Blue Accounting

DEVELOP A COASTAL WETLAND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Align regional knowledge and capacity with shared goals to create change.

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- Develop and pursue a plan to fill science and knowledge gaps
- Establish and promote best management practices for coastal wetland conservation
- Design decision tools and programs that help coordinate management activities and align and direct funding to priority sites

HOW WE'RE DOING IT

- **Develop a plan to implement the right practices in the right places.** The pilot Landscape Conservation Design for Saginaw Bay through Western Lake Erie will identify priority areas for coastal wetland projects. Data and decision support tools compiled by the GLCA and partners will inform the kinds of actions necessary to achieve goals in those priority areas. The GLCA is also seeking input from partners in identifying opportunities for future coastal wetland conservation; you can provide this input through the [Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Restoration Opportunities Geoform](#).

- **Develop and pursue a plan to fill science and knowledge gaps.** Throughout the Landscape Conservation Design process and through sharing information among coastal wetland restoration projects, the GLCA and partners will identify gaps in knowledge and data and engage universities and agency scientists in filling those gaps.

- **Establish and promote best management practices for coastal wetland conservation.** Agencies and organizations in the GLCA are committed to coordinating in pursuit of filling science gaps and implementing conservation activities. Blue Accounting will enhance this coordination by enabling more effective sharing of data, knowledge, and information.

- **Design decision tools and programs that help coordinate management activities and align and direct funding to priority sites.** The GLCA is engaging funders of restoration, including the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and others, to support projects that can demonstrate contributions towards achievement of shared goals. The Landscape Conservation Design for Saginaw Bay to Western Lake Erie – and others to follow – will provide a roadmap for funders. Decision support tools including the [Coastal Wetland Decision Support Tool](#) and the [Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Restoration Assessment](#) are already recognized by funders for this purpose.

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