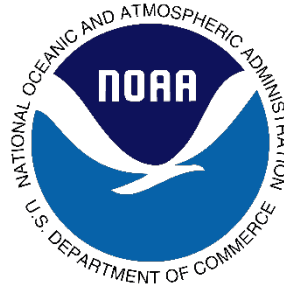


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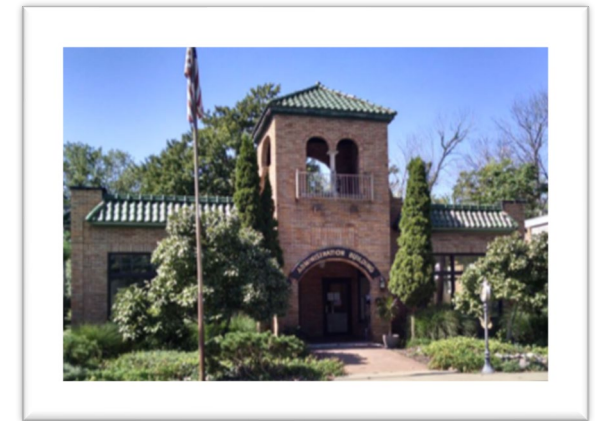
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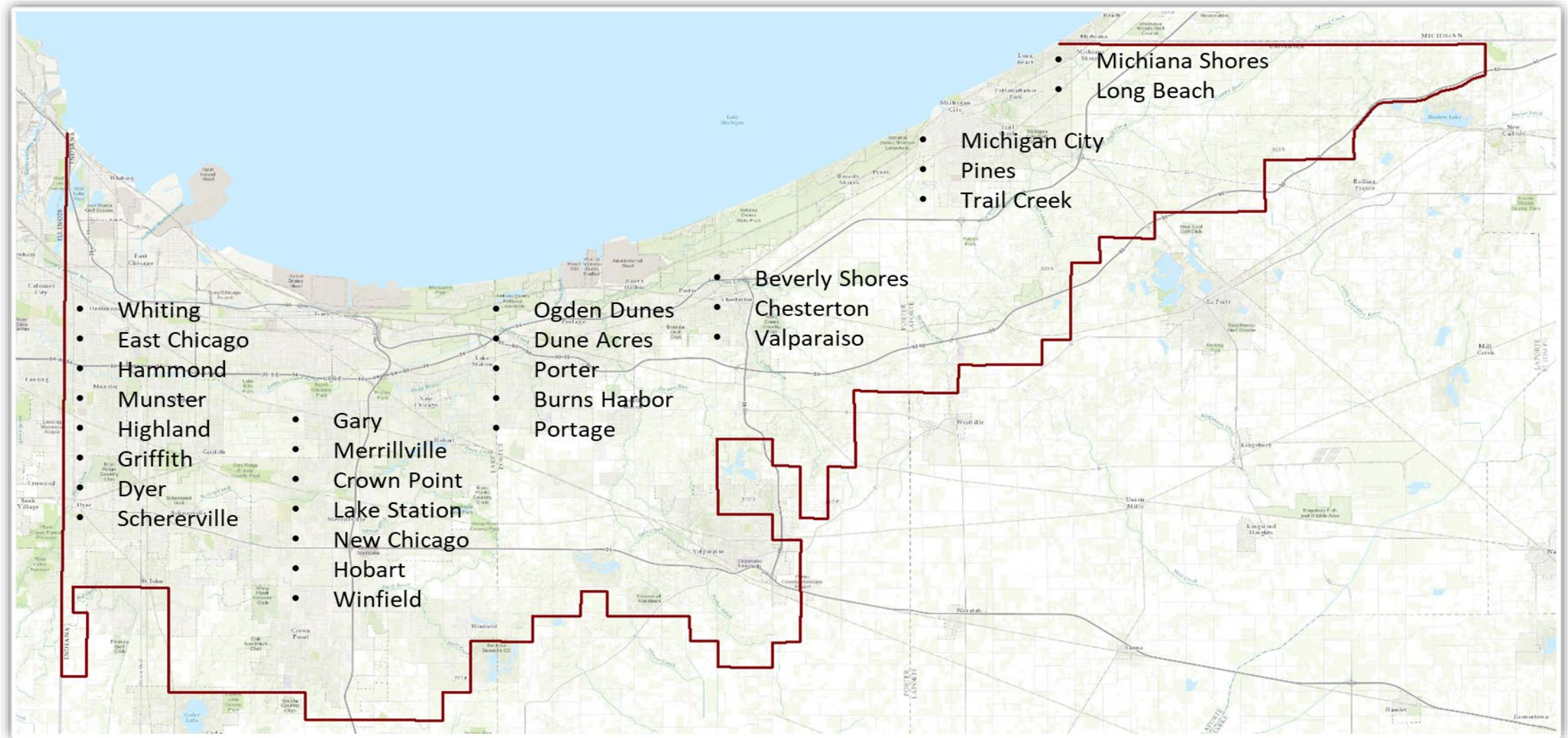
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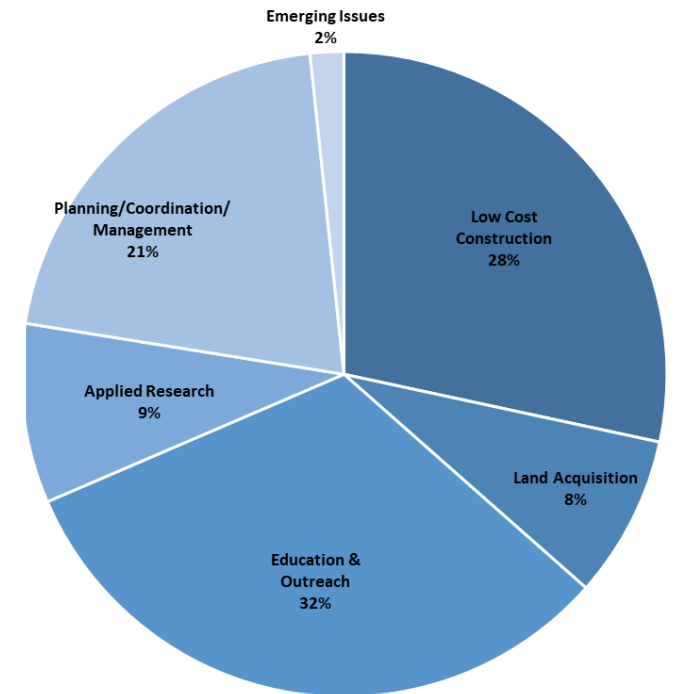
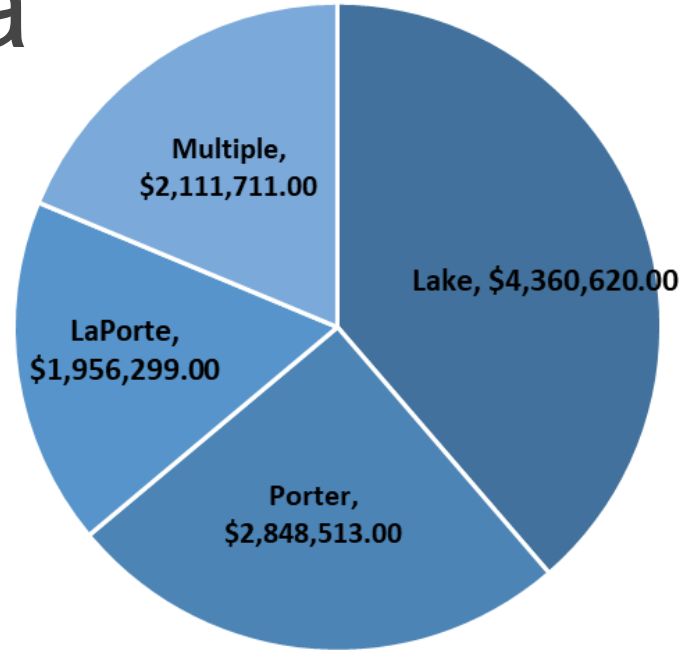
- Annual competitive Pass-Through grants program
- Created and Funded out of Coastal Zone Management Act 1972
 - Grant applications are ultimately reviewed and approved by NOAA
- LMCP designated \$600,000 – approximately half of our annual budget – to funding each annual grant cycle
- Requires 1:1 match funds
 - Example: you request \$50,000 from LMCP, you must demonstrate you have \$50,000 of outside funds to match. Total Project = \$100,000

