

Coastal Zone Canada Conference 2016

Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide



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ASFPM Mission

Reduce the losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding.



and...



Protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains without impacting the property rights of others.

Map of the United States showing state membership in NORFMA and FMA. Most states are blue, indicating membership in NORFMA. A few states are purple, indicating membership in FMA. Pennsylvania (PA) is highlighted in yellow, indicating membership in both. Labels for NORFMA and FMA are placed near the West Coast. A line points from the text '6,100 members' to the map.

9,000 Certified Floodplain Managers

State Assoc. & Pending Chapters



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Guidance for using Digital Coast & local data and tools

Online & Interactive Guide

- Link natural hazards, climate adaptation & resilience planning/management in coastal watersheds
- Provide “locally relevant” data, science & outreach to promote natural hazard resilience
- Develop work flows and case studies
- Link directly with essential data, tools, reports, ordinances, people



MORE THAN JUST DATA

Dive into the Digital Coast to Get the Data, Tools, and Training Communities Need to Address Coastal Issues.



What is Digital Coast?

This NOAA-sponsored website is focused on helping communities address coastal issues and has become one of the most-used resources in the coastal management community. The dynamic Digital Coast Partnership, whose members represent the website's primary user groups, keeps the effort focused on customer needs.

Learn more in our About section, or just dive in. And please provide feedback as often as possible. Hearing from you is what makes the Digital Coast work.

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3. Economics: National Ocean Watch
4. Electronic Nautical Charts
5. Emergency Response Imagery

Partners & Collaborators

Digital Coast Partnership

- NOAA Office for Coastal Mgmt
- American Planning Association
- ASFPM
- Coastal States Organization
- National Association of Counties
- National Estuarine Research Reserve Association
- National States Geographic Information Council
- The Nature Conservancy
- Urban Land Institute

Collaborators

- Pilot - 6 Wisconsin Counties
- WI Sea Grant
- University of Wisconsin Extension

Additional Influences

- NOAA GLERL
- Great Lakes Sea Grant Network
- Regional Planning Commissions
- State Floodplain Programs
- Great Lakes Commission



Why Build It?

User Needs – Inputs from the region

- GLERL Tech. Memorandum 153
 - Process-based
- APA, NACo Surveys
- OCM Technical Meeting
- Focus Groups – 4 webinars
- Site Visits – 3 to 5 planned
 - Include County LIO Officer
- Federal Interagency Floodplain Management Task Force



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Issue-based Search

Resource-based Search



Case Study Elements

- **Awareness** (introduction)
 - What is the issue or challenge to be addressed?
- **Understanding** (data & information)
 - What do we need to understand the issue?
- **Analysis** (information & knowledge)
 - How do we bring it all together to make choices?
- **Strategies** (decisions & applied knowledge)
 - How do we implement or support actions?

Case Study – “Minimizing Bluff Top Development Risk”

Minimizing Bluff Top Development Risk

🏠 > Case Studies > Land Use & Zoning > Minimizing Bluff Top Development Risk

Objective: Explain bluff erosional processes, the factors that cause and exacerbate it, and the risks associated with building too close to the bluff. Identify tools and resources that communities can use to communicate and establish sustainable setback standards, thereby preventing purchase and development of at-risk private properties.

Authors: Bridget Faust and Jeffrey D. Stone, Association of State Floodplain Managers

Publication Date: October 10, 2014

Revision Date: May, 2016

Update Note: Since this study was written in 2014, the bluffs along the Lake Michigan shore have remained stable. The recently rising Lake Michigan water level has not yet had a noticeable effect, although Ozaukee County officials anticipate that continued high water levels will have an effect on the bluffs over time. In some places within the county the higher lake level has eliminated the beach, with water now reaching the toe of the bluff. Also, a paragraph explaining the existing 2006 Ozaukee County Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning Ordinance which specifies setback requirements on the bluffs has been added to the “Regulation” part of the final section in this case study, “Strategies to Reduce Risk.”

