Mission Statement
The mission of the Pennsylvania Coastal Resource Management Program (PCRMP) is to “protect and enhance fragile natural resources by reducing conflicts between competing land and water uses while representing a comprehensive approach to managing the impacts of development and other activities on coastal areas.”

Program’s Goals and Objectives
- To enhance Pennsylvania’s capacity to manage the natural, recreational, and historic resources of its two geographically distinct Coastal Zones and coastal watersheds.
- To recognize and protect the resources of estuaries and wetlands.
- To operate through a network of federal, state and local partners, coordinating public participation and providing funding and technical support for projects that protect, conserve and enhance coastal resources.

Key Accomplishments
- Planning for 18 miles of recreational, greenspace, and riverfront trails to serve Delaware Estuary Coastal Zone (DECZ) populations.
- Over 40 educational events organized with over 10,000 total attendees and three educational programs funded with over 6,000 participating students and teachers.
- 40,000 pounds of trash collected in Delaware and over 6,000 pounds in Lake Erie coastal zones during the 2012 International Coastal Cleanup.
- Acquisition of a property along Twelvemile Creek in the Lake Erie Coastal Zone (LECZ) providing 1,000 linear feet of fishing access.

Priorities and Needs
The program’s key priorities and needs for next year, if provided adequate funding and support:
- Continue efforts to expand Lake Erie Coastal Zone boundary to protect the entire watershed.
- Build marine spatial planning capabilities in the Lake Erie Watershed to balance competing uses and protect critical resources.
- Integrate habitat restoration projects with developing public access sites along the tidal Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers.

Leveraging Federal Funding:
- An initial coastal program investment of $10,000 in the concept investigation for an eco-park in the City of Silver Bay has contributed to further investments from other sources in excess of $500,000. This project is slated to move forward and is creatively aimed at addressing both environmental responsibility and the need for rural jobs.
- An initial coastal program investment of $45,000 into expanding the new Washington Ave Green Park from Delaware River Waterfront Corp has leveraged over $1 million to develop the adjacent pier into a boardwalk, kayak launch, and enhance intertidal wetlands.
- An initial coastal program investment of $39,000 into environmental education from the Erie-Times News has leveraged over $165,000 in funds to advance public understanding and involvement in local coastal zone issues and solutions.

* Based on available data provided by The National Ocean Economic Program
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How was the money spent?

Coastal Water Quality Protection: $394,652 (12%)
- Bucks County to develop a Neshaminy Creek Sediment reduction plan for municipalities
- Coastal counties to support implementation of the CNPP management measures
- Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority to rehabilitate aging and leaking fueling docks at the Lampe Marina

Coastal Hazard Mitigation: $304,841 (9%)
- Revisions to update current lakefront setback requirements for LECZ municipalities
- Administration of the Bluff Recession and Setback Act (BRSA) and monitoring in hazard areas along Lake Erie
- Integration of updated legislative BRSA requirements

Coastal Dependent Uses and Community Development - $452,641 (14%)
- Erie City to complete phase one of their comprehensive plan
- Continued development of a Marine Spatial Plan for Lake Erie
- Pennsylvania Historic & Museum Commission to historically re-store fence lines at Pennsbury Manor in the DECZ

Public Access: $924,374 (29%)
- Schuylkill River Development Corporation to design extension of the Schuylkill Banks Trail
- Clean Air Council to plan for 7.5 miles of the Cobbs Creek Connector Trail.
- Bensalem Township to develop final plans for 3.5 miles of the Delaware River Trail in Bucks County
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to acquire 1.7 acres along Twelvemile Creek in the LECZ

Coastal Habitat Conservation and Restoration: $289,792 (9%)
- Delaware River Waterfront Corporation to create wetlands and public access at Washington Ave Green Park

Who received the funds?

State Partners: $1,680,930 (52%)
- Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority - Courtesy and Fuel Dock Replacement, LECZ
- Penn State/Sea Grant - Aquatic Invasives, Marine Spatial Planning, Lake Erie Boundary Expansion
- PA Historic and Museum Commission - Pennsbury Manor Access and Fence Restoration, DECZ

Other Partners: $860,090 (26%)
- Delaware River Waterfront Corporation - Washington Avenue Green at Pier 53, DECZ
- Clean Air Council - Cobbs Creek Connector Trail Design, DECZ
- Erie Times-News in Education - Creating Lake Erie Coastal Zone Stewards
- Partnership for the Delaware Estuary - 2013 Southeastern Pennsylvania Coast Day

Community and Other Technical Assistance: $174,319 (5%)
- Erie County Department of Planning – Coordination and Technical Assistance in the LECZ
- County Conservation Districts and Philadelphia Water Department – Implementation of Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Program Policies

Community Grants: $542,661 (17%)
- Bensalem Township - Bensalem Greenway: Delaware River Trail Final Design
- Bucks County - Mill-Queen Anne Creek Greenway Trail Study
- Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory - Community Row River Guides
- Erie City - Comprehensive Plan Initiative

Other Partners:

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Philadelphia Water Department
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
- Schuylkill River Development Corporation
- Audubon Pennsylvania

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