

Coastal Green Infrastructure for Resilient Communities

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Participating Communities



- Program start: February 2009
- 428 (76%) NJ municipalities participating
- 87% of NJ's population lives in these communities
- 176 municipalities certified:
 - 148 towns at bronze level
 - 28 towns at silver level



Creating a vibrant resilient coastal community



Coastal Green Infrastructure

Eco-based strategies protecting communities from coastal flooding



New way of thinking

Grey meets green

Coastal Grey Infrastructure

- Seawalls
- Bulkheads

Breakwaters
Groins and jetties

Coastal Green Infrastructure

- Dunes & beaches
- Living shorelines
- Restored maritime forest
- Channel shallowing

Constructed or restored wetlands
Constructed oyster reefs
Green stormwater infrastructure

Greening Grey Infrastructure

- Ecologically enhanced bulkheads
- Ecologically enhanced breakwater islands



Coastal Green Infrastructure: constructed dunes



Coastal Green Infrastructure: constructed wetlands



Coastal Green Infrastructure: living shorelines



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Coastal Green Infrastructure: constructed oyster reef



Coastal Green Infrastructure: maritime forest



Coastal Green Infrastructure: green stormwater management



Coastal Green Infrastructure: enhanced bulkheads & seawalls



Coastal Green Infrastructure: enhanced breakwaters



Marsh &
mangrove
Oyster ha

Least Tern



Final thoughts for CGI

1. Understand your assets and vulnerabilities
2. Use in conjunction with management and protection of natural systems and municipal ordinances, policy and plans
3. Treatment train approach most effective
4. Education and training needed for municipal staff



Thank you!



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