306 Emerging Issues**

Funding Basics

\$150,000 maximum grant request for
Acquisition

\$100,000 max for **Low Cost Construction**

\$50,000 max for

- **Planning/Coordination/Management**
- **Education/Outreach**
- **Applied Research**
- **Emerging Issues**



Examples of Eligible Projects

- Outdoor recreational access, e.g. observation platforms, fishing piers, kayak launches
- Habitat restoration such as invasive plant control, or native plant installation; low impact storm water management projects
- Land acquisition for preservation of natural areas, or for creating public access
- Planning documents, such as sub-area plans, park master plans, trail planning and engineering, drainage studies
- Environmental education curriculum development, or educational events

Examples of Ineligible Projects

- Infrastructure
- Recreational facilities
- Wetland mitigations; habitat restoration, or contaminated site clean-up that is required as a condition of a permit or regulatory action
- Construction on privately owned lands
- Parking lots and roads
- Dredging
- Routine maintenance
- Trail construction
- Log jam removal



Indiana Department of Natural Resources



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August / September

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GRANT CATEGORY PRIORITIES

- Priority project types have been designated by the CAB for each project category
- A project proposal that addresses a priority will receive extra points in the technical review scoring process.
- Projects that meet the general RFP criteria, but not a priority issue, will still receive consideration for funding.

CATEGORIES

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Planning/Coordination/Management

Education/Outreach

Applied Research

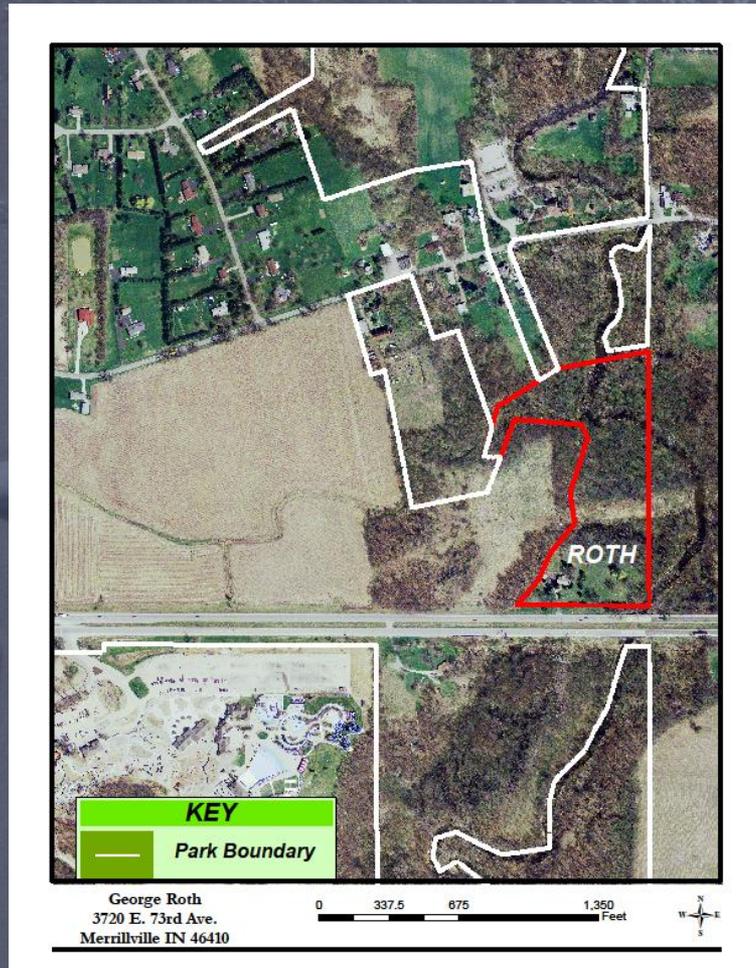
Other

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LAND ACQUISITION

Acquisition of land from willing sellers of fee simple or other public interest in land including easements for a public right of way, leases, conservation easements and purchase of development rights

Areas must provide or improve public access -or- provide preservation of a significant natural resource



LAND ACQUISITION

2017 Priority:

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(0-10 points)

LAND ACQUISITION

- *****THERE ARE MANY, MANY DETAILS ASSOCIATED WITH LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS, AND LOTS OF LEGAL HOOPS TO JUMP THROUGH. IT'S BEST TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH ME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. BE SURE TO CONTACT ME IN ORDER TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH ME, AS WELL AS ALL OF THE STAFF WHO WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THIS TYPE OF PROJECT.*****

LAND ACQUISITION

- NECESSARY INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN PRE-PROPOSALS:

- Acreage;
- Estimated value of land;
- Total estimated purchase price;
- Clearly discernible location map showing property lines of proposed acquisition and any existing structures
- Any other pertinent information to the acquisition.

