

Minnesota's Five-Year Evaluation Metrics 2024- 2029

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Goals and Strategies from *Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program 2024 Strategic Plan*

Goal

We deliver the highest quality services possible to ready the coastal area for climate impacts and coastal hazards; clean up streams and rivers; protect unique coastal habitats; enhance public access to Lake Superior and its tributaries; and foster sustainability and resilience.

Strategies

- *Advance partnerships and collaborations:* Build on existing partnerships and collaborations while exploring opportunities to engage new communities in the coastal area.
- *Co-produce data and information:* Strategically partner with collaborators to provide priority data and information products for coastal leaders and professionals to use in their work.
- *Enhance the skills and knowledge of coastal leaders and decision makers:* Support priority growth opportunities for leaders and professionals including NOAA Digital Coast trainings; connections to resources for coastal engineering support; and skill building in identifying, accessing, navigating, and using data.
- *Offer opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and sharing:* Continue to provide spaces for peer-to-peer learning including Climate Conversations and Coastal Hazards of Superior Community of Practice.
- *Nurture relationships among the Coastal Program, Tribal Nations, and partners:* Deepen program staff knowledge in Tribal relations and Tribal history to better support coastal Tribal Nations and Tribal Organizations.
- *Share lessons learned, best practices, and research results:* Provide forums for knowledge transfer such as digital communications and workshops.
- *Leverage network partners:* Work to enhance skills and services of network partners prioritizing program resources to fill in unmet needs and avoid duplication of efforts.

Performance Metrics

1. Number of (a) state-level policies and plans completed; (b) local-level policies and plans completed; (c) projects completed at the state-level; and (d) projects completed at the local-level to reduce future damage from coastal hazards with assistance from CZM funding or staff (*Performance Measure #11*).
2. Number of coastal communities that completed a project to implement a sustainable development plan or polluted runoff management plan with assistance from CZM funding or staff. (*CZMAPMS Performance Measures #13b and 14b*)
3. Number of training events related to government coordination; public access; coastal habitat; coastal hazards; and coastal dependent uses and community development offered by the CZM Program (funding or staff). (*CZMAPMS Performance Measures #4a, 7a, 10a, 12a and 15a*)

Targets

Between 2024 and 2028:

1. Twelve (a) state-level policies and plans completed; (b) local-level policies and plans completed; (c) projects completed at the state-level; and (d) projects completed at the local-level to reduce future damage from coastal hazards with assistance from CZM funding or staff.
 - The target equates to a 20% increase over last cycle of 10 projects.
2. One disadvantaged coastal community will have completed at least one project to implement a sustainable development plan or polluted runoff management plan with assistance from CZM funding or staff.
 - “Disadvantaged coastal communities” in Minnesota include reservations and neighborhoods that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution as identified in the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#). Nine communities meet that definition. They are: (1) Fond du Lac Reservation; (2) Grand Portage Reservation; and (3) the Central Hillside, East Hillside, Fairmont, Fond du Lac, Gary New Duluth, Lincoln Park, and Morgan Park [neighborhoods of Duluth](#).
3. Sixty training events related to government coordination; public access; coastal habitat; coastal hazards; and coastal dependent uses and community development offered by the CZM Program (funding or staff).
 - The target equates to 12 trainings per year, a slight increase over the last cycle given our success.