

# Indiana DNR Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program

2016 Funding Cycle  
Priorities Setting  
Public Input Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2015  
Woodland Park



# 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



# Coastal Grants Program

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- ◉ Indiana makes available approximately \$600,000 annually to conduct a competitive grants program administered by DNR LMCP in cooperation with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Coastal Resource Management
- ◉ Since 2002 LMCP has awarded over \$10M in grants for over 280 projects

# Federal Requirements

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- ◉ 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)
- ◉ Must have broad and lasting public benefit and meet ADA requirements
- ◉ Low cost construction and acquisition projects must address areas that meet the criteria established for Areas of Particular Concern

# Eligible Applicants

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



# Partnerships

## 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



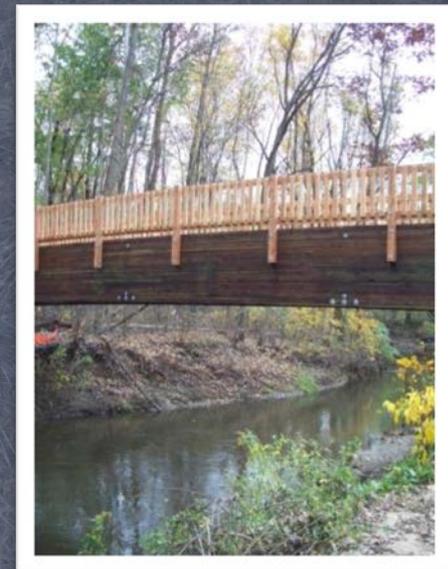
# Basic Funding Information

**\$150,000** max request for land acquisition projects

**\$100,000** max request for low cost construction projects

**\$50,000** max request for all other categories

- Reimbursement basis
- 1:1 Match Rate
- 18 month timeframe



# Required Match 1:1

- 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 (only for some types of projects)

**NO FEDERAL FUNDS MAY BE USED AS MATCH**

**Please be sure to check your source!**

# Ineligible Projects

- Infrastructure
- Recreational facilities
- Wetland, 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

# Eligible Project Types

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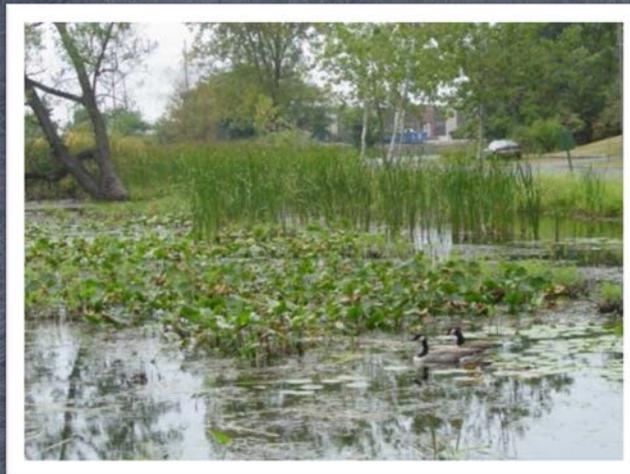
Funding is available for projects that protect, restore, and improve access to coastal natural, historical and cultural resources.

## Categories:

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

# 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.



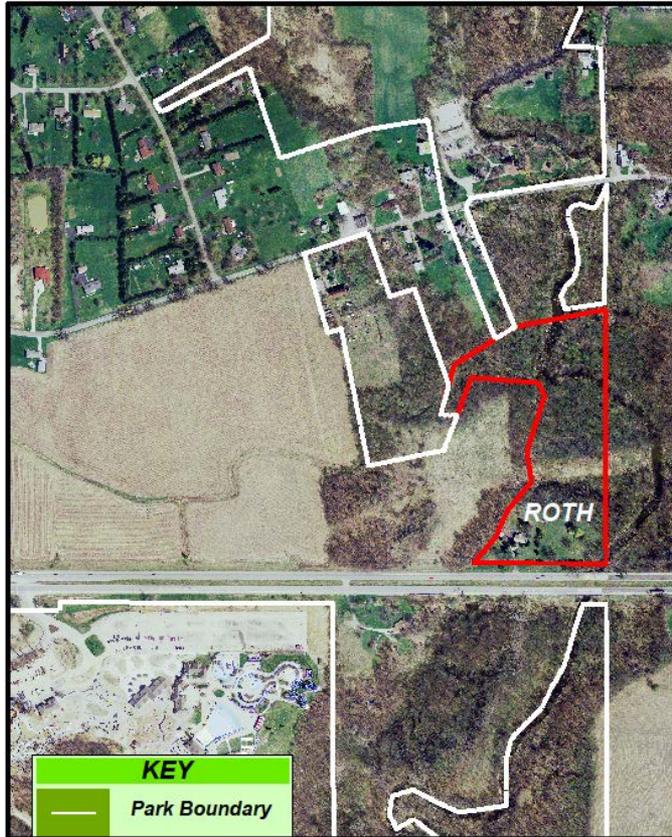
# ACQUISITION

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



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# 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.



# 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.



# 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.



# EMERGING ISSUES

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These are issues that are timely and specific, that may have an 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

# GRANT PRIORITIES

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- 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 are not a priority issue, will still receive consideration for funding.