A deed restriction/ easement will also be placed on acquired lands at the time of the closing identifying the use of Federal Funds in the purchase of said parcel.

LAND ACQUISITION

Full Proposal Requirements:

- Consent from the willing landowner in the form of a Purchase Agreement, Option to Buy, or other applicable agreement in writing
- A current appraisal (less than one year old)
- Acquisition applications may include only direct costs of land price, but must exclude such costs as appraisals, survey, legal fees, and court costs
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Land Acquisition

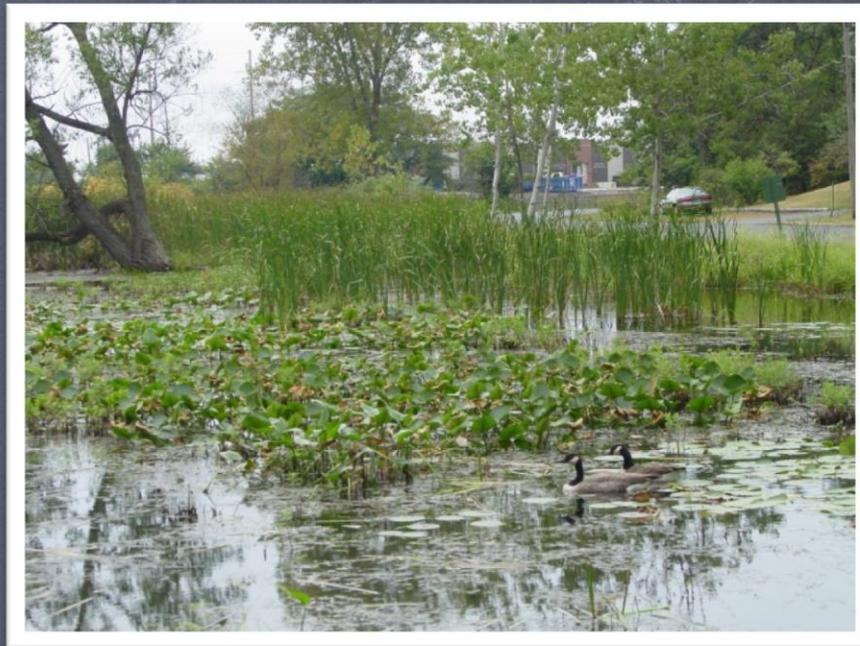


**Sammons Acquisition At Oak
Ridge Prairie County Park – Lake
County Parks**

LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

Physical change of property, use of machinery or hand tools, includes construction of man-made structures for the purposes of public access and includes habitat restoration practices.

**** Must be maintained for 20 years. ****



LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

2017 Priority:

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- Historic Public Access Study (2015)
- Public Access Needs Assessment Report
(0-10 points)

