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NC Coastal Program Update

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Regulatory Program

- 4 District Offices; Local Permitting Officers

Policy and Planning

- Policy development w/ CRC
- CAMA Land Use Planning
- Coastal Resilience Planning
- Waterfront Access Grants
- Clean Marina Program

Coastal Reserve Program

- 10 Coastal Reserves, including NERR
- Focus on research and education



New DCM Positions



- **Minor Permitting Coordinator – Robb Mairs**
 - Consistent training, outreach, education for LPOs
 - Updating guidance documents, policy and procedures manuals
 - Advising on complex permitting issues, policy and rule updates
 - Coordination of compliance and enforcement related to minor permit violations
 - Contract administration and reporting
- **Field Representative (Morehead City District)**
 - Shifting territories to the south to assist Wilmington office

Upcoming Coastal Resources Commission Meeting



- **Oceanfront setbacks / Beach Management Plans**
 - Final draft rule and fiscal analysis – seeking approval to send to public hearing
- **Inlet Hazard Areas**
 - Seeking fiscal analysis approval
 - Public hearings would be held in each oceanfront county
- **DOT update on Ocracoke / South Dock Ferry Terminal**
- **Parking fees at CAMA Beach Access sites**
 - Can “only be used for operation, maintenance, and enhancement of public access, or the provision of new access”
 - Reports on expenditures required by existing CRC rule
 - Seeking guidance from Commission

Changes to Sediment Criteria



CRC Sediment Criteria 15A NCAC 7H .0312

- Ensures sand used for beach fill matches sand on recipient beach
- 2020 Amendments allow greater flexibility for sampling borrow sites
 - Improve characterization of recipient beach, w/ focus on large material (rocks and shell)
- Requires surveys of 10,000 sf plots centered on each transect (5,000' spacing between transects)
 - Count shell > 3 in. diameter
 - Count sediment > 1 in. diameter
- One-time requirement – data will be available on DCM website



Grants to local governments to meet new requirements

- January 2021 – DCM announced large sediment sampling funding opportunity
 - No match requirement
- 13 applications requesting \$171,390
- Grants range from \$6,000 - \$35,000
- 10 local govts are currently under contract

North Carolina

**RESILIENT
COASTAL
COMMUNITIES
PROGRAM**



NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY



RCCP Vision

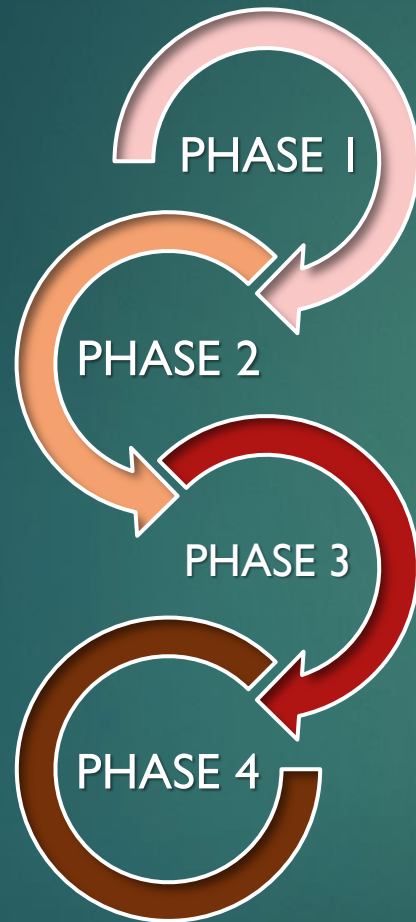


North Carolina has a clear, sustained resilience framework to ensure that all coastal communities have tailored technical support from various partner organizations, strong community engagement, and prioritized, cost-effective projects.

