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Welcome!

This is the first NACo Coastal County Newsletter. Future issues will be sent out every other month, and are meant for county officials, GIS personnel, department of natural resources staff, engineers, emergency preparedness personnel, land use planners, and anyone else working at the county or local level interested in coastal issues. The Newsletters will highlight resources, stories and projects relevant to coastal counties. We welcome your feedback and suggestions, and are here to help you–please use the contact information in the sidebar. To make sure you're caught up on all of our workshops, forums, webinars and other items, please add us to your safe-sender's list to avoid this getting caught in your spam filter.

You are receiving this email because your name was associated with one of the 673 coastal counties in this country. If you do not personally deal with coastal issues, please forward this message to the appropriate person/people in your jurisdiction. If you were forwarded this message from someone else and want to receive future Coastal County Newsletters, please contact Alyssum Pohl to be added to the list.

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Nominate Your County's Coastal Innovation for NACo's 2014 Achievement Awards

NACo's <u>Achievement Award Program</u> is a non-competitive awards program which seeks to recognize innovative county government programs, and we want to showcase coastal counties' innovations this year! Consider entering under one of these categories: Community/Economic Development, Emergency Management and Response, Environmental Protection and Energy, Planning, Risk Management, or another of the 21 categories. Deadline to apply has been extended to April 14th, 2014. For information on the 2014 NACo Achievement Awards, please go to the webpage <u>here</u> which also features a short "about" video and the program criteria, categories and details of how to apply. Questions? Contact <u>Yael Lazarus</u>.

Join the Coastal Forum group on COIN

The <u>County Innovation Network (COIN)</u> is a new online community that will enable counties to leverage the wisdom of the crowd nationally, for learning, discussion and decision-making. Alyssum Pohl has created a group called the Coastal Forum, in which all coastal issues may be discussed. You can think of it as an interactive version of this newsletter. To join, please follow these steps:

Register (here),

- Then from the homepage, click "Participate" and choose "Groups",
- Click "View Group" under "Coastal Forum" in the "Open to all" tab. and
- Click "Join this group".

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Register Today for NACo Resilient Counties Forum in San Francisco (May 1-2)

Register now for the next NACo Resilient Counties Forum: Growing Stronger

Other NACo Activities

2014 Resilient Counties Forum San Francisco, CA May 1-2, 2014 Register today!

2014 Western Interstate Region Conference

Anchorage, AK May 21-23, 2014 Register today!

2014 NACo Annual Conference

New Orleans, LA July 11-14, 2014 Register today!

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Resilient Counties. Resilient communities recover faster and better, and fostering resilience makes for a stronger community and a thriving county. This forum will be held on May 1 and 2 in San Francisco, Calif. Visit www.naco.org/resiliency for more information and to register. Questions? Contact kathy Nothstine.

Digital Coast Updates

Why Digital Coast Matters To Counties

Did you know that NACo partners with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and seven other stakeholder groups on Digital Coast?
Your county can benefit from the hundreds of free coastal data sets, over 50 free coastal tools, and the many free training videos that are available on this website. Check out our new information sheet that explains a bit more about Why Digital Coast Matters to Counties. Bill Burgess, Washington Liaison to the National States Geographic Information Council (alls Digital Coast, "the most efficient and beneficial federal project around." See if you agree!

Great Lakes Planning Guide

If you live in the Great Lakes region, the <u>Great Lakes Planning Guide</u> might be very helpful for you. Some of the many issues included in this online resource guide include Land Use & Zoning, Habitat & Environment and Infrastructure. There are case studies, local stories, and links to events, funding, people, maps, tools, data and even a library.

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Interesting Links

King Tides Dance

Alyssum Pohl, NOAA Digital Coast Fellow at NACo, recently debuted a King Tides Dance project as an innovative and unconventional sea level rise awareness tool, through the King Tides Initiative. Watch it below, and check out the Sea Level Rise Viewer to see how your county could be affected by rising seas.



CityLinks Coastal Resilience Webinar

The International CitylCounty Management Association (ICMA) invites you to participate in a <u>webinar</u> on April 1st at 10am EST hosted by the USAID-funded CityLinks program. You will learn about:

- The latest technology for analyzing the effects of sea level rise
- Case studies from coastal communities in Maine
- Examples of infrastructure built to withstand the impacts of climate change in international cities



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