Low Cost Construction – Natural Area Restoration



**Little Calumet River Prairie
and Wetlands Restoration --
IUN**

Low Cost Construction – Public Access



**Winding Creek Cove,
Michigan City
Fishing Access to Trail Creek**

Low Cost Construction – Native Landscaping

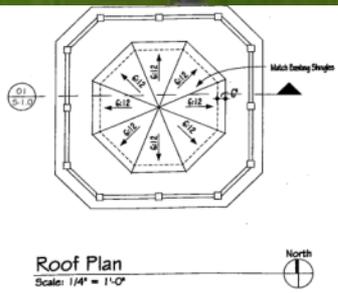
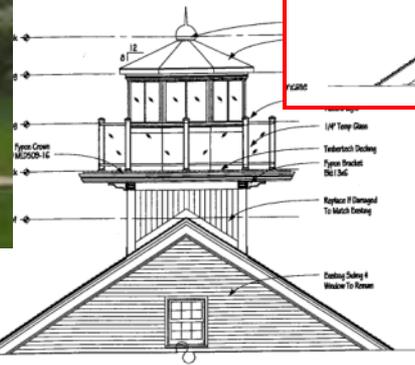
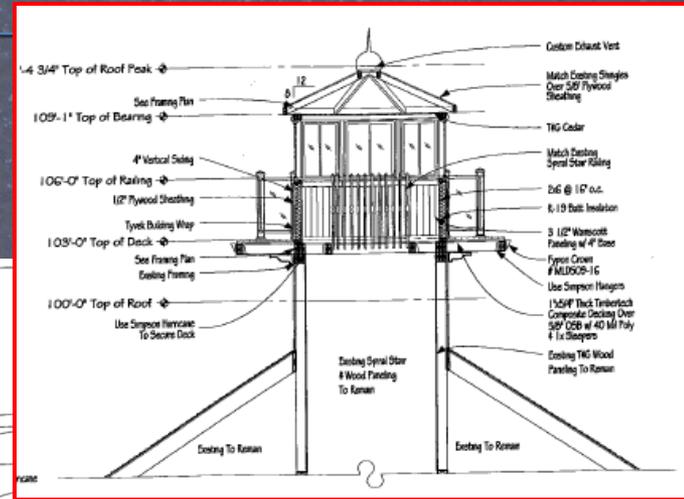
**Native Landscaping
Demonstration Project**

NIRPC Offices

Portage



Low Cost Construction – Cultural / Historical Resource Restoration



Elevation
Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

Old Lighthouse Museum
Michigan City Historical Society
Michigan City, Indiana
Washington Park
A-1.0
March 2011
REVISED 11/11

All Work Depicted Shall Conform to the 2006 Indiana Building Code or State Amendments and Any Other Applicable Local Codes and Ordinances.

Old Lighthouse Museum Lantern Room Reconstruction City of Michigan City

EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Projects that will help people understand how they are connected to the natural, cultural, and/or historical resources of Indiana's Lake Michigan watershed.

Projects that will increase opportunities for citizens to participate in decisions affecting Lake Michigan and the Coastal Program area.



EDUCATION/OUTREACH

2017 Priority:

Lake Michigan water safety
education & outreach

(0-10 points)

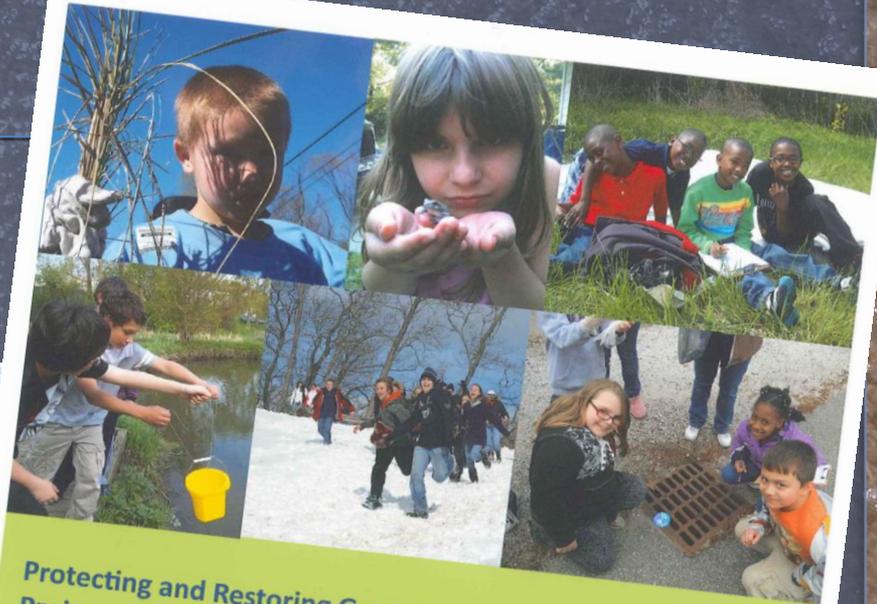
Education / Outreach

Krueger Middle School Homepage

Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration



Students planted, filled, moved sod, mulched...and made a difference



Protecting and Restoring Great Lakes Biodiversity Project No. CZ008

2010-2012

Funding for this program was provided in part by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program.