Awareness

Understanding

Analysis

Strategy

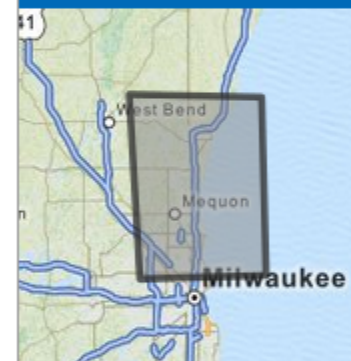
Ozaukee County, just 25 miles north of Milwaukee, is located along Wisconsin's southeastern shore. As is typical of the coastal counties of most Great Lakes states, the soils in Ozaukee County are composed of sand, gravel, clay, and claylike material called till. These soil layers were deposited when the lakes were carved by the glaciers, leaving behind extensive sloping bluffs which reach from the sandy beach to as high as 140 feet above lake level ([A Multi-Jurisdictional](#)



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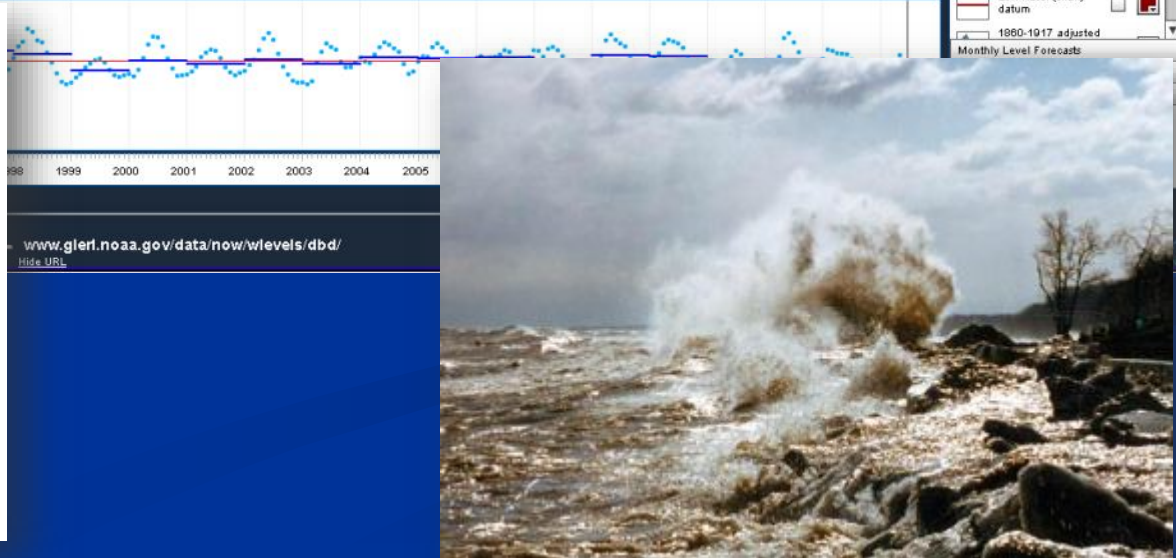
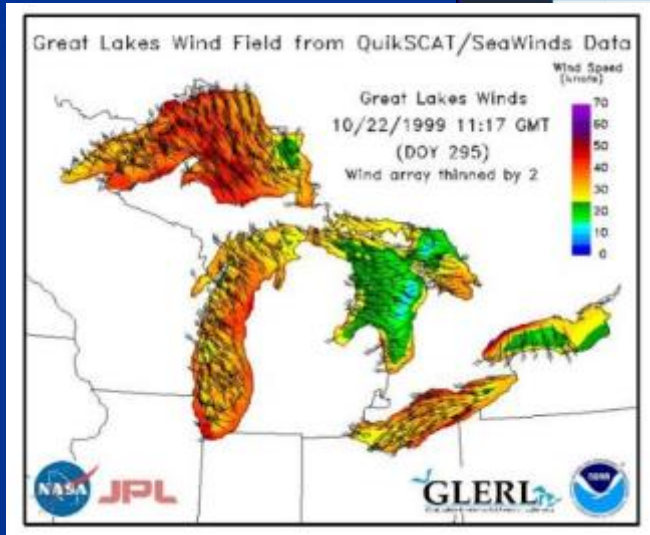
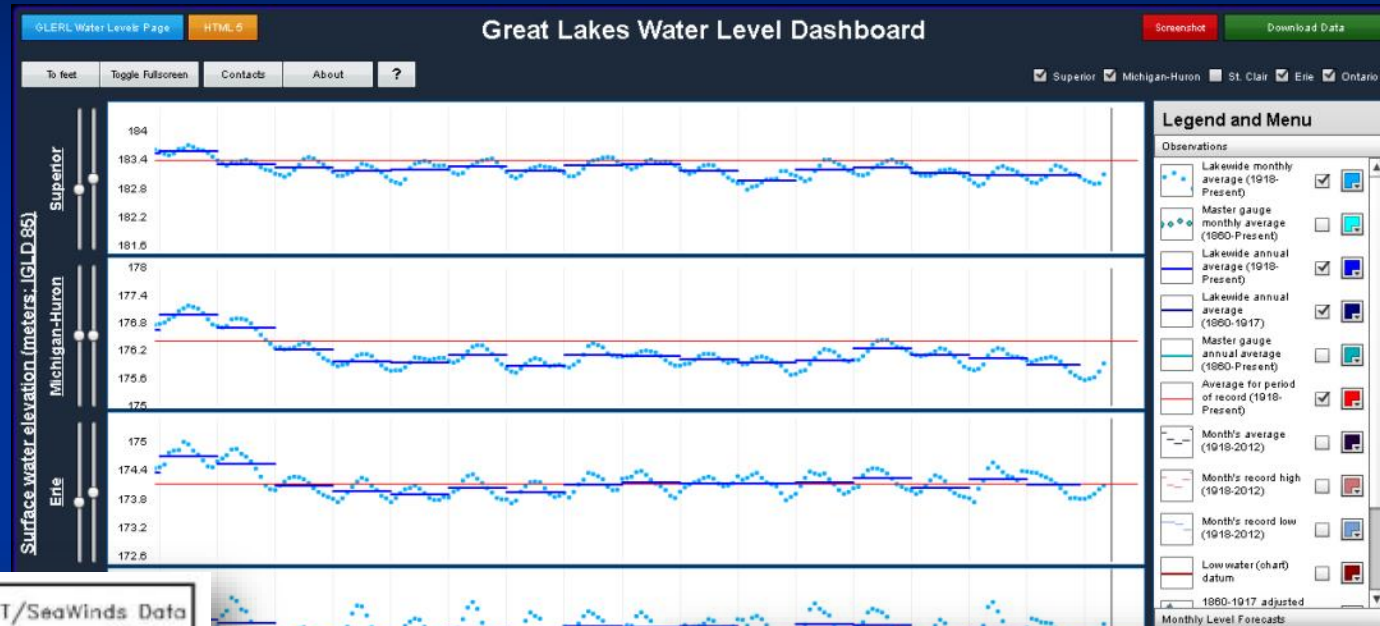
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Awareness – Bluff Erosion

