What is ASBPA?

The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing our coasts by merging science and public policy.

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ASBPA was founded in 1926 by academics and government officials who recognized the need for an organized effort to combat coastal erosion, a serious problem in many coastal areas. Founding members advocated for congressional legislation authorizing federal participation in shore protection and creating the Beach Erosion Board (predecessor to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Coastal Engineering Research Board).

ASBPA’s membership spans the globe. Members include:

- Elected and appointed government officials
- Coastal engineers, geologists and biologists
- University professors and researchers
- Coastal regulators on the local, state and federal level
- Coastal property owners and business owners
- Hospitality and tourism officials
- Libraries
- Environmental agencies and interests
- Anyone committed to the future of the coast

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Why do we care about coasts?

Our beaches are a national treasure, providing numerous and wide-ranging benefits:

**Storm protection:** A healthy beach reduces coastal storm damages to communities, infrastructure, and transportation corridors. The result is less flooding and erosion and more rapid recovery of coastal resources.

**Environment:** Beaches and coastal areas provide valuable habitats for a wide variety of ecosystems and species. When the shore erodes, habitat and cultural resources such as sea turtle and shore-bird nesting sites and archeological sites can be submerged.

**Economic:** America’s coast is a magnet for people who want to live and play on the beach. More than 50 percent of Americans live within 50 miles of the coast. Healthy and beautiful coasts are a major draw for tourists from across the nation and the world, generating billions of dollars in revenues annually and creating thousands of jobs.

**Recreation:** Beaches are our largest playgrounds, with more recreational use than all our national parks combined.

What does joining ASBPA do for you?

- A subscription to *Shore & Beach*, ASBPA’s peer-reviewed technical journal since 1933
- Professional development in many areas:
  - Coastal science & engineering
  - Planning
  - Funding
  - Resilience
  - Networking opportunities
- Participation at the national level:
  - Science and Technology
  - Government Affairs
- Participation at the chapter level:
  - Northeast
  - Central Atlantic
  - Texas
  - Great Lakes
  - California
  - Hawai‘i
  - Student involvement
- Discounts for our national events:
  - Coastal Summit in Washington, DC, every February
  - National Coastal Conference every October