444 Barker Road, Michigan City, IN 46304 ♦ (219) 879-3564 ♦ office@savedunes.org

Protecting and Restoring Great Lakes Biodiversity – Save the Dunes

PLANNING/COORDINATION/ MANAGEMENT

Projects that assist communities and organizations in the coordination of, and planning for, the management or restoration of natural, cultural, and historical resources in the coastal area.



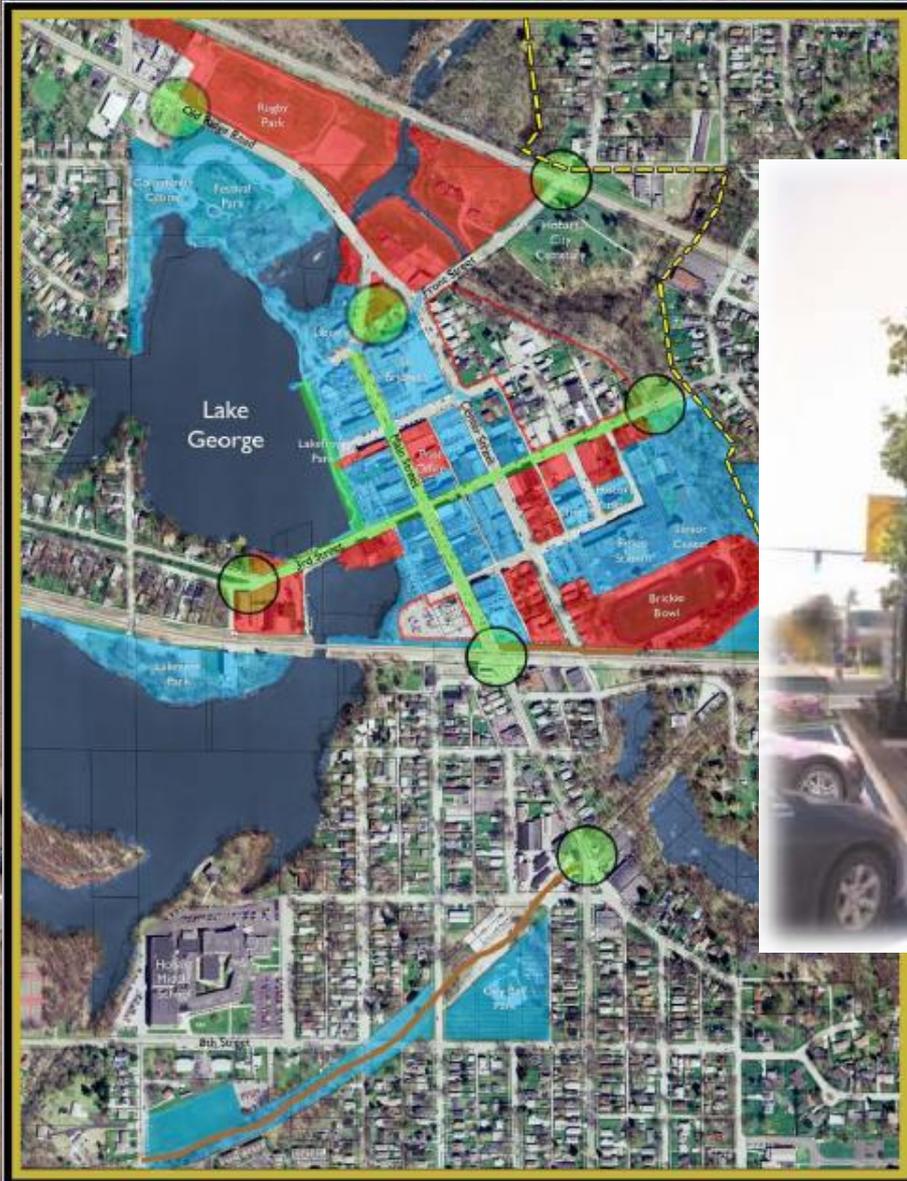
PLANNING/COORDINATION/ MANAGEMENT

2017 Priority:

Development of long-term,
natural resource management
plans, using the DNR provided
template

