

Planning for an Integrated Assessment on Water Level Variability and Coastal Bluffs in Northern Milwaukee County and Southern Ozaukee County, Wisconsin
Final Report – September 1, 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Lake Michigan coast from Shorewood to Port Washington in southeastern Wisconsin is characterized by coastal bluffs ranging from approximately 70 to 120 feet in height. Lake Michigan water levels were below the long-term average from 1999 to 2013 and have quickly jumped above that average during the past twelve months. It is anticipated that the current higher water levels in Lake Michigan coming after the extended period of low levels could have a significant impact on the stability of coastal bluffs. At the same time as the rapid change in the physical environment of the Lake Michigan shore, the enabling legislation for shoreland zoning in Wisconsin was weakened. Shoreland zoning, enabled by state law and implemented by local governments, is a primary management tool for addressing development along both inland and Great Lakes waters in Wisconsin. The combination of these two events has precipitated a need to synthesize existing bluff erosion research and engage local stakeholders and broader partners to explore policy options and decision tools for increasing resilience to coastal bluff erosion in the face of possible increases in the variability of water levels.

The key outcomes from the Wisconsin planning grant included information gathered from interviews with 19 stakeholders, partners and investigators on their perceptions of the issues, solutions, barriers, and information needs related to changing Lake Michigan water levels and coastal bluff erosion in the study area; identification of two resources – robust case studies in the Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide and the maps, data and tools of the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas – that exist to effectively organize and present information about variable water levels and coastal bluff erosion; and a workshop was held in July to connect stakeholders, partners and investigators and better understand the issues, drivers and impacts. A discussion and vote during the last hour of the workshop indicated there is support for continued participation in the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment.

Participants in the planning grant include the research team consisting of 10 investigators from three campuses representing a diversity of natural science, social science and policy disciplines; stakeholders that represent the two counties and seven municipalities that cover the study area; and project partners from regional, state and non-profit organizations with broader perspectives on coastal bluff erosion.

Potential next steps of Wisconsin involvement with the integrated assessment include more intensive engagement with local officials, deeper analysis of interviews, as well as the activities anticipated during the remainder of the IA (an interdisciplinary overview synthesis and report of status, trends, causes, and consequences of this issue and preparation of a report identifying and analyzing viable policies and adaptive actions that meet local objectives identified in collaboration with community partners).

INTRODUCTION

This planning grant associated with the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment (<http://graham.umich.edu/knowledge/ia/water-levels>) was conducted from March to August 2015. It addressed the impact of changing water levels on an area of high coastal bluffs covering approximately 26 miles of the Lake Michigan coast of Wisconsin from the City of Port Washington in Ozaukee County on the north to the Village of Shorewood in Milwaukee County on the south (see Figure 1).

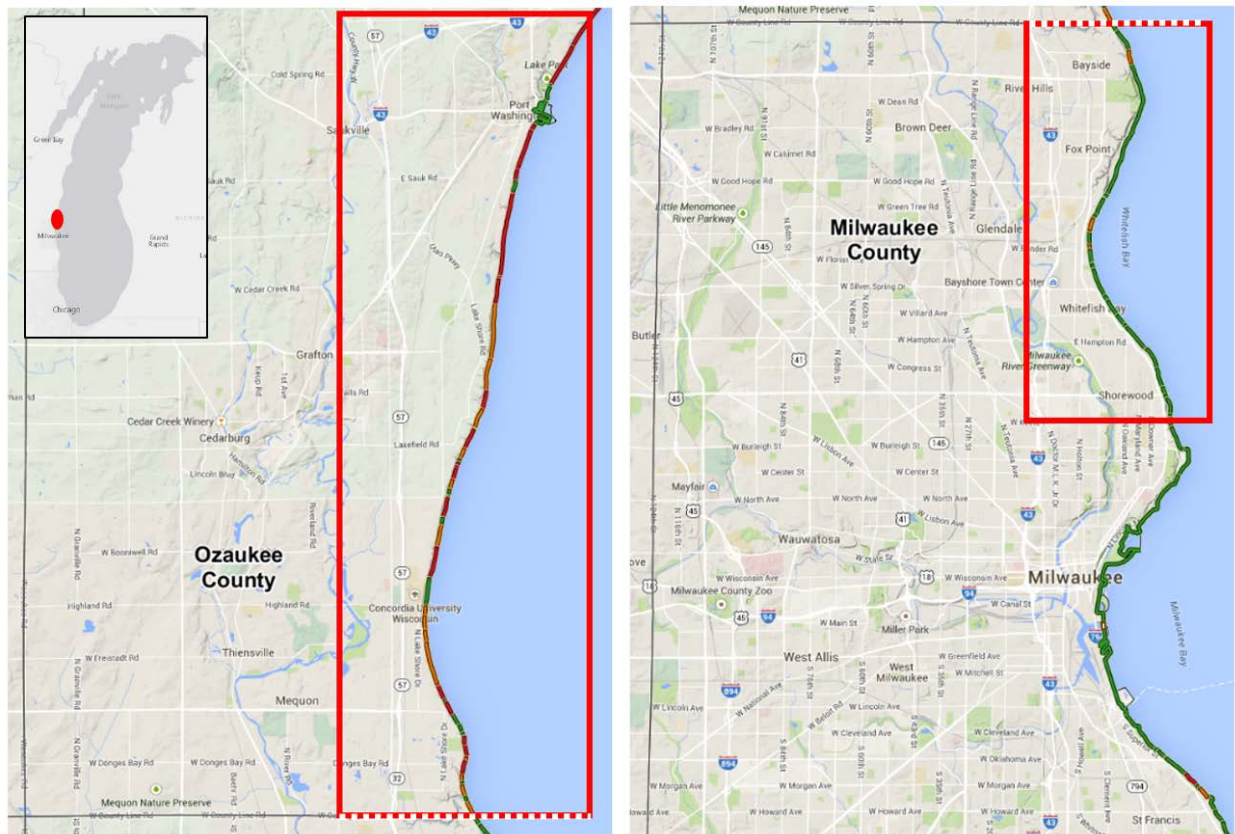


Figure 1. Project study area (map source: Wisconsin Shoreline Inventory and Oblique Photo Viewer)

The objectives of the planning grant were to: 1) engage a diverse range of stakeholders to identify and document multiple perspectives on the impacts of variable water levels on coastal bluffs in the study area; 2) collaborate among a multidisciplinary team of investigators to inventory existing data and information sources to develop a holistic understanding of improving the resilience of coastal bluffs to variable water levels; and 3) facilitate interaction between stakeholders, partners and investigators to gauge interest in identifying policy alternatives and tools to address water level impacts on coastal bluff erosion.

