

# Indiana DNR Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program

2014 Funding Priorities Setting



# Purpose of the LMCP

The purpose of the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program is to enhance the state's role in planning for and managing natural and cultural resources in the coastal region and to support partnerships between federal, state and local agencies and organizations.



# Program Area

- Michiana Shores
- Long Beach
- Michigan City
- Town of Pines
- Trail Creek
- Beverly Shores
- Chesterton
- Valparaiso
- Ogden Dunes
- Dune Acres
- Porter
- Burns Harbor
- Portage
- Whiting
- East Chicago
- Hammond
- Highland
- Munster
- Dyer
- Schererville
- Gary
- Griffith
- Merrillville
- Crown Point
- Lake Station
- New Chicago
- Hobart
- Winfield



# 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 \$12M in grants for over 280 projects

# Eligible Applicants

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



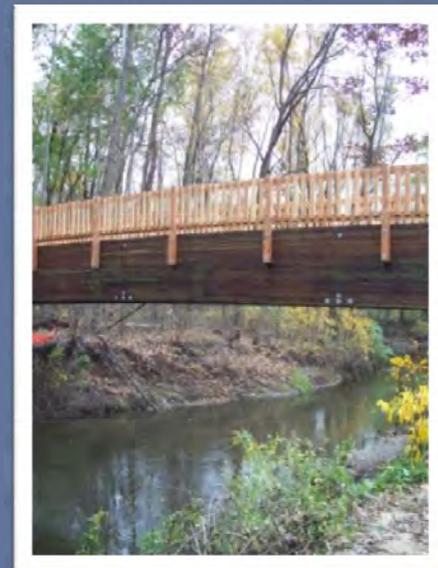
# Funding Criteria

**\$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



# 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**

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

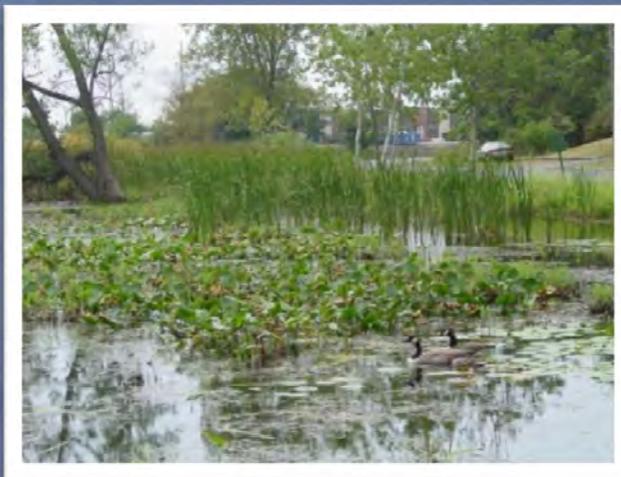
# 2013 PRIORITIES

- **LAND ACQUISITION**  
Lands adjacent to IDNL and / or dedicated State Nature Preserves
- **LOW-COST CONSTRUCTION**  
Natural Area Restoration
- **PLANNING / COORDINATION / MANAGEMENT**  
Greenway & Blueway Trail Implementation
- **EDUCATION / OUTREACH**  
Environmental Curriculum
- **APPLIED RESEARCH**  
Follow-up research on stormwater BMP effectiveness
- **EMERGING ISSUES**  
Planning for non-auto transportation



# LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

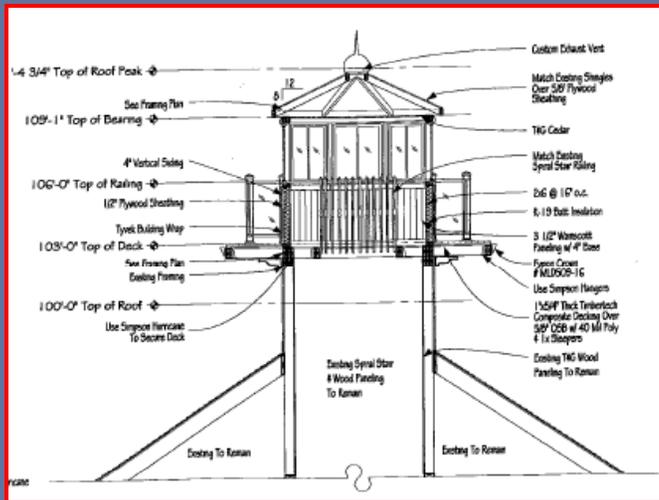
Physical change of property, use of machinery or hand tools, includes construction of man-made structures for the purposes of public access and includes habitat restoration practices.



