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CELCP Project Eligibility

Prospective projects eligible for competitive funding must:

- Be in a state, trust territory, or commonwealth with a federally-approved coastal zone management (CZM) program or National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Be in a state that has developed a CELCP Plan for NOAA approval
- Complement working waterfront needs and advance the goals, objectives, or implementation of federal, regional, state, or local coastal management plans, including the state's CELCP plan, CZM program, and other applicable plans
- Be submitted by an eligible public entity, i.e., state agency, local government, or other authority, such as a park district
- Provide for [non-federal] public ownership in perpetuity
- Provide non-federal matching resources in the form of cash or in-kind contributions, at a ratio of 1:1

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See other side for information on 2009 CELCP projects.

SAVING OUR TREASURED PLACES COASTAL AND ESTUARINE LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Through its Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP, pronounced “kelp”), NOAA has provided more than \$200 million to states, territories, and local governments to protect valuable coastal and estuarine lands. More than 50,000 acres of coastal land with significant ecological, historical, and recreational value and natural beauty have been protected through CELCP.

Why protect coastal lands?

- Coastal lands are essential for flood protection, water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation, and coastal economies.
- Maintaining coastal land in its natural state may protect coastal communities from sea level rise and more frequent storms.
- More than 50 percent of the U.S. population lives on our coasts. Millions of people visit every year.
- Our coastal population is expected to grow by 27 million over the next 15 years.
- An estimated 59,000 acres of coastal wetlands in the eastern U.S. alone are being converted to developed areas every year.

CELCP

- Provides funds to states and communities to purchase threatened coastal land, or interests in coastal land.
- Brings together conservation partners to help federal dollars go farther. CELCP may grant up to \$3M per project, which is matched 1:1 with non-federal funds.
- Helps protect land that benefits the National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs).
- Protects coastal habitat, wildlife, recreation and beauty in perpetuity.

CELCP Legislative Drivers

- CELCP was established in FY 2002 as a companion to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA).
- The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 authorizes Congress to appropriate \$60 million to CELCP annually.

2009 CELCP Projects

The following CELCP projects were selected for funding in 2009. They are examples of the types of projects the program supports each year.



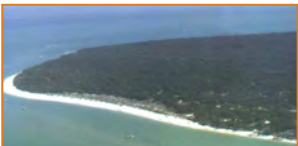
- Crow's Nest, Phase 2, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. This project led to the protection of 1,100 acres of wetlands and forests in one of the Chesapeake Bay's most imperiled natural areas. Part of an effort that will eventually conserve more than 2,800 acres in the area, this property includes important habitat for fish and wildlife, expanses of unfragmented forest, and many nature-based recreation and research opportunities.



- San Miguel Natural Reserve, Phase 2, Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources. This acquisition will protect 162 acres in Puerto Rico's ecologically valuable Northeastern Ecological Corridor (NEC). Protecting this land will enhance coral reef and mangrove protection, preserve habitat for numerous threatened and endangered species, including nesting grounds for the leatherback sea turtle, and provide links to existing conservation areas.



- Great Neck Conservation, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Through this project, a conservation easement over 95 acres on the coast of Wareham, Massachusetts will be acquired to provide habitat protection, water quality enhancement, public access to coastal resources, and scenic views as well as preservation of the local community's coastal heritage.



- Cayo Costa State Park, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Located on a chain of barrier islands with unique tropical habitat, including habitat for the endangered loggerhead sea turtle. The project will protect 3.5 acres of shorefront property in the 2,416-acre Cayo Costa State Park. It will expand the existing protected area to increase protection for wildlife species and public, nature-based recreational opportunities.



- Merrymeeting Bay, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Acquiring 114 acres of tidal and freshwater marshes in the Kennebec River Estuary through this project will protect important habitat for numerous waterfowl, fish, and other species, provide recreational opportunities for the local community, and preserve one of coastal Maine's most scenic vistas.



- Peconic Estuary - Reeves Bay, Phase 2, Town of Southampton, New York. This project will protect 17 acres of woods and wetlands within the Reeves Bay Complex, in the watershed of the federally designated Peconic Estuary Program. Part of an effort to protect 50-plus acres in the region, this land provides high quality habitat for local flora and fauna, links existing conservation lands, and preserves historic views.



- Kiket Island Phase 1, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Protecting these 46 acres on Kiket and Fidalgo Islands is part of a larger effort to protect more than 90 acres in the area. This acquisition will preserve unique intact island habitats, salmon spawning and nursery grounds, and nature-based recreational opportunities. Ultimately, the project lands will be added to Washington's Deception Pass State Park.



- Guana-Tolomato-Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTM NERR), Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The preservation of these 19 acres of fragile coastal hummock uplands will provide opportunities for public, nature-based recreation and enhance preservation of historical and cultural sites.



- Sellman Property at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. This three-acre parcel adjacent to the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, will help protect key spawning areas for several species of Chesapeake Bay finfish and provide educational opportunities and enhanced public access to the area.

CELCP is administered by NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.