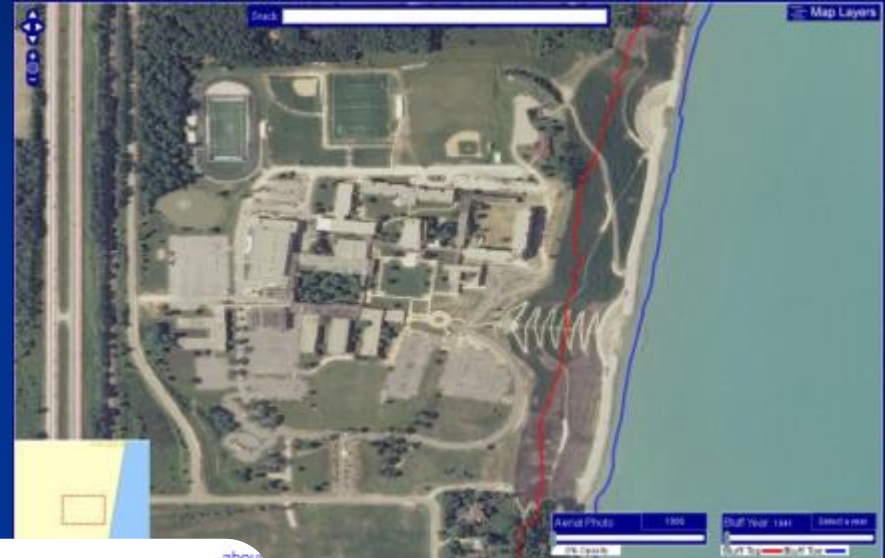


Understanding – Bluff Erosion

- Wave Action
- Lake Levels
- Surface Runoff
- Ground Water
- Geology



Analysis – Bluff Erosion



Step #1 Step #2

Step 1) Find Stable Slope Angle

Simple Bluff ☒ Complex Bluff

1.) Upper Section

Bluff Height (ft) 50

Bluff Length (ft) 70

Current Bluff Angle (deg.) 45

Stable Bluff Angle (deg.) 30

2.) Lower Section

Bluff Height (ft) 100

Bluff Length (ft) 200

Current Bluff Angle (deg.) 30

Stable Bluff Angle (deg.) 22

Stable Angle Setback (ft) 110

calculate reset

Stable Angle Setback =

$$\left(\text{Upper Bluff Height} \times \left(\frac{1}{\tan(\text{current upper bluff angle})} - \frac{1}{\tan(\text{stable upper bluff angle})} \right) \right) +$$
$$\left(\text{Lower Bluff Height} \times \left(\frac{1}{\tan(\text{current lower bluff angle})} - \frac{1}{\tan(\text{stable lower bluff angle})} \right) \right)$$

Shoreline Location
Recession Rates

- 1941 – 2010

Stable Slope Angle
Setback Calculation

Case Study – “Minimizing Bluff Top Development Risk”

Strategy – Bluff Erosion



Analysis & Reporting
Model Ordinances
Risk Communication

Developing a Legally Defensible Setback Ordinance for Bayfield County, Wisconsin

June 15, 2011

Karl Kastrosky¹, Scott Galetka², David Mickelson³, Lisa David⁴

Introduction

Note: All supporting materials except the 1976 study are provided on a DVD accompanying this report.

The study of erosion along the Lake Superior shoreline began in the 1970s with an analysis of bluff materials, shoreline recession rates, and additional information collected in a survey published by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (Need, et al., 1976). This study covered the shoreline from the City of Superior to Bark Point in Bayfield County.



Calculate a setback

Setbacks are calculated using:

1. useful life of structure
2. toe recession rate
3. stable slope angle distance

Use the calculation tool below to enter these factors and determine different building setback distances.