The primary activities associated with the planning grant included interviews with stakeholders, partners and investigators; development of an on-line bibliography of relevant research on variable water levels and coastal bluffs; authoring a white paper on finding and organizing existing research, data and decision tools; and holding a workshop to provide information about

the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment and determine if there was support for Wisconsin to continue participation in the project.

OUTCOMES OF THE PLANNING GRANT

Description of focus area

The primary impact area covered by the planning grant relates to the influence of changing Lake Michigan water levels on coastal bluff erosion. Topics covered include regulation of coastal development, design of coastal infrastructure, and protection of nearshore and shoreland habitats. Environmental drivers include coastal processes and geomorphology, vegetation, and potential climate impacts on water levels, waves, temperature and precipitation. Social drivers include the effects of shoreline management activities on neighboring properties and receptivity to education, outreach and resilience planning efforts. Political drivers include property rights, regulations and planning processes. Economic drivers include damage to coastal property, infrastructure, and habitats, changing property values, and the costs and benefits of shore protection.

The bluffs along the Lake Michigan coast of Wisconsin from the Illinois border to the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal have been extensively studied from a variety of perspectives over several decades. A series of technical and policy studies were conducted in the 1970s and early 1980s timed with establishment of the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP). These studies covered bluff stability, shore erosion rates, shore erosion policy options and model ordinances to reduce coastal erosion losses (Mickelson et al. 1977; Springman and Born 1979; Yanggen 1981). A second concentration of studies occurred in the 1990s spurred by the creation of a Coastal Hazards Work Group of the WCMP. These studies included an inventory of development and additional bluff stability and shore erosion reports (Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission et al. 1996; Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission 1997; Keillor 1998). Extensive mapping and coastal geomorphological studies were conducted in three counties (Ozaukee, Sheboygan and Manitowoc) associated with the Lake Michigan Potential Damages Study funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. More recently, the Coastal Hazards Work Group and other large federal efforts such as the Great Lakes Coastal Flood Study and LiDAR topo/bathy mapping by USACE and NOAA have generated extensive digital geospatial data for the coast.

While extensive data on coastal characteristics and processes are available for the study area, synthesis from a multidisciplinary perspective and generation of policy alternatives guided by stakeholder engagement as envisioned by the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment would be beneficial to increasing resilience to the effects of variable water levels on coastal bluff erosion. This planning grant helped initiate a more holistic perspective of coastal processes reaching from the nearshore to beyond the top of the bluffs.

Description of contributors

Research team

Ten investigators from Wisconsin Sea Grant, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Concordia University represent disciplines covering

coastal engineering, geology, urban and regional planning, law, policy studies, ecology, landscape architecture, sociology, economics and geographic information science.

- Bruce Bessert, Director, Concordia Center for Environmental Stewardship, Concordia University Wisconsin,
- Jane Harrison, Social Science Outreach Specialist, Wisconsin Sea Grant (Dr. Harrison left Wisconsin Sea Grant to become the Coastal Economist at North Carolina Sea Grant in August 2015)
- David Hart, Assistant Director for Extension, Wisconsin Sea Grant
- John Janssen, Professor, School of Freshwater Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Jenny Kehl, Assistant Professor and Director, Center for Water Policy, School of Freshwater Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Jim LaGro, Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Adam Mednick, Beach Health Fellow, Wisconsin Sea Grant
- David Mickelson, Emeritus Professor and Senior Scientist, Department of Geoscience, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Brian Ohm, Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Chin Wu, Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Stakeholders

Project stakeholders include local officials from the two counties, two cities, four villages and one town that cover the study area.

- Milwaukee County (Milwaukee County Parks, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District)
- Village of Shorewood
- Village of Whitefish Bay
- Village of Fox Point
- Village of Bayside
- Ozaukee County (Planning & Parks Department, Land & Water Management Department)
- City of Mequon
- Town of Grafton
- City of Port Washington

Partners

Project partners include organizations with broader perspectives on coastal bluff erosion, including regional and state agencies, professional associations, and non-profits.

- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, Coastal Hazards Work Group
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Office of Great Lakes
- Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts, Coastal Resilience Working Group
- Wisconsin Emergency Management
- Association of State Floodplain Managers
- 1000 Friends of Wisconsin

Description of activities/process

The activities associated with the planning grant included identification of relevant officials from local governments in the study area; conducting interviews with project stakeholders, partners and investigators; development of an on-line bibliography of relevant research; authoring a white paper on finding and organizing existing research, data and decision tools related to water level variability and coastal bluffs; and holding a stakeholder workshop.

Identifying stakeholders

A spreadsheet was developed with contact information for managers, planners, and engineers and other relevant officials from the counties and municipalities in the study area.

Interviews

Detailed interviews were conducted with 9 stakeholders, 5 partners, and 5 investigators. The interviews included the following questions:

1. How have changing Lake Michigan water levels affected the study area?
 - Please give some specific examples.
2. How do variable Lake Michigan water levels impact:
 - The siting of coastal development?
 - Storm water management?
 - Protection of coastal infrastructure like water treatment plants, marinas, transportation, and utilities?
 - Protection of coastal environments like lakebed habitat, beaches, wetlands, and coastal bluffs?
3. Are there any solutions that would help coastal communities deal with the impacts of variable water levels?
 - Please give some specific examples.
4. What are the barriers to communities being prepared for changing water levels?
5. What are the most relevant data, reports, or other information needed to understand the nature of variable water levels in the study area?
6. Are there any data or information that does not currently exist, but are needed to better understand the nature of variable water levels in the region?
7. Is there anyone you would suggest interviewing who is familiar with the impacts of water levels in the study area?

Bibliography

A bibliography of scientific studies on coastal bluffs and water levels along the Lake Michigan coast in Wisconsin was created using the Mendeley reference manager and academic social network. The “Integrated Assessment Library – Water Levels and Coastal Bluffs” group contains 89 bibliographic entries as of September 1, 2015

(<https://www.mendeley.com/groups/4020161/integrated-assessment-library-water-levels-and-coastal-bluffs/>).

Finding and organizing existing research, data and decision tools

The project team prepared a report that examines science bibliographies and open data archives as sources of information about coastal processes and Great Lakes water levels for the study

area. The report also describes resources to organize information about variable water levels and coastal bluff erosion so it is easy to access and use to guide decisions.

