

Planning for Resilient Coastal Communities

Service Grant

What is *Planning for Resilient Coastal Communities*?

With generous support from *Michigan's Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program*, the nonprofit Land Information Access Association (LIAA) is collaborating with the University of Michigan, Michigan Technological University, and CZM to help communities develop master plan amendments that result in **greater coastal and community-wide resilience**. These planning efforts focus on ways to build a better and more reliable local economy, manage social and environmental changes, respond to a changing climate with more severe storms, and respond and adapt to dynamic changes in Great Lakes water levels.

Master Plan Amendments for Resilient Coastal Communities

Now in its sixth year, the Coastal Resilience Team (CRT) of project partners will help local governments of select communities move through a truly specialized planning process designed to build capacity to better respond to dynamic coastal processes and hazards.

In each community, the participating government will collaborate in the development and implementation of resilience chapters and/or amendments to the existing master plan, consistent with Michigan's *Planning Enabling Act* (Act 33 of 2008). Alternatively, the CRT can assist in the development of other planning/zoning related documents, such as a shoreline management plan or a thorough coastal land use, flooding and erosion analysis.

Planning for Resilient Coastal Communities will provide experienced planning professionals and a technical support team to work with the selected community. Together, we will create and execute a project work plan that addresses the unique needs of the community. The CRT will help build community-wide participation, provide research and mapping services, perform inventories and analyses, develop interactive educational programs, provide access to statewide climate and coastal experts, facilitate work sessions and public meetings, and assist in drafting the new document.

Cost and Timeframe

CRT services are provided at **no cost** to the selected community thanks to the support of CZM. However, time is limited, as **all planning services must be completed by December 31, 2019**.

How to Become a Participating Community

Please let us know if your community is interested in this unique project. For more information on the Resilient Michigan Program, visit www.resilientmichigan.org. For additional information about *Planning for Resilient Coastal Communities*, please contact Harry Burkholder at LIAA (231-929-3696) or visit www.liaa.org.



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