# GRANT PRIORITIES

- Top priority may receive 0-10 bonus points
- Secondary priority may receive 0-5 bonus points
- “Other” receives 0 bonus points

## 5. Choose One Project Type: (red indicates top funding)

### (§306a) Low Cost Construction

- Natural area restoration**
- Community rain gardens / bioswales
- Coastal community entryway signage, marker restoration
- Cultural / Historical Resource Restoration
- Other

### (§306a) Acquisition

- Riparian properties along the Little Calumet River East Branch**
- Land for wetland restoration
- Dunes threatened by development, adjacent to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
- Cultural / Historic Preservation
- Other

### (§306) Planning / Coordination / Management

- Green Alley Greenway Handbook**
- Blueway implementation
- Climate resiliency
- Cultural/Historic Area Planning
- Other

# 2015 Funding Cycle GRANT PRIORITIES

5. Check **ONLY** one box: choose one priority within one Project Category: **red indicates top funding priority**

## (§306a) Low Cost Construction

- Invasive species removal from natural areas
- Public access site facility construction
- Cultural / Historical Resource Restoration
- Other

## (§306a) Acquisition

- Lands adjacent to rivers and tributaries flowing into Lake Michigan
- Lands adjacent to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
- Cultural / Historic Preservation
- Other

## (§306) Planning / Coordination / Management

- Plan for river access / fish passage issues
- Rehabilitation plans for historical / cultural resources
- Watershed management plan implementation
- Cultural/Historic Area Planning
- Other

## (§306) Education / Outreach

- Water quality and water safety education
- Watershed Management plan implementation
- Historic and cultural regional map
- Cultural/Historical Resource Education/Outreach
- Other

## (§306) Applied Research

- Ecological impacts of coarse woody debris alteration in streams and rivers
- Value of using native/indigenous plants in developed areas
- Cultural/Historical Resource Research
- Other

## (§306) Emerging Issues

- Studying blight/right-sizing within the coastal area
  - Planning/Coordination/Management
  - Education/Outreach
  - Applied Research
- Implementation of early detection / reporting of invasive species
  - Planning/Coordination/Management
  - Education/Outreach
  - Applied Research
- Other

# 2016 FUNDING CYCLE TIMELINE

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- June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Public Meeting on Grants Priorities
- Request for pre-proposals opens July 15<sup>th</sup> (tent.)
- RFP closes Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- CAB Grants Committee reviews applications
- CAB votes on pre-proposals October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015
- Full applications due December 18, 2015
- Director selection February 2016
- Projects submitted to NOAA March 2016
- Projects likely to start sometime late August / mid-September, 2016



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# Coastal Grants Timeline 2016 Funding

## 2015

June 17<sup>th</sup>

CAB Meeting:  
Public Input on  
2015 Funding  
Priorities

July 6<sup>th</sup>

Post Request  
for Project  
Pre-Proposals  
on website

July/August

Grant  
Workshops

September  
18<sup>th</sup>

Pre-Proposal  
Deadline

October

CAB Grants  
Committee  
Review

October 21<sup>th</sup>

CAB Meeting:  
Vote on 2016  
Pre-Proposals

Work with applicant on Full Proposal

## 2016

December  
18<sup>th</sup>

Full  
Applications  
Due

January-  
February

SHPO Section  
106 and  
Environmental  
Review

February

Technical  
Advisory Board  
scores, ranking,  
and DNR  
Director's  
selection

March

Projects sent to  
NOAA for  
approval

July / August

NOAA  
Releases 2016  
Grant Funds  
and  
Final State  
Approval

August /  
September

Grant  
Agreements  
signed;  
Grantees may  
begin their  
projects



# What does an ideal LMCP grant project look like?

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- 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

# Program and Application Information

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◎ **Tentative RFP release date: July 15**

◎ **[www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich](http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich)**

- Funding Cycle Timeline
- Pre-proposal Application
- Pre-Proposal Guidance
- Grant Project Category Priorities
- Technical Assistance
- Program Updates
- Program Information



# QUESTIONS?



# Contact Information

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(click “Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grants” on left-side menu)

# Tonight's Process: Public Input Exercise and CAB Voting on Priorities

## Step 1.

Write suggestions for priorities  
on flip charts

- general is better than uber-specific
- concise, pithy, short and sweet
- must be allowable under NOAA and CAB guidelines

# Tonight's Process: Public Input Exercise and CAB Voting on Priorities

For example:

Instead of writing, “tree inventories, inventory management software, invasive pest management (specifically EAB), contract forestry, tree management plans, iTree analysis reporting, urban tree canopy assessment, and storm damage planning”

Write “urban forestry planning”

# Tonight's Process: Public Input Exercise and CAB Voting on Priorities

## Step 2.

LMCP staff compiles, tidies up language, then presents suggested priorities to the audience and CAB

**Tonight's Process:  
Public Input Exercise and  
CAB Voting on Priorities**

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**Step 3.**

**CAB votes using stickers – one  
vote for each category**

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## Step 4.

Staff tabulates votes and then announces the top and secondary priorities for each category

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**Step 5.**

**Meeting is over. Thank you for  
coming!**