Stakeholder workshop

A workshop was held on July 27, 2015 at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Fox Point, Wisconsin. The purpose of the workshop was to connect stakeholders, partners and investigators and better understand how changing water levels on Lake Michigan impact the bluffs from Shorewood to Port Washington. The agenda included an overview of the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment, shared the results of stakeholder interviews for the Wisconsin project, and showcased resources to address changing Lake Michigan water levels and eroding bluffs.

Key findings from planning grants efforts that could contribute to the IA

The key findings from the planning grant included information gathered from the interviews with stakeholders, partners and investigators; the resources that exist to effectively organize information about variable water levels and coastal bluff erosion; and the discussion and vote during the last hour of the workshop on whether Wisconsin should continue participation in the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment.

Summary of Interviews

Over the course of the planning grant, 19 stakeholders, partners and investigators were interviewed to explore their perceptions of the issues, solutions, barriers, and information needs related to changing Lake Michigan water levels and coastal bluff erosion in the study area. The interviews generated a large amount of information and a preliminary overview of findings was presented at the July workshop. The summary here is cursory. Additional analysis of the interviews will occur as the project moves forward.

The questions on impacts covered siting of coastal development, stormwater management, protection of coastal infrastructure, and coastal habitats and a fairly diverse set of issues. The most common concern cited was the encroachment of development closer to bluff and water's edge and the coastal management issues that arise from this trend. The interviewees offered a varied set of solutions to the issues identified. Most common among them was the need to increase educational efforts for property owners, public officials, and developers regarding the bluff issues created by changing water levels. Multiple participants also suggested the development of best management practices and tools that can be used by local officials to address all water levels as a possible solution. Funding and public perception of bluff issues were frequently mentioned as barriers to solution implementation. A changing regulatory environment and public resistance to regulations were also noted as barriers. Many reports documenting changing lake levels exist and were discussed by interviewees. However, many individuals recognized a need for new tools and strategies to develop bluff management strategies and package information that is usable for experts and understandable for the general public.

Resources to Organize and Present Information

The white paper on finding and organizing existing research, data and decision tools related to water level variability and coastal bluffs describes two resources to organize and present diverse

information about coastal resilience. Perhaps the best vehicle for consolidating resources for the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment Wisconsin project is through a case study in the Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide (<http://greatlakesresilience.org/>). The most relevant existing case study focuses on “Communicating Long-Term Bluff Erosion to Prevent Unsustainable Development – Ozaukee County, Wisconsin.” Case studies include sections on awareness, understanding, analysis and strategy of coastal resilience issues and help connect people with the tools and data needed to consider natural hazards and climate change in local planning efforts. The Wisconsin Coastal Atlas (<http://wicoastalatlans.net/>) is an "enabling platform" that helps people better understand coastal issues, share coastal data, and inform decision-making about sustainable use of the Great Lakes. Maps and tools featured in the atlas relevant to the integrated assessment include a tool for visualizing coastal erosion and the rationale for coastal setbacks based on a segment of coastline in the study area, as well as a gallery of coastal hazards maps and tools such as the Wisconsin Shoreline Inventory and Oblique Photo Viewer and the NOAA Lake Level Viewer.

Workshop Discussion and Vote

The discussion at the end of the July workshop ended with a positive vote on whether Wisconsin should continue participation in the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment. The vote was segmented by stakeholders (8-1), partners (4-0), and investigators (6-0), with a total result of 18-1 to voting to continue with the project. Topics discussed at the end of the workshop included questions on the intended outcome of the study and how information would be shared; the benefits of an integrated approach to addressing bluff erosion; the difficulties of finding a public role for addressing problems that are often on private property, especially when the solutions are expensive and many, but not all, property owners are wealthy; the role of bluffs as barriers to coastal access and the benefits of increasing awareness of bluff issues by increasing access and getting people more engaged in water recreation; the financial benefits of addressing development at the top of the bluff over expensive shore protection at the toe, and issues associated with filling in the flood fringe.

Potential for transferability

There is very high transferability of an element of the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment that addresses water level variability and coastal bluff erosion for other coastal bluffs in Wisconsin. Outside the study area, but still within the service area of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, a partner on the planning grant, there are cohesive bluffs in parts of Racine and Kenosha Counties. Along the Lake Michigan coast in northeastern Wisconsin, there are cohesive bluffs in northern Sheboygan County, Manitowoc County, Kewaunee County, and part of Door County to the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal. Along the Lake Superior coast of Wisconsin there are red clay bluffs in all four coastal counties (Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland and Iron).

There is transferability of this project for coastal bluffs in other Great Lakes states and provinces. The transferability is lower than in Wisconsin because the legal structure is somewhat different among states and between Canada and the United States, however the nature of Great Lakes coastal processes are similar. There would still be some transferability of the project for coastal bluffs outside the Great Lakes along ocean coasts with high cohesive bluffs experiencing erosion.

Feasibility of conducting a place-based analysis of a particular set of options that will contribute to the IA

The Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment comes at an opportune time. Besides the 3.79 foot increase in Lake Michigan water levels from record lows in January 2013 (576.02 feet IGLD85) to the mean level in July 2015 (579.81 feet IGLD85), the Wisconsin legislature weakened shoreland zoning provisions in July 2015. Shoreland zoning is a primary management tool for addressing development along both inland and Great Lakes waters in Wisconsin.

Stakeholder discussion and the positive vote at the workshop that supports continuation with the integrated assessment, combined with post-workshop communication with stakeholders and partners indicates high interest for a place-based analysis on coastal bluff erosion. There is concern among coastal property owners and local officials in the study area related to rapid rise in Lake Michigan water levels. With rising water levels, many coastal beaches have decreased in width and conditions where waves wash against bluff toes have increased. Conflicts on the siting and impacts of shore protection structures could intensify.

The recent changes in authorizing legislation for shoreland zoning significantly affects options for regulating coastal development. This, combined with recent legal actions resulting from impacts of coastal structures, a proactive state coastal hazards work group, ongoing research on coastal processes, and interested partners and stakeholders drives interest in a comprehensive set of policy and management alternatives to improve resilience of coastal bluffs to the possibility of increased variability of Lake Michigan water levels and intensity of storms.

The desired mid-term outcome of the continuing with the integrated assessment would be development of a comprehensive set of policy alternatives to improve resilience of coastal bluffs to the possibility of increased variability of Lake Michigan water levels and intensity of storms. The desired long-term outcome would be a measurable increase in the resilience of bluffs to coastal hazards.

