



# Coastal Resources Management Program

## Section 309 Assessment and Strategy

Coastal Zone Advisory Committee  
May 29, 2019

Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary

### Overview of Section 309

- Refers to Section 309 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act
- Offers additional funding for coastal states to enhance their programs in one or more of nine specific enhancement areas
- Enhancement areas are selected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

## Nine Enhancement Areas

- Wetlands
- Public Access
- Cumulative and Secondary Impacts
- Ocean and Great Lakes Resources
- Energy and Government Facility Siting
- Coastal Hazards
- Marine Debris
- Special Area Management Planning
- Aquaculture



## Overview of Section 309

- Section 309 enhancement grant operates on a five-year cycle
- Currently seeking input for the October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2026, Strategy
- Draft Assessment and Strategy due to NOAA May 1, 2020
- Concurrent 30-day public comment period



## CRM's Current Section 309 Strategy

- Building Capacity to Facilitate Climate Adaptation Planning and Community Resiliency
- Analysis of Delaware Estuary Coastal Zone Boundary Expansion



## Area of National Importance

- NOAA has designated Coastal Hazards as an **“enhancement area of national importance”**
  - Coastal programs are “strongly encouraged” to develop strategies to improve the effectiveness of their program
  - Focus of Project of Special Merit Funding
    - Current focus resiliency planning
  - Aligns with National CZM Program’s strategic plan



## CZM Projects of Special Merit

- Must be supportive of an approved strategy
- Annual federal funding opportunity
  - Usually issued in late fall, due in January
  - Competitive with other coastal programs
  - FY2017, FY2018 and FY2019 (each year):
    - \$1,500,000 total
    - Max \$250,000 – Minimum \$50,000
    - 15 awards expected



## Program Changes

- A change to coastal zone boundaries
- New or revised authorities
  - Statutes, regulations, enforceable policies, administrative decisions, executive orders, memoranda of agreement or understanding
- New or revised local coastal programs and implementing ordinances



## Program Changes

- New or revised coastal land acquisition, management, and restoration programs
- New or revised Special Area Management Plans or plans for Areas of Particular Concern
- New or revised guidelines, procedures and policy documents which are formally adopted by a state



## Stakeholder Engagement - Statewide

- Coastal Zone Advisory Committee
- Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
- Pennsylvania Sea Grant



## Stakeholder Engagement - DECZ

- DECZ Local Advisory Committee
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Delaware County Coastal Zone Task Force
- Partnership for the Delaware Estuary



## Stakeholder Engagement - LECZ

- LECZ Local Advisory Committee
- Erie County Department of Planning
- Community Resilience Action Network of Erie
- Presque Isle Advisory Committee



## Requesting Your Input

- Asking for everyone to consider providing input on the Coastal Hazards Enhancement Area
- Asking to prioritize the remaining eight Enhancement Areas
- Asking for additional input on the Enhancement Areas you select as “High Priority”



## Timing of Stakeholder Input

- Electronic form is available and will be provided
- All input is requested by November 4, 2019
  - Immediately - while subject is fresh
  - Think about it for a while
  - Feel free to contact us with questions
- We'll send out reminders later in the year



## More Information

- The current Pennsylvania CRM Section 309 Strategy and Assessment is located here:

<http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/GetDocument?docid=5204&DocName=FINAL%20SECTION%20309%20ASSESSMENT%20AND%20STRATEGY%20OF%20PA%26%2339%3bS%20COSTAL%20RESOURCES%20MANAGEMENT%20PROGRAM.PDF%20>

- NOAA Office for Coastal Management - Coastal Zone Enhancement Program:

<https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/enhancement/>



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