Simple Bluff

1.) Structure Life

Local Regulation (ft) 25

2.) Stable Slope Angle

Bluff Height (ft) 100

Current Bluff Angle (deg.) 30

Stable Bluff Angle (deg.) 22

Stable Angle Setback (ft) 74

3.) Recession

Recession Rate (ft/yr) 2

Recession Setback: 50yrs (ft) 100

Total Setback Distance (ft) 199

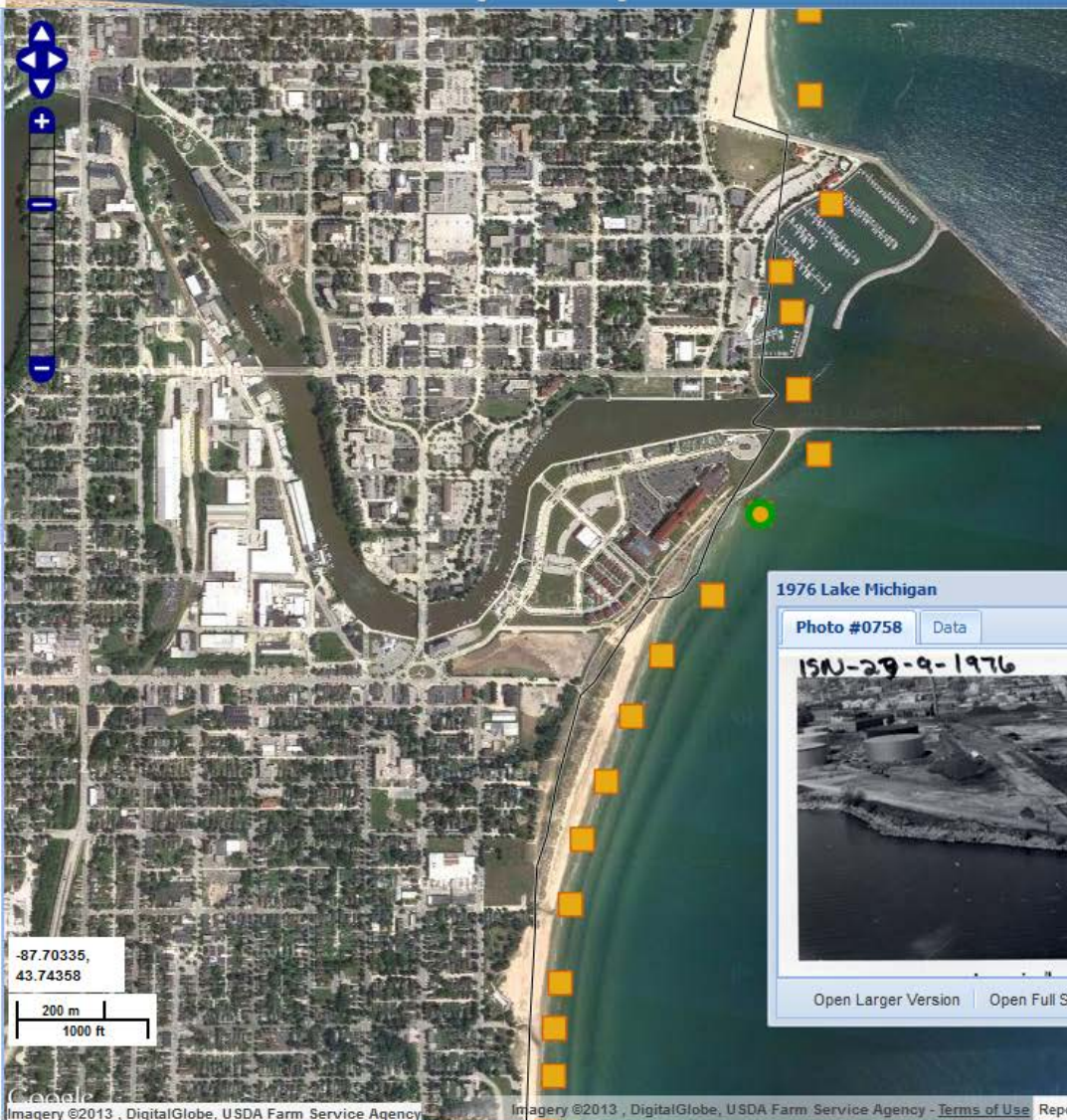
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Layer List

- Photos & Shoreline Classification
 - 1976-78 Shoreline Inventory
 - ☒ 1976-78 Photos
 - ☐ 1976-78 Shore Structure
 - ☐ 1976-78 Beach Protection
 - ☐ 1976-78 Bluff Condition
 - 2007-08 Shoreline Inventory
 - ☒ 2007-08 Photos
 - ☐ 2007-08 Shore Structure
 - ☐ 2007-08 Beach Protection
 - ☐ 2007-08 Bluff Condition
- Boundaries
- Google Base Layers
 - ☐ Google Physical
 - ☐ Google Streets
 - ☐ Google Hybrid
 - ☒ Google Satellite

