



Announcement of Coastal and Estuarine Land Acquisition Funding Opportunities



The Michigan Coastal Management Program (MCMP) within the Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for coastal land acquisition projects (fee simple interest or conservation easement) that further the objectives of Michigan's Draft Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program.

It is expected that federal funds will become available for the purpose of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses, giving priority to lands that can be effectively managed and protected and that have significant ecological value. Project proposals will be scored and ranked by the MCMP and up to 3 projects will be submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for participation in the national competition. Any funding appropriated by Congress will be allocated subsequent to the national ranking. Applications must be hand-delivered to the MCMP by 4:00 p.m., **February 13, 2009**, or postmarked no later than **February 13, 2009**.

Additional information and the RFP is available on the MCMP web site: www.michigan.gov/deqcoastal, or by contacting Ms. Ginny Berry, berryv@michigan.gov or at 517-335-3168.