

## **Coastal Resources Management Program Grant Application Period Now Open**

The Coastal Resources Management Program will begin accepting grant applications for FY2015 projects on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and continue through Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> until 4:00pm. Non-profit organizations, schools and universities, local government organizations, authorities and state agencies are all encouraged to apply until the current grant round closes.

These grants, largely funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), are awarded to non-profit and government entities in Erie County that border Pennsylvania's 76 miles of coastal lands or have a direct impact on water quality in our area.

Coastal Zone Management Grants are intended to support programs that measure the impact of various pollution sources, improve public access, preserve habitat, and educate the public on the benefits of the state's coastal zones. Several types of projects are fundable including research, education, planning, acquisition, design and construction.

To assist with the grant process, Erie County Planning and CRM will be hosting two grant solicitation workshops on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center in Room 110 at 10am and 6pm. These workshops will provide information and instruction on how to apply to the CRM grant program.

For more information on awarded, and future, grants please contact the Julia Donahue, Erie County Department of Planning, at 814-451-6018 or [jedonahue@eriecountygov.org](mailto:jedonahue@eriecountygov.org).

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