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APPENDICES

List of events and participants

Stakeholder Workshop, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, Fox Point, WI, 7/27/15 (~30 attendees)

- Ericka Lang, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Village of Shorewood
- John Edlebeck, Director of Public Works, Village of Whitefish Bay
- Rebecca VanRegenmorter, Director of Community and Utility Services, Village of Bayside
- Kristen Lundeen, Director of Public Works, City of Mequon
- Kim Tollefson, Director of Community Development, City of Mequon
- Jac Zader, Assistant Director of Community Development, City of Mequon
- Pam Adams, City Council, District 8, City of Mequon
- Mark Gierl, City Council, District 5, City of Mequon
- Stephen Vance Strother, Property Owner, City of Mequon
- Marjie Tomter, Open Space Commission, Town of Grafton
- Randy Tetzlaff, Director of Planning and Development, City of Port Washington
- Andy Holschbach, Director, Ozaukee County Land & Water Management
- Mike Hahn, Deputy Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Kate Angel, Federal Consistency & Coastal Hazards Coordinator, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program
- Kay Lutze, Shoreland Zoning Policy Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Katie Sommers, Mitigation Section Supervisor, Wisconsin Emergency Management
- Alan Lulloff, Science Services Program Director, Association of State Floodplain Managers
- Jane Harrison, Social Science Outreach Specialist, Wisconsin Sea Grant
- David Hart, Assistant Director for Extension, Wisconsin Sea Grant
- Jenny Kehl, Assistant Professor and Director, Center for Water Policy, School of Freshwater Sciences, UW-Milwaukee
- Adam Mednick, Beach Health Fellow, Wisconsin Sea Grant
- Chin Wu, Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UW-Madison
- John Janssen, Professor, School of Freshwater Sciences, UW-Milwaukee
- Gene Clark, Coastal Engineering Specialist, Wisconsin Sea Grant
- Phil Rynish, Student, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, UW-Madison
- Katie Rademacher, Student, School of Freshwater Sciences, UW-Milwaukee

Key resources

- Stakeholder interview responses
- Mendeley Bibliography (<https://www.mendeley.com/groups/4020161/integrated-assessment-library-water-levels-and-coastal-bluffs/papers/>)
- Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide – Ozaukee bluffs case study (<http://greatlakesresilience.org/case-studies/land-use-zoning/communicating-long-term-bluff-erosion-prevent-unsustainable-development>)

Publications

Hart, David. 2015. *Finding and Organizing Existing Research, Data and Decision Tools Related to Water Level Variability and Coastal Bluffs in Northern Milwaukee County and Southern Ozaukee County, Wisconsin*. Project White Paper.

Presentations

- Overview of the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment and the Wisconsin Planning Grant, David Hart and Gene Clark, Wisconsin Sea Grant (slides)
- Results of Stakeholder Survey, Jane Harrison, Wisconsin Sea Grant (slides)
- Pending Changes to Shoreland Zoning in Wisconsin, Kay Lutze, Wisconsin DNR
- Finding and Organizing Existing Research, Data and Decision Tools about Water Levels and Bluff Erosion, David Hart, Wisconsin Sea Grant (slides)
- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission resources, Mike Hahn, SEWRPC
- Wisconsin Emergency Management resources, Katie Sommers, WEM (slides)
- Wisconsin Coastal Management Program resources, Kate Angel, WCMP (slides)

Timeline of project activities

- Investigators conducted interviews of project stakeholders and partners to explore the impacts of variable water levels on coastal bluffs (May-July 2015).
- Investigators prepared summary of existing relevant research, data and decision tools (May-July 2015).
- Workshop to provide information about Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment and decide whether Wisconsin should continue participation (July 27, 2015)

Students involved

- Katie Rademacher, School of Freshwater Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Phil Rynish, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Planning for an Integrated Assessment on Water Level Variability and Coastal Bluffs in Northern Milwaukee County and Southern Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

Date: July 27, 2015

Location: Schlitz Audubon Nature Center Conference Room, 1111 E. Brown Deer Road, Fox Point, WI

10:00 am

Welcome and Introductions

- Overview of the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment and the Wisconsin Planning Grant, *David Hart and Gene Clark, Wisconsin Sea Grant*
- Background on Lake Michigan Water Levels

10:30 am

Results of Stakeholder Survey, *Jane Harrison, Wisconsin Sea Grant*

11:00 am

Walking Tour of the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center Lakefront, *with insights on coastal processes by Gene Clark, Coastal Engineering Outreach Specialist, Wisconsin Sea Grant and project investigators/partners*

Noon

Lunch – Catered by Larry's Market

12:30 pm

Resources for Addressing Variable Lake Michigan Water Levels and Eroding Coastal Bluffs

Lightning Talks by Investigators and Partners (time limit for talks: 10 minutes each)

- Pending Changes to Shoreland Zoning in Wisconsin, *Kay Lutze, Wisconsin DNR*
- Finding and Organizing Existing Research, Data and Decision Tools about Water Levels and Bluff Erosion, *David Hart, Wisconsin Sea Grant*
- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission resources, *Mike Hahn, SEWRPC*
- Wisconsin Emergency Management resources, *Katie Sommers, WEM*
- Wisconsin Coastal Management Program resources, *Kate Angel, WCMP*
- Other topics?

2:00 pm

Discussion – Should Wisconsin continue participation in the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment?

3:00 pm

Adjourn

Finding and Organizing Existing Research, Data and Decision Tools Related to Water Level Variability and Coastal Bluffs in Northern Milwaukee County and Southern Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

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June 26, 2015

A team of Wisconsin researchers are participating in an integrated assessment on Great Lakes water levels led by the Graham Sustainability Institute at the University of Michigan. A planning grant conducted during Summer 2015 addresses the impact of changing water levels on an area of high coastal bluffs covering approximately 26 miles of the Lake Michigan coast of Wisconsin from the City of Port Washington in Ozaukee County on the north to the Village of Shorewood in Milwaukee County on the south and features a holistic perspective of coastal processes reaching from offshore to beyond the top of the bluffs. The ten investigators from Wisconsin Sea Grant, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Concordia University represent disciplines covering coastal engineering, geology, urban and regional planning, law, policy studies, ecology, landscape architecture, sociology, economics and geographic information science. One of the primary activities of the planning grant is inventory and organization of existing data and information sources relevant to the integrated assessment. This report examines science bibliographies and open data archives as sources of information about coastal processes and Great Lakes water levels for the study area. It also describes approaches to organize and provide access to these resources.

