

Lake Michigan Coastal Resilience Initiative Announces Initial Projects

Over the past year, the Cities Initiative has been partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on the Lake Michigan Coastal Resilience Initiative (LMCRI) to identify coastal resilience projects across the Lake Michigan basin and support municipalities in their efforts to build out plans for coastal resilience projects via training and technical assistance. The initiative is specifically focused on supporting the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), including the habitat and species goals in the GLRI Action Plan III.

Last winter, the initiative received over 25 proposals from 17 communities and evaluated them to ultimately select two projects to receive engineering and design support. The two projects are the **Lincoln Park South Lagoon Shoreline Resilience** project proposed by the Chicago Park District and the **Bayfront East Livable Shoreline and Trail Modification** proposed by the City of Petoskey, Michigan. The next phase of the initiative will be kicked off with these two project proposers to advance them through the next phase of the project.

A group of approximately eight projects has been shortlisted for potential additional funding for engineering and design support later in 2022 or in 2023. The projects that are shortlisted have been notified separately and some additional information about them may be gathered in the coming months.

More Information:

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