(0-10 points)

Planning / Coordination / Management



Downtown Opportunities Plan



Hobart Downtown Plan
City of Hobart

Planning / Coordination / Management

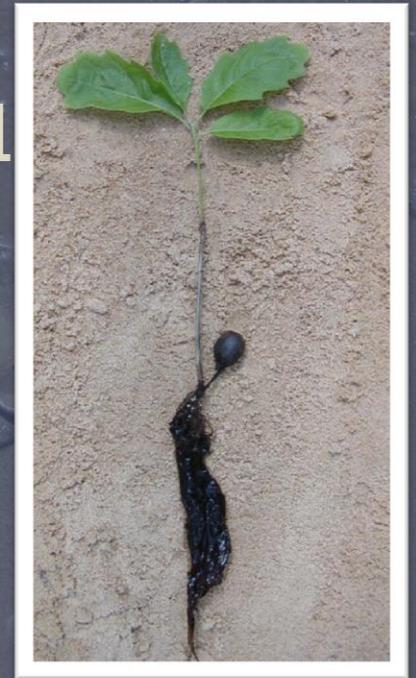


Comprehensive Drainage Study –
Porter County Commissioners

APPLIED RESEARCH

Studies that produce knowledge required for an identified coastal resource need of a community, land manager, or organization.

Projects must show a demonstrated need by a partner for this knowledge and how it will be applied to address the need.



APPLIED RESEARCH

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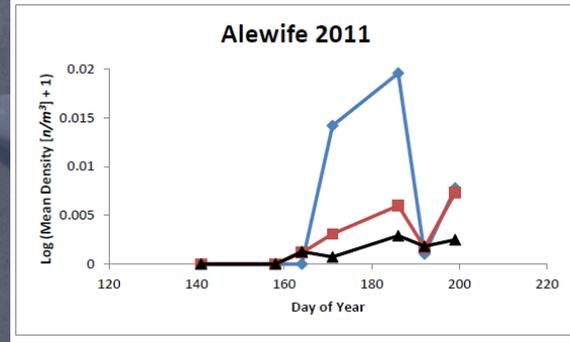
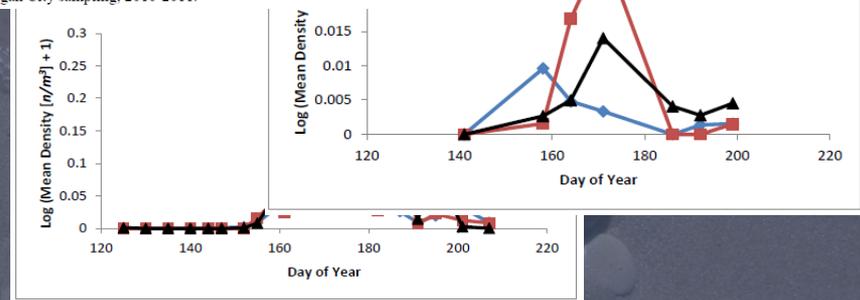
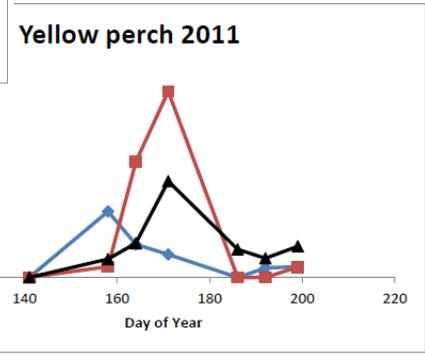
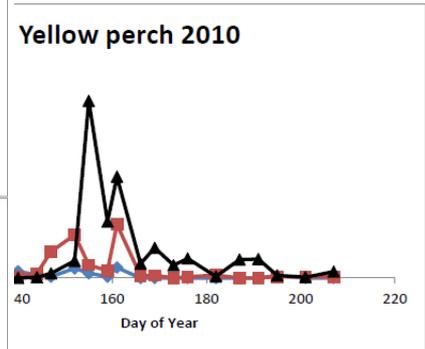
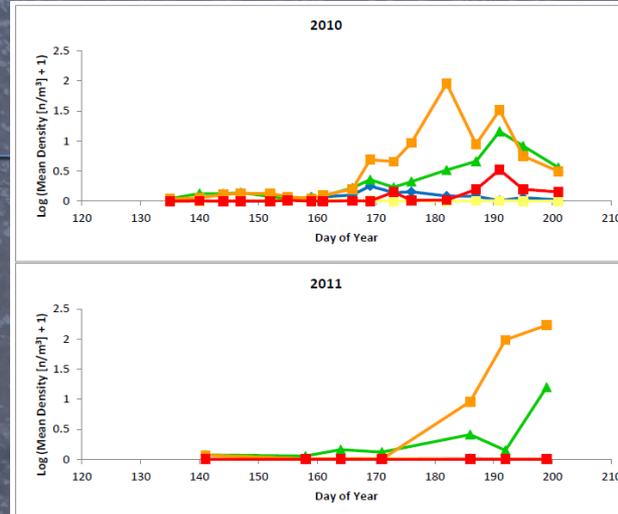
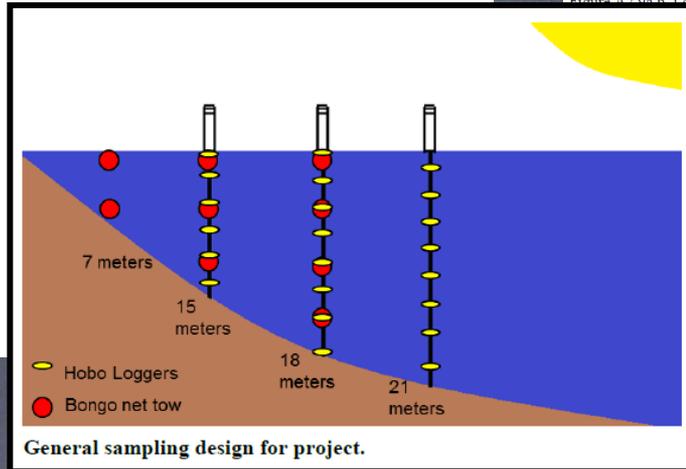
(0-10 points)