Science Bibliographies

This section leverages bibliographic tools to discover, consolidate and make accessible scientific research about Great Lakes water levels and coastal processes relevant to the study area. It builds on a bibliography on Great Lakes coastal processes in Wisconsin created by former Wisconsin Sea Grant coastal engineer Phil Keillor. The resources featured include a bibliography developed using the Mendeley software, searches in Google Scholar and an on-line library maintained for the Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide by the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

Science Bibliography – Water Levels and Coastal Bluffs - Mendeley

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A bibliography of scientific studies on coastal bluffs and water levels along the Lake Michigan coast in Wisconsin was created using the Mendeley reference manager and academic social network (<http://www.mendeley.com/>) in January 2014. The “Integrated Assessment Library – Water Levels and Coastal Bluffs” group contains 83 bibliographic entries as of June 2015.

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- Low Cost Shore Protection: A Guide for Engineers and Contractors

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- Flooding and Stormwater Drainage Problems Result from Major Storm of June 20-21, 1997
- Great Lakes Shore Erosion Protection: Structural Design Examples
- Mechanics of the Stability and Development of the Great Lakes Coastal Bluffs
- Erosional Characteristics of the Wisconsin Shoreline of Lake Michigan
- Origin of the Lake Superior Red Clay and Glacial History of Wisconsin's Lake Superior Shoreline West of the Bayfield Peninsula
- And 125 more

9th January, 2014

Anne Moser added a document to this group

- Effects of south shore drainage basins and clay erosion on the physical and chemical limnology of western Lake Superior : final technical completion report - Catalog - UW-Madison Libraries

7th January, 2014

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First set of documents from Phil Keillor's bibliography on coastal erosion studies in Wisconsin through 200? Expanded to included references for the project "Integrated Assessment on Water Level Variability and Coastal Bluffs in No. Milwaukee County and So. Ozaukee County."

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Scientific Bibliography - Google Scholar

A Google Scholar search for “Lake Michigan bluffs Ozaukee” yields 271 results. A corresponding search for “Lake Michigan bluffs Milwaukee” yields 7,380 results.

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- Till stratigraphy and late glacial events in the Lake Michigan Lobe of eastern Wisconsin** by LJ Acomb, DM Mickelson... - Geological Society of ... 1982 - gsabulletin.gsapubs.org [PDF] Find It at UW Madison
- Lake Michigan bluff recession** by WR Buckler, HA Winters - Annals of the Association of American ... 1983 - Wiley Online Library [PDF] Find It at UW Madison
- Stratigraphic relations and extent of Wisconsin's Lake Michigan lobe red tills** by LJ Acomb - 1978 - University of Wisconsin Cited by 14 Related articles Cite Save More
- Factors controlling rates of bluff recession at two sites on Lake Michigan** by EA Brown, CH Wu, DM Mickelson, TB Edil - Journal of Great Lakes ... 2005 - Elsevier [PDF] Find It at UW Madison
- Shoreline erosion and bluff stability along Lake Michigan and Lake Superior shorelines of Wisconsin** by DM Mickelson - 1977 - available from State Planning Office Cited by 10 Related articles Cite Save More
- Wisconsinan stratigraphy and glacial sequence in southeastern Wisconsin** by AF Schneider - Geoscience Wisconsin, 1983 Cited by 28 Related articles Cite Save
- Subglacial to proglacial sediment transition in a shallow ice-contact lake** by CWR II, MK BORUCKI - Boreas, 1995 - Wiley Online Library Find It at UW Madison
- Interpretation of probabilistic slope analyses for shoreline bluffs** by JA Chapman, TB Edil, DM Mickelson - Solutions to Coastal ... 2002 - ascelibrary.org Cited by 10 Related articles All 4 versions Cite Save More
- Evidence for the Two Creeks interstade in the Lake Huron basin** by GJ Larson, TV Lowell... - Canadian Journal of Earth ... 1994 - NRC Research Press Find It at UW Madison

There are Google Scholar pages for three of the project investigators:

- Chin H. Wu (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=D-2LdXEAAA&hl=en>)
- James A. LaGro, Jr. (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=8GIQHMMAAAA&hl=en>)
- David A. Hart (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=f5uIPnYAAA&hl=en>)

Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide - Library
<http://greatlakesresilience.org/>

The Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide provides case studies to explore how local planners and practitioners are using data, tools, methods, and policies to help make their communities more resilient. The library tab allows a search for reports, best practices, ordinances, plans, case studies, legal guides and general references. A search on "bluffs Ozaukee Milwaukee" returns 37 results.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the search results page for the Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide. The browser's address bar shows the URL: greatlakesresilience.org/search/site/bluff%2520ozaukee%2520milwaukee. The website header features the GLCR logo and navigation links: Home, About, Help, Contact, and a search bar. Below the header is a menu with tabs for Case Studies, Climate & Environment, Local Stories, Maps, Tools & Data, Library, People & Organizations, and Events & Funding. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a main search results area. The sidebar contains two filter sections: 'Category' with a list of categories and their counts (Library: 13, Events: 5, People and Organizations: 5, Stories: 5, Maps, Tools & Data: 4, Case Studies: 2, Climate & Environment: 2, Funding: 1), and 'Filter by hydrology tags:' with a list of hydrology tags and their counts (Lake Michigan: 22, Lake Superior: 12, Lake Erie: 10, Lake Huron: 6, Lake Ontario: 6, Great Lakes: 4, Chester Creek: 1, Coastal Bluffs: 1, Green Bay: 1, Maumee River: 1, Minnesota: 1, Mullet River: 1, Sheboygan River: 1, Silver Creek: 1, St. Louis River Estuary: 1, Swan Creek: 1, Wisconsin: 1). The second filter section is 'Filter by geography tags:' with a list of geography tags and their counts (Wisconsin: 21, Ohio: 9, Minnesota: 8, Pennsylvania: 8, Illinois: 7, Indiana: 7, Ozaukee County: 7, Michigan: 6). The main search results area shows the search terms 'bluff ozaukee milwaukee' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, it says 'Did you mean bluff milwaukee milwaukee'. The search results are listed as follows: 1. **Communicating Long-Term Bluff Erosion to Prevent Unsustainable Development**: State Floodplain Managers Wisconsin Ozaukee County Great Lakes Lake Michigan Coastal Bluffs Bluff Erosion Slope Angle Setbacks Coastal Processes Ozaukee County, just 25 miles north of Milwaukee, is ... Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County, 2005). It is atop these great bluffs that individuals ... 2. **Stabilizing Concordia University's Bluff**: Ozaukee County Wisconsin Mequon Lake Michigan Great Lakes Risk Communication Bluff Failure Bluff ... north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is situated along the shore of Lake Michigan. Though the ... shoreline, the campus itself sits atop a nearly 130 foot high bluff (" Shoreline Stabilization Saves ... 3. **A Field Study of Nearshore Environmental Change in Response to Newly-Built Coastal Structure in Lake Michigan**: Wisconsin Ozaukee County Mequon Lake Michigan Coastal Infrastructure Bluff Erosion Nearshore Sediment ... bluff erosion and lake bottom response) along Lake Michigan's Western shore in response to the construction of a 1,000 meter bluff stabilization project. Field measurements provided information on ... 4. **Ozaukee County, Wisconsin 2008 Hazard Mitigation Plan**: Title Ozaukee County, Wisconsin 2008 Hazard Mitigation Plan Publication Type Government Report Year of Publication 2008 Pagination 214 pages Publisher Ozaukee County Government Abstract The Ozaukee County Hazard Mitigation Plan provides background information on Ozaukee County and identifies those ... 5. **A Multi Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan For Ozaukee County: 2035**: Title A Multi Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan For Ozaukee County: 2035 Publication Type

