

Engineering With Nature Case Examples of Practice

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Organizational Perspective

- The Office for Coastal Management is the nation's federal lead for coastal management activities.
- The emphasis is on a partnership approach with all sectors, striving to find the best approach for addressing coastal issues.
- Major initiatives include the National Coastal Zone Management Program, the Coral Reef Conservation Program, the Digital Coast, and the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.
- All pieces have a role to play in promoting green or natural infrastructure for resilience to coastal hazards.



Current Projects

CZMA Partnerships



Digital Coast



Coastal Green Infrastructure

Data | Tools | Training | Case Studies

Other Recent Initiatives

- Regional Coastal Resilience Grants
- Coastal Resilience Networks Grants

Current Projects

CZMA Partnerships:

- National Coastal Zone Management Program
- National Estuarine Research Reserves
 - NERRS Science Collaborative



Current Projects

Digital Coast:

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Green Infrastructure Mapping Guide



This guide supports spatial analysts mapping green infrastructure for resilience to coastal hazards. The guide helps analysts incorporate green infrastructure strategies into a GIS work plan, and rank and prioritize green infrastructure for their study area.


Ways to use this guide:

- Use the **work plan** to follow an example project and see how a spatial analyst looks at multiple criteria to generate a final prioritization layer.
- At each step, track a **case study** to see how others have approached the work, or access **detailed guidance** for completing the step.
- View or download **worksheets and templates** that will make the job easier. Access **related resources** or full case study reports.

[Get Started](#)


Not familiar with green infrastructure?
Watch this short animation to see how green infrastructure supports coastal communities.






A Guide to Assessing Green Infrastructure Costs and Benefits for Flood Reduction

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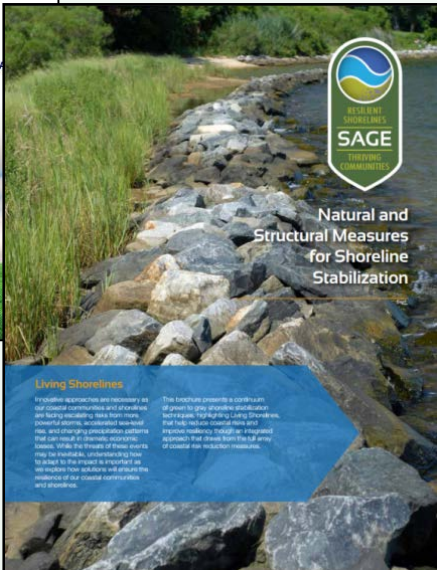


Natural and Structural Measures for Shoreline Stabilization

Living Shorelines

Living shoreline approaches are necessary as our coastal communities and ecosystems are being reshaped by sea level rise, increased storms, accelerated sea level rise, and changing precipitation patterns that are linked to climate change. Living shorelines include a variety of natural, structural, and hybrid measures that are designed to replicate the natural and effective processes of our coastal communities and ecosystems.

This brochure presents a continuum of ways to play a variety of natural, structural, hybrid, and living shoreline approaches. It is designed to help coastal communities and ecosystems that are looking for ways to stabilize their shorelines and protect their communities.



coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/topics/green-infrastructure

Significant Outcomes/Value Produced

- Better coordination within NOAA and other agencies



Challenges

- State/local policies and regulatory structure
- Education and outreach on value living shorelines/GI and acceptable approaches
- Clear design guidelines



Future Opportunities

- Stronger partnerships
- Better coordination
- Revisions to state/local policies and regulatory structures
- Continued education
- Additional guidance