Applied Research

Concurrent finescale mapping of nearshore water quality and larval fish dynamics:
Insights to potential climate change impacts
on fish recruitment

Final Project Report, submitted to the Indiana Department of
Natural Resources Lake Michigan Coastal Program

Cary Troy and Tomas Höök, Purdue University
5/28/2012



Lake Michigan Fish Study –
Purdue University

EMERGING ISSUES

These are issues that are timely and specific, that may have an immediate impact on the health and viability of Indiana's coastal natural, cultural and historic resources.

This is a broad reaching category that applies only to:

Planning/Coordination/Management
Education/Outreach
Applied Research

EMERGING ISSUES

2017 Priority:

Shoreline dynamics primer for
local officials

(0-10 points)

RECENT CHANGES

- Paper copy no longer necessary – only submit electronic copy
- Priority setting process has changed; now only one top priority
- A bit more space in Pre-Proposal form for writing project description
- No more Bicentennial Nature Trust funding available
- State contracting process is now online
- 306A requirements becoming more strict
- Indirect costs policy

2017 Pre – Proposal Guidance



I am
required
reading!!

Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program Pre-Proposal Guidance and Instructions

2017 Funding Cycle

Deadline for Submission: 5:00p.m. CDT Friday, September 16th, 2016

Required for Submission:

- 1 complete electronic copy, via e-mail, CD, or USB drive. The electronic copy may be e-mailed to mbyrne@dnr.in.gov
- Paper copies will not be accepted

What does an ideal LMCP grant project look like?

- Achieves the mission and goals of the LMCP: to protect and enhance coastal resources
- Demonstrates strong partnerships
- Implements an existing Plan, or addresses an identified planning need
- Reaches / influences a large target audience
- Wisely uses grant and matching funds
- Reflects input of Coastal Advisory Board, where applicable

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Project description (question #10)

- What will the federal funds and matching funds be paying for?
- Please do not include anything else not connected with the project, or otherwise make it clear that it is outside of the project scope.

