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STRATEGY: Administrative Actions: Data Collection, Indicator Development, Program Changes and the 2010 Coastal Needs Assessment and Strategy
CATEGORY: Program Implementation

Summary

The Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program will address several key administrative actions under this strategy in order to meet NOAA requirements. To meet current NOAA requirements for semiannual reporting on public access sites for the National Coastal Management Performance Measurement System, an online database will be developed to map, evaluate, and prioritize public access needs by tracking the location, type of access, and current management of public access within Virginia's coastal zone. In addition, similar online databases will be developed to track spatial and non-spatial data related to coastal water quality and coastal habitat performance measures, significantly improving gaps in coordination between governmental and other entities doing water quality or habitat restoration projects. Initial reporting on water quality and habitat indicators is scheduled to begin in October, 2007. Similarly, databases for coastal hazards and community development and coastal dependent uses will be developed to meet the October, 2008 deadline. To adequately document program changes to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, resources are allocated for contractual services to the Environmental Law Institute. Priorities for program change submission to NOAA will be identified by January, 2007 through consultation with environmental impact review staff at the Department of Environmental Quality and with the Coastal Policy Team. In addition, it is anticipated that contractual services will be required to conduct the next Coastal Needs Assessment and Strategy in 2010. Through this strategy it may also become necessary to fund VA CZM staff working on CSI or other strategies should Section 306 funds remain level or are reduced over the next 5 years.

Enforceable Polices/Outcomes

- A centralized, publicly available, geospatial map and database of access sites for planning/management efforts
- Documentation to NOAA of proposed changes to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program
- 2010 Coastal Needs Assessment and Strategy.
- Staff support to manage Section 309 Strategies.

Tasks

Tasks	Timeframe	Est. Budget
Task 1: Develop online, centralized databases for non-spatial and spatial (GIS) data for information on public access, coastal water quality, and coastal habitat (especially restoration) efforts in Virginia. These databases will also be used for completing semiannual reports to NOAA for the National Performance Measurement System.	Year 1 \$43,000 Year 2 \$50,000 Year 3 \$50,000	\$143,000
Task 2: Contract with the Environmental Law Institute for development of Program Changes.	\$20k per year for each of first 4 years	\$80,000
Task 3: Research and prepare the 2010 Coastal Needs Assessment & Strategy.	Year 5	\$40,000
Task 4: Funding of VA CZM office staff to manage this and other Section 309 strategies.	Year 5	\$50,000
Total		\$313,000

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total Request
\$63,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$20,000	\$90,000	\$313,000