## Indiana Dunes State Park Bird Observation Platform



## Native Landscaping Demonstration NIRPC Offices Portage



Old Lighthouse Museum Lantern Room Reconstruction -- City of Michigan City



Little Calumet River Prairie and Wetlands Restoration -- IUN

# 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 improve the connection between the public and 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 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

# Ineligible Projects

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- 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

# 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

# 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!**

# Partnerships

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

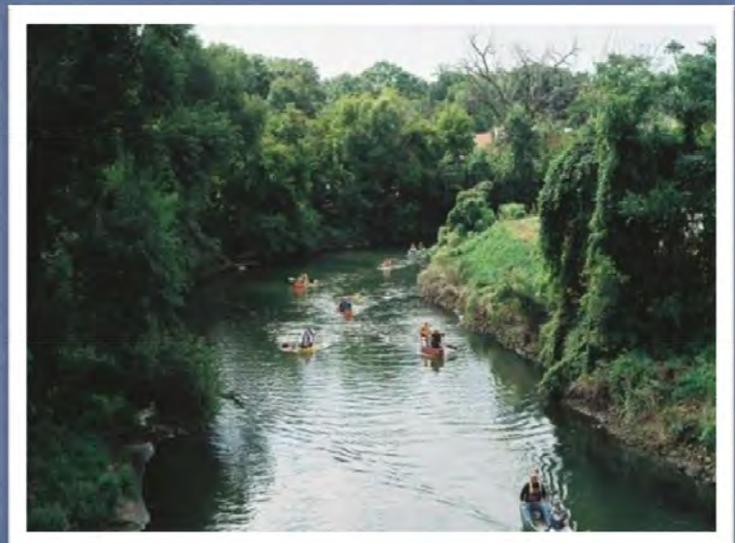
- Project Tasks
  - Planning
  - Implementation
  - Public Outreach
  - Administration

## MATCH

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

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Other State Programs and Plans



# 2014 FUNDING CYCLE TIMELINE

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- June 19<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting on Grants Priorities
- Request for pre-proposals opens July 29<sup>th</sup>
- RFP closes Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>
- CAB Grants Committee reviews applications and conducts interviews
- CAB votes on pre-proposals October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Full applications due January 2014
- Director selection February 2014
- Projects submitted to NOAA March 2014
- Projects start after July 1, 2014



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- INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Read the application guide  
2. Mail a completed, signed application to:  
Lake Michigan Coastal Program  
1600 North 25 East  
Chesterton, IN 46411  
3. Email an electronic copy to: [lmcp@dnr.in.gov](mailto:lmcp@dnr.in.gov)

1. Project Title:

2. Organization Applying:

3. Type of Organization:

4. County:

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

(§306a) Low Cost Construction

Natural Area Restoration

Green Infrastructure Implementation

Public Access to Waterways, Wetlands, Lakefronts

Cultural / Historical Resource Restoration

(§306a) Acquisition

Lands Adjacent to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and/or Dedicated State Nature Preserves

Moraine Forest Identified Sites

Public Access Parks/Sites Along Creeks and Rivers

Cultural / Historic Preservation

(§306) Planning / Coordination / Management

Greenway / Blueway Trail Implementation

Dunes Kankakee Trail

Natural Resources Planning

Cultural/Historic Area Planning

6. Project Manager

Name:

Title:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

8. Project Cost

LMCP Share:

Applicant Share:

TOTAL:

9. Type a brief summary of the project and public outreach strategy.

10. Consistency with and impact on the watershed as identified in state/review section, reference information

11. Watershed Location: Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) <http://inwater.agriculture.gov>

10-Digit HUC:

Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program  
Coastal Grants Program  
2012 Funding Cycle Pre-Proposal

14. 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				\$0.00
Fringe				\$0.00
Travel				\$0.00
Supplies				\$0.00
Contractual				\$0.00
Construction				\$0.00
Equipment (>\$5,000)				\$0.00
Signage				\$0.00
Other				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

15. Budget Description

a. Describe the use of FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED.

b. Describe the commitment/source of NONFEDERAL matching funds.

16. Project Location Map: Attach to the application a topographic or GIS based map and/or aerial photos clearly showing the proposed project location or area if applicable to your project

PHOTOS/MAP ATTACHED

Acceptance of the terms of the Grant Guidance

"I have read and accept the terms of the Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program 2012 Funding Cycle Pre-Proposal Guidance document."

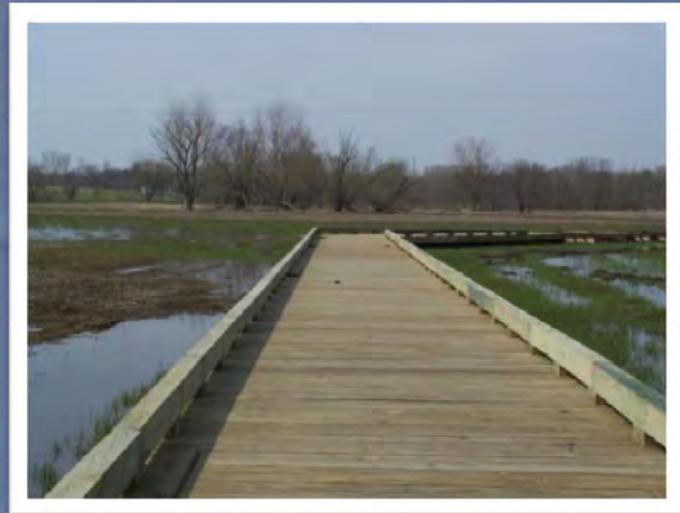
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Program and Application Information

○ [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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