Partnerships (question #12)

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- Project Tasks
 - Planning
 - Implementation
 - Public Outreach
 - Administration

MATCH

- Volunteer
- Cash
- Land or Supply Donation
- Other non-federal funding

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Other State Programs and Plans



Budget (questions 16 & 17)

Budget

Categories:

- Personnel
- Fringe
- Travel
- Supplies
- Contractual
- Indirect

16. Preliminary Project Budget

Provide an estimated breakdown of the proposed project budget using the following table.

Category	LMCP Request	Match: Cash	Match: In-Kind	Total
Personnel				
Fringe				
Travel				
Supplies				
Contractual				
Indirect rate = xx % 0.00%				
Totals				

- **Both federal funds *and* matching funds must be eligible**
- **Food purchases are completely ineligible**
- **Indirect costs are now allowed as part of the federal request**

Match

Required Match 1:1

The same rules that apply to federal funds, also apply to matching funds

Federal funds cannot be reimbursed during the project unless there is adequate match documented

- Cash – funds within your organization/agency's budget, set aside specifically for the project; cash donations from outside of your organization
- In-kind – personnel or other expenses used to complete the project, volunteer time, donations of goods or services directly related to the project
- Local, State, Private Funds – may be grants from these sources
- Land (value) donation, such as a Conservation Easement or Deed Restriction

NO FEDERAL FUNDS MAY BE USED AS MATCH

Please be sure to check your source!

Other Grant Sources of Match

- Community Foundations
- Other foundations
- Chi – Cal Rivers Fund grants may be used as match
 - Be sure to compare timelines
 - For LMCP (and most others) you must provide proof of backup match
 - Make sure there is no federal funding in these other funding sources

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (OPTIONAL)

18. Attachments: You may provide a **MAXIMUM** of three (3) single-page attachments. Each attachment may be a maximum of 8 ½ by 11 in size. These attachments may be photos, maps, letters of support, or other supporting documentation.

2017 FUNDING CYCLE TIMELINE

- April 20, 2016 Kickoff Public Input Meeting Grant Priorities
- Public input accepted until May 20, 2016
- June 15, 2016 Public CAB Meeting to vote on Grants Priorities
- Request for pre-proposals opens July 15th (tent.)
- RFP closes Friday, September 16, 2016
- CAB Grants Committee reviews applications
- CAB votes on pre-proposals October 19
- Full applications due December 16, 2016
- Director selection February 2016
- Projects submitted to NOAA March 2016
- Projects likely to start sometime late August / mid-September, 2017

Tips for completing Pre-Proposal

- ***#18 allows for a MAXIMUM of three single-page, 8.5 x 11 attachments – may be anything you choose***
- Please read the instructions at the top of the Pre-Proposal form – electronic copy ONLY is required
- Read the Pre-proposal Guidance on the website
- Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding
- Call me or make an appointment to see me, and I can help you strengthen your project, your application, and check for completeness – **I can help you make your project and application more competitive**



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<http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/>

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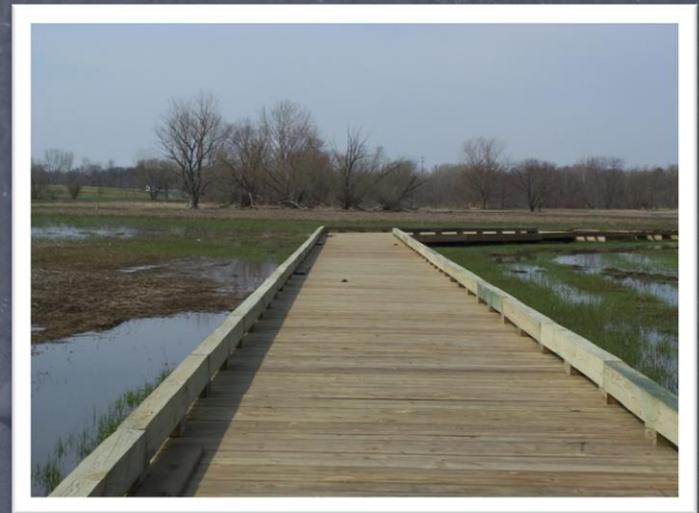
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Program and Application Information

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QUESTIONS?



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(click Coastal Grants)