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FACT SHEET

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Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study Multipurpose Watershed study

Section 729 of the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, as amended
General Investigations

Location

- 5,200 miles of shoreline within the Great Lakes states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York)

Project Description

- Inventory of relevant existing coastal data, gap analysis and recommendation for future collection
- Identification of problems and opportunities related to coastal resiliency
- Assessment of risk and vulnerability within the natural and human coastal environment
- Identification of a range of measures to address problems and opportunities within identified vulnerable coastal areas, and
- A completed "Great Lakes Programmatic Coastal Resiliency Plan".

Importance

- A comprehensive watershed plan is needed to assess coastal vulnerability over a wide range of potential future conditions including climate variability, landuse development, watershed loadings and invasive species.
- The watershed plan will serve as a blueprint for future investment and management of the Great Lakes coast.

Consequence

- Without the development of an integrated programmatic Great Lakes coastal resiliency plan, federal, state, county and local jurisdictions will continue to be affected by the major stressors affecting the study area and will continue to address these problems through a piecemeal approach, which is both inefficient and limited in effectiveness.

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY17	FY18 Budget	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Budget
Watershed study	\$9M	\$0	\$0	\$1.2M	TBD

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Eight Great Lakes States (Coastal Zone Managers)

Congressional Interests

- All Great Lakes Members of Congress

Current Status

- Study is unfunded/uninitiated
- Coordination is ongoing with State's Coastal Zone Managers and NOAA, USGS, FEMA and USEPA to refine scope of work and work plan
- USACE FY19 Budget Request is pending

Issues

- None



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