Program Area: Lake Michigan Watershed and 45 Miles of Lake Michigan Shoreline



LMCP Grants Data

- Since 2002: invested \$21,226,300 in Northwest Indiana
- With match: approximately \$42M investment



Eligible Applicants

- Units of Local Government
- Area-wide agencies, including county/regional planning agencies
- Educational institutes
- Conservancy districts
- Port authorities and marinas
- Basin commissions
- Nonprofit organizations – 501(c)3
 - Note: nonprofits are not eligible for construction and land acquisition projects

Eligible Projects

- Funding is available for projects that protect, restore, and plan for the management of the Coastal area's:
 - Natural resources
 - Historical resources
 - Cultural resources



Ineligible Projects

- Projects on privately owned land without public interest
- Large scale, hard-structure erosion control Projects
- Beach nourishment
- Infrastructure projects related to water and sewer line construction
- Road, sidewalk, and parking lot construction
- Dredging
- Restrooms and facilities
- Routine maintenance
- General recreational facilities such as playgrounds, ball fields, etc.
- Wetland or other habitat restoration that is required as a condition of a permit or other regulatory action
- Contaminated site cleanup that is required as a condition of a permit or other regulatory action
- Trail construction
- Log jam removal
- Projects that take place on federally owned land

Project Categories

- **Low-Cost Construction**
 - \$200,000 max request
 - On public lands only
 - Restoration and public access
 - Historical resource protection
- **Land Acquisition**
 - \$500,00 max request
 - Protect significant resource
 - Improve public access
 - Held by public entity
- **Planning/Coordination/Management**
 - \$100,000 max request
 - Community assistance
 - Nonprofits are eligible
- **Education/Outreach**
 - \$50,000 max request
 - Connect public and coastal resources
 - Training, workshops, materials
 - Nonprofits are eligible
- **Applied Research**
 - \$100,000 max request
 - Produce new knowledge for an identified need of a partner
 - Nonprofits are eligible

2023 Grant Funding Priorities

- **Projects that address one or more of these topics will receive a boost to their score when the grant applications are under review:**

- Protection and restoration of high-quality natural habitat – including wetlands and dunes
- Addressing Water Quality Concerns
- Implementing Coastal Resiliency Measures
- Acquisition of high-quality parcels of land
- Environmentally Responsible/Sustainable Communities

- **Please note: it is possible for a proposal to be approved by the LMCP and NOAA without aligning with one of the grant funding priorities. However, if it is possible to include one in your project idea, it will give you an advantage throughout the rest of the application process.**

2023 Grant Application Timeline

Application Time Frame	Application Process Task
August 2022	Pre-Proposal Guidance made available
September 2022	Drafts submitted to LMCP for review/comment
October 2022	Completed Pre-Proposal submitted in electronic format via email; CAB reviews all Pre-Proposals for favorable recommendation & invitation to submit a Full Proposal
November 2022 – January 2023	Applicants work with LMCP on Full Application submission
January 2023	Full Proposal deadline for submission; IN DNR staff (Technical Advisory Committee) reviews & scores projects, forwards to DNR Director
April 2023	LMCP submits approved projects to NOAA; NOAA reviews/provides comments or requests additional information
July – August 2023	Projects approved by NOAA & grantee is notified; LMCP prepares Grant Agreement
September 2023	Grantee signs Grant Agreement. Project may begin upon receipt of fully executed Grant Agreement, all necessary signatures received.

Questions?

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