

# A 2020 Vision for Our Coast

## **Congress**

- Infrastructure, restoration and research funding

### **Invest in coastal resilience to protect communities**

- Maintain or increase appropriations for coastal programs at USACE, NOAA, USGS and BOEM;
- Fund natural infrastructure.

### **Provide long-term coastal funding from coastal and offshore development**

- Lease fees for any offshore energy production (oil/gas or renewable) should fund coastal resilience.

### **Pass a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)**

- Advance Regional Sediment Management;
- Modify Benefit-Cost-Ratio to fully calculate benefits of natural infrastructure.

## ■ Getting projects completed

### **Fund regulatory agencies**

- Increase appropriations to USACE, NMFS, USFWS and EPA regulatory programs

## ■ Regional resilience

### **Authorize and fund USACE regional coastal studies**

- Fund a Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Study (GLCRS);
- Authorize a Pacific Coast Resilience Study.

## **Federal agencies**

- Infrastructure, restoration and research funding

### **Expedite appropriated funding going to coastal projects**

- Establish a transparent process to identify funding status of coastal projects

### **Request coastal funding commensurate to the challenges faced**

- Maintain or increase budgets for coastal programs at USACE, NOAA, USGS, BOEM and other federal agencies.

## ■ Getting projects completed

### **Expedite regulatory and permitting timeframes**

- Reduce bureaucratic delays in its approval process;
- Collaborate to develop programmatic biological opinions for beach nourishment.

### **Advance beneficial use of dredged material (BUDM) and RSM**

- Construct the BUDM pilot projects;
- Calculate the full value of sediment in calculating the Federal Standard.

### **Collaborate with state agencies and stakeholders on project implementation**

- Participate in a pre-application meeting, and develop and adhere to a project timetable;
- Engage private industry when the feds do not have the capacity to complete a project.

## ■ Regional resilience

- Restore the Gulf Coast
- Advance the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study (NACCS)
- Complete the South Atlantic Coastal Study and begin a Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Study (GLCRS)
- Begin assessing need for Pacific Coast Resilience Study

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