Science Data Archives

Digital archives accessible at the University of Wisconsin-Madison were reviewed as a means to provide distributed access to the publications, data and maps relevant to bluff erosion and Lake Michigan water levels. These include UW Digital Collections (<http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/>), Minds@UW (<http://minds.wisconsin.edu>) and the Hathi Trust (<http://www.hathitrust.org/>). The Hathi Trust is a digital repository being developed to support many of the large research libraries in the nation. Several searches were conducted in June 2015 to discover materials relevant to Lake Michigan erosion.

Science Data Archive - UW Digital Collections

A search for "Lake Michigan erosion" through UW Digital Collections (<http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/>) yielded 1 entry.

UWDC University of Wisconsin Digital Collections

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SEARCH THE COLLECTIONS Lake Michigan erosion

FEATURED COLLECTIONS

- The Aldo Leopold Collection: Letters, photographs, notebooks, and more from the archives of one of the most influential conservation thinkers of the 20th Century.
- The University of Wisconsin Collection
- The State of Wisconsin Collection
- The Aldo Leopold Collection
- The Ecology and Natural Resources Collection

LATEST NEWS

Jun 08 **The Gay Peoples Union Collection**
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan - a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the 1970s in Milwaukee, The... [FULL STORY](#)

VISIT A COLLECTION

- Africa Focus
- African Studies Collection
- The Aldo Leopold Archives
- American Languages: Our Nation's Many Voices
- The Anthropology Collection
- The Antiquities of Wisconsin
- Archival Resources in Wisconsin: Descriptive Finding Aids
- Artists' Book Collection
- The Arts Collection
- Brecht's Works in English: A Bibliography

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University of Wisconsin Digital Collections

Query: an: Lake Michigan erosion Record: 1

Select view: Gallery • Brief • Full

Save All



Title: Geology students at Two Rivers, WI
Photographer: Thwaites, F.T.
Date: 1925
Subjects: Lakes / Water / Rivers / Streams / Creeks / Water / Banks / Erosion / Women
Place: Manitowoc County (Wisconsin)

Save All

Query: an: Lake Michigan erosion Record: 1

Select view: Gallery • Brief • Full

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Science Data Archive - Minds@UW

A search for "Lake Michigan erosion" through Minds@UW (<http://minds.wisconsin.edu>) yielded 2,524 entries.

The screenshot shows the Minds@UW Home page. The browser address bar displays "minds.wisconsin.edu". The page features a dark red header with the "MINDS@UW HOME" logo and a navigation menu on the left. The main content area includes a search bar with the text "Lake Michigan erosion" and a "Search MINDS@UW" button. Below the search bar is a "MINDS@UW Sitemap" section with a list of links to various campus locations.

MINDS@UW HOME

MINDS@UW Home

MINDS@UW

MINDS@UW is designed to store, index, distribute, and preserve the digital materials of the University of Wisconsin.

Search MINDS@UW

Lake Michigan erosion Search MINDS@UW

MINDS@UW Sitemap

- MINDS@UW Colleges
- MINDS@UW Eau Claire
- MINDS@UW Green Bay
- MINDS@UW La Crosse
- MINDS@UW Madison
- MINDS@UW Milwaukee
- MINDS@UW Oshkosh
- MINDS@UW Parkside
- MINDS@UW Platteville
- MINDS@UW River Falls
- MINDS@UW Stevens Point
- MINDS@UW Stout
- MINDS@UW Superior
- MINDS@UW System
- MINDS@UW Whitewater

The screenshot shows the Minds@UW search results page. The browser address bar displays "minds.wisconsin.edu/search?query=Lake+Michigan+erosion&submit=Search+MINDS%40UW". The page features a dark red header with the "MINDS@UW SEARCH" logo and a navigation menu on the left. The main content area includes a search bar with the text "Lake Michigan erosion" and a "Search MINDS@UW" button. Below the search bar is a "Search Results" section with a list of results.

MINDS@UW SEARCH

MINDS@UW Home > Search

Search

Search Scope: All of MINDS@UW

Full Text Search: Lake Michigan erosion

Results/page: 10 Sort items by: relevance in order: descending

Search MINDS@UW

Your query "Lake Michigan erosion" produced 2524 result(s).

Search Results

Showing 1-10 of 2524

1 2 3 4 ... 253 >>

Communities or Collections matching your query

- Great Lakes Connections Conference
- Publications of the Great Lakes Center for Research
- Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve

Items matching your query

- [Evaluation of shoreline erosion extent and processes on Wisconsin's Lake Superior shoreline](#)
Anderson, Lindsay (2003)
- [Dynamics of Lake Michigan forage fish populations : influence on food web interactions and PCB bioaccumulation](#)
Eby, Lisa (1995)
- [Lake Currents and Temperatures Near the Western Shore of Lake Michigan](#)
Mortimer, CH.; Sato, G.K. (Mar 1975)
- [Back Trajectory Analysis and Measurement of Ozone in Air Masses Over Lake Michigan](#)
Kuettner, Lindsey (Apr 2014)
- [Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, Lake Michigan coastline GIS visualization](#)
Wortley, A. J. (Dec 05, 2003)

Science Data Archive - Hahti Trust

A catalog search for "Lake Michigan erosion" using Hathi Trust (<http://www.hathitrust.org/>) yielded 28 entries and a full-text search for "Lake Michigan erosion" using Hathi Trust yielded 167 entries.

