

BEACH MANAGEMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Program Purpose

- Work with state, federal, and local governments to protect and restore the state's sandy beaches
- Provide technical and financial assistance
- \$30 million annual state appropriation

Department Charge

- Develop and maintain long range plan for the restoration and maintenance of the State's critically eroded beaches
- Strategic Beach Management Plan
- Statewide Long Range Budget Plan

Program Eligibility

- Governmental agency responsible for beach and dune preservation
- Local match required
- State share up to 50% of non-federal costs
- Consistent with Strategic Beach Management Plan

Program Eligibility

Projects must:

- Address critically eroded shoreline
- Front Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico or Straits of Florida
- Maintain or enhance sand in the system
- Be cost effective
- Provide public beach access
- Protect natural resources
- Provide protection to threatened and endangered species

Ineligible Activities

- Recreational structures
- Aesthetic vegetation
- Hard structures
- Operation and maintenance activities
- Navigation related activities

Application Process

- Local government submits Annual Funding Request
- Proposed projects reviewed for program eligibility
- Eligible projects are ranked
- Priority Projects List
- Alternate Project List

Project Ranking

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Severity of erosion	10
Threat to upland structures	10
Recreation & economic benefits	10
Federal funding availability	10
Local sponsor commitment	5
Prior state commitment	10

Project Ranking (Continued)

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Project performance	10
Mitigation of inlet effects	10
Innovative technologies	5
Sea turtle refuge	5
Regionalization	5
Project significance	10

Funding Approval

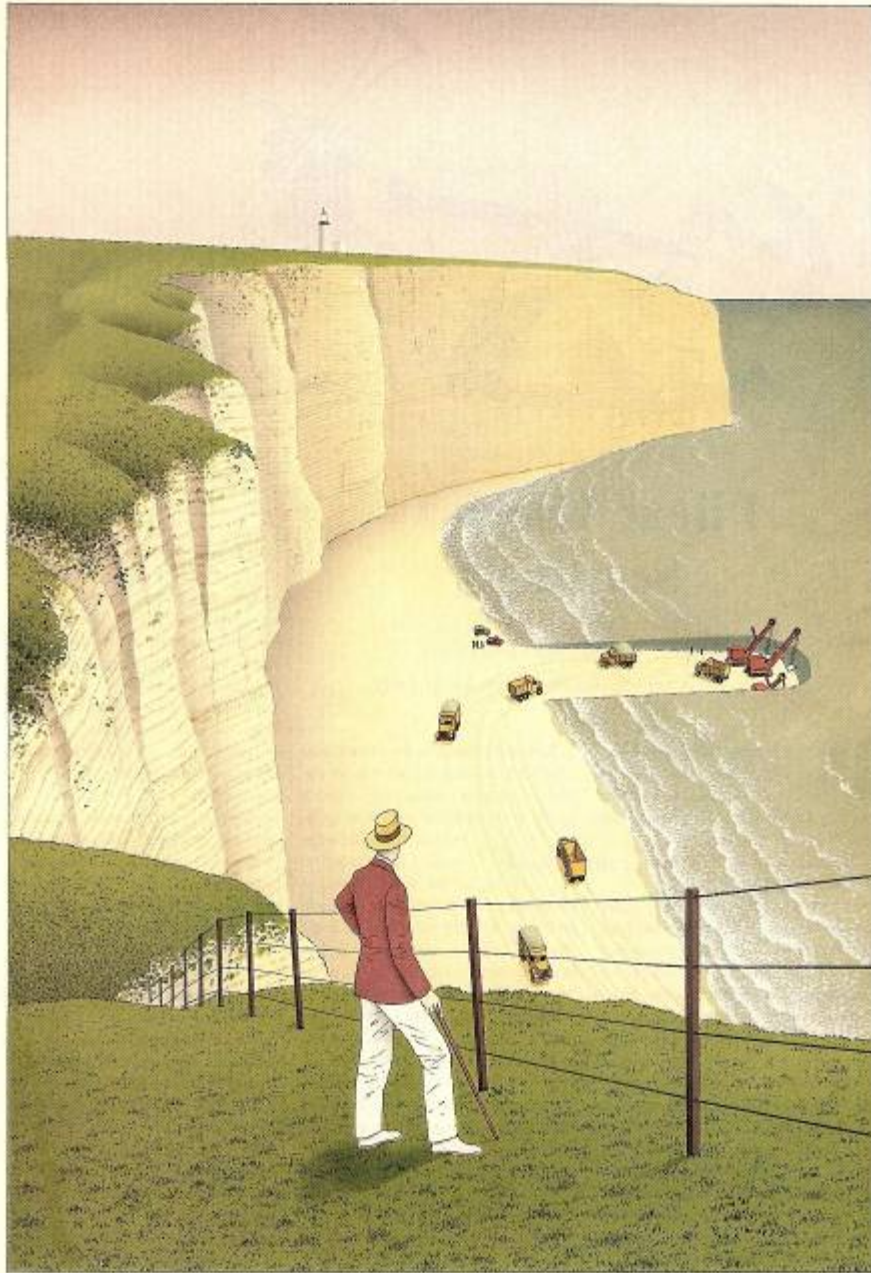
- Funding requests are submitted in priority order to Legislature for funding consideration
- Legislature determines amount of state funding to appropriate
- Appropriated funds are allocated to priority projects when a project is ready to proceed
- Funding for projects not ready to proceed is used to fund Alternate Project List

FY2006-07 Funding Request

- \$2 million for Innovative/Experimental projects
- Intended to promote development of projects to enhance, or used in lieu of conventional beach restoration
- Funds to be used for the design, permitting and construction of demonstration projects
- Ranked on the Alternate Project List

Application Process

- Notify local governments in June
- Proposals will be reviewed by independent committee of coastal engineers and scientists
- Funding will be based upon a competitive evaluation of all proposals
- Projects must meet all program eligibility requirements



Questions ?