Program Objectives

- **Address barriers to coastal resilience at the local level**
- **Assist communities with risk & vulnerability assessments**
- **Help communities develop portfolio of well-planned and prioritized projects**
- **Advance priority projects to “shovel-ready” status**
- **Link communities to funding streams for project implementation.**

Program Phases



Quantitative &
Qualitative
Risk Assessment

Planning, Project
Selection, and
Prioritization

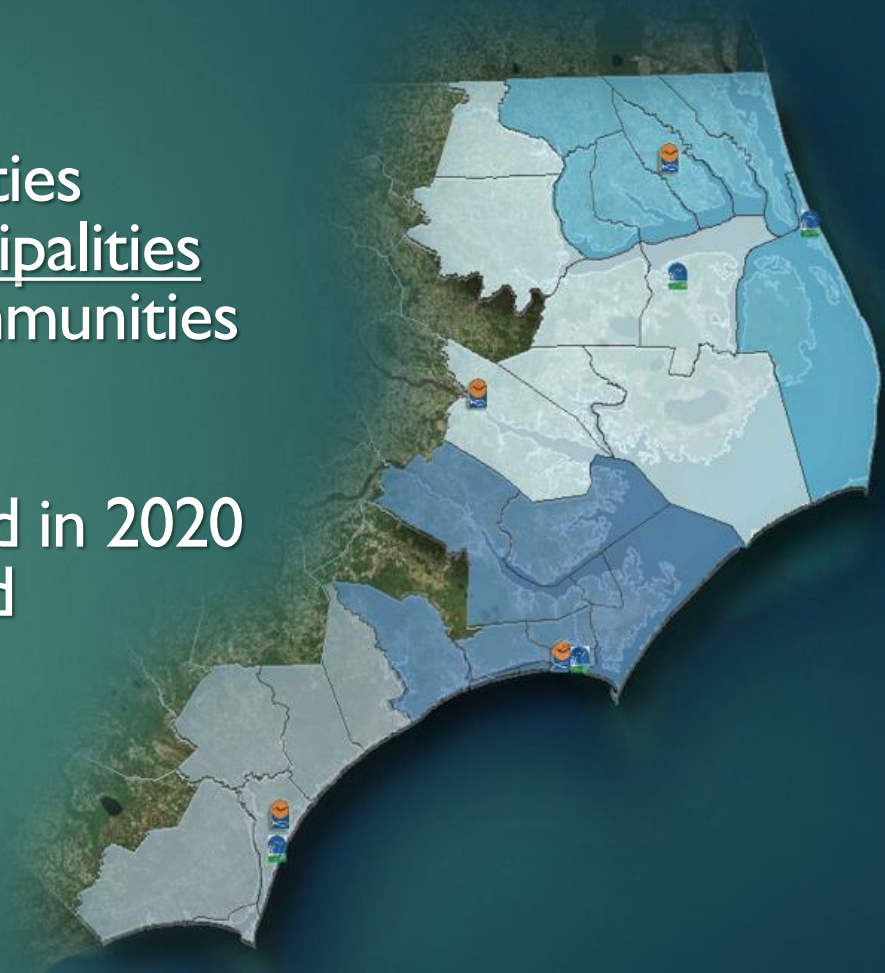
Engineering & Design

Implementation

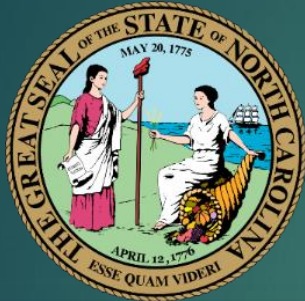
Initial Program Scope (Phases 1 & 2)

20 Counties
98 Municipalities
118 Communities

32 applied in 2020
26 funded



Current Program Funding



\$1,350,000 from S.L. 2019-202 (NC Disaster Recovery Act)



\$1,060,000 competitive award



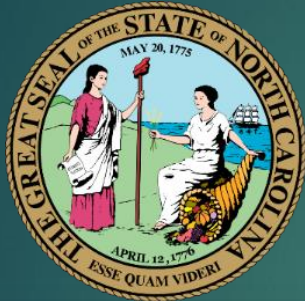
\$500,000 expected in 2021



\$45,000 from NOAA/CZMA

Over \$725K obligated to date

Anticipated Funding in Years 2-3 (2022-2023)



\$1.2M for project engineering & design

\$850K for project
implementation/construction

Only projects ID'd in Phases 1 and 2
eligible for Phases 3-4*

*Some communities can be eligible
based on existing plans

Competitive RFP process

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