Legend

- 1976-78 Photos
 -
- 2007-08 Photos
 -
- Wisconsin Counties
 -



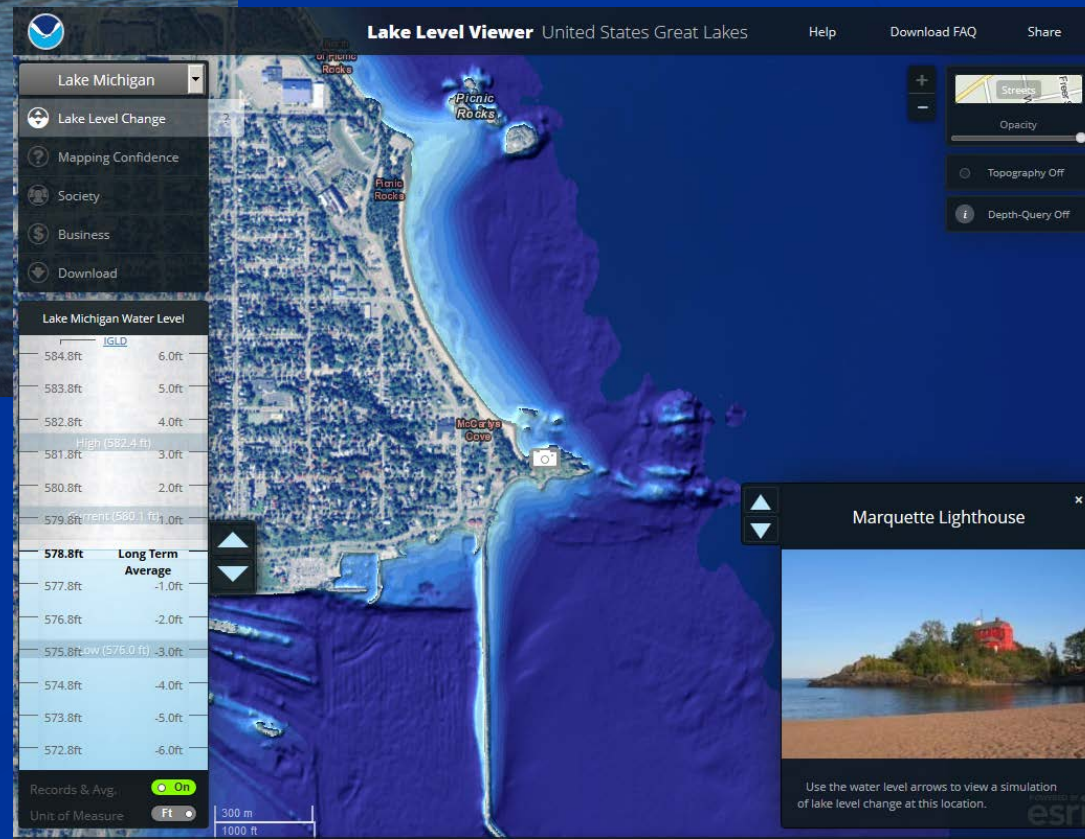
Case Study – Brown County, WI



Visualizing Coastal Flood Hazards and Lake Levels

CanVis – Photo Simulation Software

Lake Level Viewer



Case Study – St. Joseph, MI



Don't build along shoreline

■ That's what St. Joe city planners are recommending. It could be a first in Michigan.

Story Comments

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Posted: Friday, September 7, 2012 6:00 am

By JOHN MATUSZAK - H-P Staff Writer | 0 comments

ST. JOSEPH - The St. Joseph Planning Commission Thursday recommended that city commissioners adopt a no-build zone along the lakeshore north of the St. Joseph River to protect homeowners from encroaching water and to preserve the beach for the public.

"SECTION 9.7 "EB-OD" EDGEWATER BEACH OVERLAY DISTRICT

9.7.1 Intent. The Edgewater Beach Overlay District (EB-OD) is an overlay District intended to preserve the character of the public trust land along the shore of Lake Michigan, which is found to be a valuable public resource of the community, to prevent damage to the public trust land and to prevent damage to private property.

Based on the record presented the City further finds that the beach and property area near the shoreline is subject to submergence and erosion during periods of higher Lake Michigan water levels and resulting from weather conditions. It has been demonstrated that current state and federal development standards for the Lake Michigan shoreline, such as the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) and the Base Flood Elevation, do not ensure that property shoreward of those locations is protected from erosion, inundation, or damage during such periods of time and/or weather events. The OHWM is not intended to reflect these periods of peril, and the Base Flood Elevation is a still water elevation that does not take into account the effect of wave action. The City further understands that revised federal floodplain regulations are being developed to take into account additional environmental factors such as waves and to provide an improved standard of floodplain development protection, but implementation of these regulations will not likely occur for several years.



City of St. Joseph Coastal Engineering Study

August 17, 2012

Edgewater
resources



Additional Case Studies

- *Combating Invasive Species to Protect Recreation Jobs*
Les Cheneaux Watershed, MI
- *Climate Consideration for Habitat Restorations*
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, OH
- *Economic Valuation of Port Infrastructure*
Toledo, OH
- *Prioritizing Locations for Wetland Restoration*
Sheboygan County, WI
- *Resilient Stormwater Planning Takes Time and Pays Off*
Toledo, OH
- *Assessing Coastal Wetland Pressures*
Georgian Bay, ON
- *Conservation Habitat through Shoreline Management*
Elgin County, ON



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