

## INCLUDE SOCIOECONOMIC BENEFITS OF GREAT LAKES COASTAL WETLANDS IN CONSERVATION PLANNING.

- Evidence for economic and social benefits provided by Great Lakes coastal wetlands can be an important driver of investments
- Documenting this vital connection supports the decision to protect or restore wetlands to their original function

### Goals Linked To This Strategy

Including socioeconomic benefits aligns with our Goals 3 and 4:

Goal 3: Support sustainable economic and social benefits complementary to ecological benefits

Goal 4: People in the Great Lakes recognize benefits of, and engage in the protection, restoration and conservation of coastal wetlands.

- Connecting the value of wetlands to social and economic factors is critical to garnering support for policies that protect or restore them
- As the value and benefits to people are recognized, support for wetland conservation may appeal to a wider audience

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### Metrics For This Strategy

- At this time, we are developing a socioeconomic metric that correlates the presence of coastal wetlands with flooding mitigation, a service that was identified as high-ranking in concern for coastal communities using a decision support tool.

*Additional socioeconomic metrics for coastal wetlands will be added as they are developed.*

### Related Investments

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

INVESTMENT

**GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE**

Updated on: December 21 2020

The [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative](#) (GLRI) is a multi-agency collaboration that provides funding to federal agencies that work to protect and restore the Great Lakes. Both United States and Canadian

agencies have been the recipients of GLRI funding across a broad scope of projects.

The GLRI Action Plan III for fiscal years 2020-2024 focuses on five important categories:

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### INVESTMENT

## ECOACTION COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM

Updated on: January 3 2021

EcoAction Community Funding Program (EcoAction) is a national program that funds local action-based projects that produce measurable, positive effects on the environment.

The maximum EcoAction funding is \$100,000 per project; the minimum funding amount request is \$25,000 per project for a maximum duration of 36 months. A minimum of 50% of the total project value must

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