The screenshot shows the HathiTrust website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About, Collections, Help, and Feedback. The HathiTrust logo is on the left, and a 'LOG IN' button is on the right. The main search area features a search bar with the text "Lake Michigan erosion" and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are options for 'FULL-TEXT' and 'CATALOG', and a checkbox for 'Full view only'. A link for 'Advanced full-text search' and 'Search tips' is also present. A yellow banner on the right asks 'Want to get the most out of HathiTrust?' and provides instructions on logging in with a partner institution account. Below the search area, there is a section titled 'WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH HATHITRUST?' with four icons and corresponding text: 'BROWSE COLLECTIONS', 'READ BOOKS ONLINE', 'READ BOOKS ON THE GO', and 'DOWNLOAD BOOKS* & CREATE COLLECTIONS'. The bottom of the page features a section for 'THERE'S EVEN MORE YOU CAN DO WITH HATHITRUST' and a 'LATEST TWEET FROM @HATHITRUST' widget. The footer contains additional navigation links.



FULL-TEXT CATALOG

Lake Michigan erosion All Fields

LOG IN

Advanced catalog search Search tips Full view only

Refine Results

- Subject**
 - [Beach erosion](#) (14)
 - [Shore protection](#) (8)
 - [Beach erosion Michigan, Lake](#) (6)
 - [Coast changes](#) (5)
 - [Shorelines](#) (4)
 - [more...](#)
- Author**
 - [Illinois State Geological Survey](#) (6)
 - [Chrzastowski, Michael](#) (5)
 - [Trask, C. Brian](#) (4)
 - [Foyle, Anthony M](#) (3)
 - [Berg, Richard C](#) (2)
 - [more...](#)
- Language**
 - [English](#) (28)
- Place of Publication**
 - [United States](#) (26)
 - [No place, unknown, or undetermined](#) (2)
- Date of Publication**
 - [1970-1979](#) (10)
 - [1990-1999](#) (7)
 - [1950-1959](#) (4)
 - [1978](#) (3)
 - [1980-1989](#) (3)
 - [more...](#)

Showing 1 - 20 of 28 Results for all fields:Lake Michigan erosion

All items (28) Only full view (7)

Sort Relevance

1 2 Next >



Report to state officials on Lake Michigan shoreline erosion / by Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Water Resources. by Illinois. Division of Water Resources. Published 1979

Catalog Record Limited (search only)



The southern Lake Michigan Coastal Erosion Study : bibliography of publications by the Illinois State Geological Survey January 1988 through March 1993 / compiled by Michael J.... by Chrzastowski, Michael. Folger, David W. Published 1993

Catalog Record Limited (search only)



Bluff erosion, recession rates, and volumetric losses on the Lake Michigan shore in Illinois / Richard C. Berg and Charles Collinson. Environmental Geology Notes, Volume 76 by Berg, Richard C. Collinson, Charles William. Published 1976

Catalog Record Limited (search only)



Erosion and accretion trends along the Lake Michigan shore at North Point Marina and Illinois Beach State Park : year-1 (1995) report of a four-year study of coastal geology and... by Chrzastowski, Michael J. Foyle, Anthony M. Trask, C. Brian. Illinois State Geological Survey. Published 1996

Catalog Record Full view



FULL-TEXT CATALOG

"Lake Michigan erosion"



LOG IN

Advanced full-text search | Search tips

Full view only

Refine Results

Subject

- [Geology](#) (33)
- [Civil engineering](#) (13)
- [Geology United States](#) (13)
- [Civil engineering Periodicals](#) (12)
- [Science](#) (9)
- [more...](#)

Author

- [Geological Survey \(U.S.\)](#) (21)
- [American Society of Civil Engineers](#) (12)
- [American Society of Civil Engineers](#) (10)
- [United States National Bureau of Standards](#) (10)
- [United States Army Corps of Engineers](#) (8)
- [more...](#)

Language

- [English](#) (155)
- [French](#) (8)
- [Italian](#) (1)

Place of Publication

- [United States](#) (150)
- [France](#) (8)
- [No place unknown or undetermined](#) (5)
- [India](#) (2)
- [Italy](#) (1)

Search Results: 167 items found for "Lake Michigan erosion" in Full-Text + All Fields

All Items (167) Full View (63)

25 per page

Prev 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Next >>

Select all on page

Select Collection

Add Selected



Frankfort Harbor dredging, confined disposal : environmental impact statement. B3
Published 1980

Catalog Record Limited (search-only)



Sediment distribution in a beach ridge complex and its application to artificial beach replenishment / Environmental Geology Notes, Volume 67 Gordon S. Fraser and Norman C. Hester.
Environmental Geology Notes, Volume 67
by Fraser, Gordon S.
Published 1974

Catalog Record Full view



Great Lakes shore erosion protection : structural design examples / S. N. Hanson, and W. Wallace, R. Chenoweth.
by Hanson, S. N.
Published 1978

Catalog Record Limited (search-only)



Inland seas. v.26 (1970) Index
Published 1970

Geospatial Data Archives

The University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute maintains geocatalogs that promote discovery and access to geospatial data. It utilizes GeoNetwork software (<http://geonetwork-opensource.org/>), where data custodians can author interoperable catalog services that adhere to standards adopted by the Open Geospatial Consortium (<http://www.opengeospatial.org/>). UW Sea Grant's geocatalog (<http://maps.aqua.wisc.edu/geonetwork>) is a component of the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas (<http://wicoastalatlus.net/>) and includes 57 datasets as of June 26, 2015, 8 of which are specific to the coastal processes in the study area. Additional geospatial data sets that are relevant for the integrated assessment can be accessed through the catalog section of the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas (<http://wicoastalatlus.net/Default.aspx?tabid=63>) and the federal government portal at (<http://data.gov>).

GeoNetwork - Wisconsin Coastal Atlas, University of Wisconsin Sea Grant
<http://maps.aqua.wisc.edu/geonetwork/>

GetCapabilities Request

<http://maps.aqua.wisc.edu/geonetwork/srv/en/csw?request=GetCapabilities&service=CSW&Version=2.0.2>

DescribeRecord Request

<http://maps.aqua.wisc.edu/geonetwork/srv/en/csw?request=DescribeRecord&service=CSW&version=2.0.2>

GetRecords Request (searched for records containing "bluff" returned 28 records)

[http://maps.aqua.wisc.edu/geonetwork/srv/en/csw?request=GetRecords&service=CSW&version=2.0.2&namespace=xmlns\(csw=http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw\)&resultType=results&outputSchema=http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2&outputFormat=application/xml&maxRecords=10&typeNames=csw:Record&elementSetName=summary&constraintLanguage=CQL_TEXT&constraintLanguageVersion=1.1.0&constraint=AnyText+LIKE+%27%25bluff%25%27](http://maps.aqua.wisc.edu/geonetwork/srv/en/csw?request=GetRecords&service=CSW&version=2.0.2&namespace=xmlns(csw=http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw)&resultType=results&outputSchema=http://www.opengis.net/cat/csw/2.0.2&outputFormat=application/xml&maxRecords=10&typeNames=csw:Record&elementSetName=summary&constraintLanguage=CQL_TEXT&constraintLanguageVersion=1.1.0&constraint=AnyText+LIKE+%27%25bluff%25%27)

