

**OCEAN CITY BEACH REPLENISHMENT
& HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT**

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The Ocean City Beach Replenishment and Hurricane Protection Project provides storm protection to Ocean City and maintains the recreation beach used by some 4 million visitors annually. The Project was constructed in two phases. Phase I established a wide, gradually rising beach and level berm area. It was completed in September 1988 and funded by State government, Ocean City, and Worcester County. Phase II included 1.8 miles of steel bulkhead protecting the boardwalk and 7 miles of dunes and berm to provide hurricane protection up to the Delaware boundary line. It was jointly funded by the State, Ocean City, Worcester County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

State funding for Phase I, Phase II, and continued maintenance of the Project comes from the Ocean Beach Replenishment Fund, established in 1986 (Chapter 606, Acts of 1986). The beach is to be replenished every four years to retain its 100-year storm protection level and ensure federal involvement in case of a major catastrophe.

RESOURCE PLANNING

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Resource Planning originated as Land Planning Services under the Capital Programs Administration and was reorganized as Greenways and Resource Planning in 1991. Under the Land and Water Conservation Service, it was renamed Resource Planning in 1995. It provides planning, mapping, environmental review, and capital budget services to help the Department acquire, develop, and manage public lands and scenic rivers.

Under Resource Planning are four sections: Environmental Review; Mapping and Property Research; Resource Planning; and Technical Services.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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Environmental Review coordinates the Department's review of all proposals that affect Department lands, including leases, sales, and easements. In support of capital budget requests, planners in this section prepare environmental and growth management assessments.

MAPPING & PROPERTY RESEARCH

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The Mapping and Property Research Section researches property records (deeds, surveys, land patents) and prepares project boundary maps for all Department lands. These maps show properties in the acquisition program, as well as properties

owned by the Department or not yet acquired. The Section also conducts surveys, and reviews and updates the maps.

RESOURCE PLANNING

The Resource Planning Section formulates master plans for new State parks or for recreational use and modification of existing State parks. For proposed new Department areas, the Section conducts detailed property reviews as well as environmental reviews for many Department projects and lands. The Section also develops master facilities plans for areas without approved master plans.

The Section prepares resource management plans for the nine rivers of the scenic and wild rivers system to promote the wise use of the rivers' land and water resources and improve resource conservation measures. Planners work with local citizen advisory boards developing recommendations for local governments on resource use.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

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Technical Services provides computer support for publication and display graphics, and for all the work of Resource Planning. This section also maintains a geographic information system and coordinates the Department's forest management plans.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE

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Program Open Space acquires outdoor recreation and open space areas for public use. The Program administers funds made available to local communities for open and recreational space by the Outdoor Recreation Land Loan of 1969 and from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Program coordinates the acquisition of Department lands for the use of all departmental agencies (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 5-901 through 5-910).

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