The screenshot displays the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas (WCA) website interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: maps.aqua.wisc.edu/geonetwork/srv/eng/main.home. The page header includes the WCA logo and the title "Wisconsin Coastal Atlas". Navigation links for Home, Contact us, Links, About, and Help are visible. A search bar contains the text "bluff". The search results section shows three entries:

- BLUFF TOE, KENOSHA COUNTY, 1956**: Abstract: "This is a shapefile containing polylines that delineate the bluff toe for Kenosha County as it existed in 1956." Keywords: Land Status, Landform, Bluff Toe, Coastal Erosion, Environmental Hazard, Somers, Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha County, 1956. Schema: iso19139.
- BLUFF TOP, KENOSHA COUNTY, 1956**: Abstract: "This is a shapefile containing polylines that delineate the bluff top for Kenosha County as it existed in 1956." Keywords: Environmental Hazard, Land Status, Landform, Coastal Erosion, Bluff Top, Kenosha County, Somers, Pleasant Prairie, 1956. Schema: fgdc-std. Extent: -87.822304 42.483025 -87.800043 42.667555.
- BLUFF TOE, MANITOWOC COUNTY, 1961**: Abstract: "This is a shapefile containing polylines that delineate the bluff toe for Manitowoc County as it existed in 1961." Keywords: Environmental Hazard, Coastal Erosion, Land Status, Bluff Toe, Landform, Newton, Two Rivers, Manitowoc.

The interface also features a "Simple Search" section with a "WHERE?" map, a "Show map" button, and a "WELCOME TO THE WISCONSIN COASTAL ATLAS CATALOG" message. A sidebar on the left lists various resources and applications.

Open GeoPortal – Wisconsin Sea Grant

<http://maps.aqua.wisc.edu/opengeoportal/>

OpenGeoPortal (<http://opengeoportal.org/>) is a “collaboratively developed, open source, federated web application to rapidly discover, preview, and retrieve geospatial data from multiple repositories.” The OGP instance at Wisconsin Sea Grant leverages metadata in the WISG GeoNetwork and provides a map interface to make searches easier. A search on the study area yields 24 results.

The screenshot displays the OpenGeoPortal interface. The browser address bar shows the URL maps.aqua.wisc.edu/opengeoportal/. The page title is "GeoData@UWSG". The search results section shows 24 results, with a table listing various geospatial data items. The map on the right shows the Milwaukee area, including the city of Milwaukee and surrounding areas like Wauwatosa, Glendale, and Whitefish Bay. The map is powered by OpenGeo.

Type	Name	Originator	Rep	Meta	View
+	Circle Tour Route, Lake Michigan	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Coastal Zone, Wisconsin	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Nature Centers, Coastal Counties, W	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Marinas, Wisconsin	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Panorama Photos, Great Lakes, W	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Rustic Roads, Coastal Counties, W	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Web Mapping Sites, Municipalities, U	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Shipwrecks, Great Lakes, Wiscons	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Web Mapping Sites, Counties, Wis	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Oblique Photos, Great Lakes, Wisc	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Lighthouses, Wisconsin	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Parks, Great Lakes, Wisconsin	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	State Natural Areas, Coastal Coun	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Beaches, Great Lakes, Wisconsin	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Bike Routes, Coastal Counties, Wi	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Boat Access, Great Lakes, Wiscon	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Bluff Toe, Ozaukee County, 1999	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Bluff Toe, Ozaukee County, 1956	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Bluff Top, Ozaukee County, 1999	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Bluff Top, Ozaukee County, 1956	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Bluff Top, Milwaukee County, 200	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Bluff Toe, Milwaukee County, 200	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Bluff Top, Milwaukee County, 195	UWSeaGrant		i	
+	Bluff Toe, Milwaukee County, 195	UWSeaGrant		i	

GeoData @ UW-Madison

<http://maps.sco.wisc.edu/opengeoportal/>

This is an OGP instance maintained by the Wisconsin State Cartographer's Office and the Robinson Map Library at UW-Madison. It allows search, discover, and retrieval of geospatial data from the Robinson Map Library's Data Archive. A search on the study area yields 34 results.

The screenshot displays the GeoData@WISCONSIN web application interface. The header includes the logo and navigation links (Reset, Help, About, Feedback, Contact). A search bar is present with a search button and a link to advanced options. Below the search bar, a table lists 34 search results, sorted by relevance. The table columns are Type, Name, Date, Rep, and Download. The results include various data types such as Municipalities, Land Use, Parcels, Addresses, Roads, and Hydro data for different counties in Wisconsin. A map of Wisconsin is visible on the right side of the interface, showing the state's outline and major cities. The footer contains copyright information and a link to the Privacy Statement.

Type	Name	Date	Rep	Download
Municipalities	Ozaukee County, WI 2013	2013	0	1
Municipalities	Ozaukee County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Land Use	Ozaukee County, WI 2010	2010	0	1
Parcels	Ozaukee County, WI 2013	2013	0	1
Parcels	Ozaukee County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Addresses	Ozaukee County, WI 2013	2013	0	1
Addresses	Ozaukee County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Roads	Ozaukee County, WI 2013	2013	0	1
Roads	Ozaukee County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Land Use	Milwaukee County, WI 2000	2000	0	1
Land Use	Milwaukee County, WI 2010	2010	0	1
Parcels	Milwaukee County, WI 2012	2012	0	1
Parcels	Milwaukee County, WI 2013	2013	0	1
Parcels	Milwaukee County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Roads	Milwaukee County, WI 2012	2012	0	1
Roads	Milwaukee County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Land Use	Washington County, WI 2010	2010	0	1
Municipalities	Washington County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Parcels	Washington County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Roads	Washington County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Addresses	Washington County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Hydro (Line)	Washington County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Hydro (Polygon)	Washington County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Municipalities	Waukesha County, WI 2014	2014	0	1
Land Use	Waukesha County, WI 2010	2010	0	1
Municipalities	Waukesha County, WI 2013	2013	0	1
Parcels	Waukesha County, WI 2013	2013	0	1
Parcels	Waukesha County, WI 2014	2014	0	1

Data.gov
<http://data.gov>

Data.gov allows searches for a broad range of federal government data resources.

Search on Great Lakes. 691 datasets found.

Search on Lake Michigan. 316 datasets found.

Search on Milwaukee County. 28 datasets found.

Search on Ozaukee County. 4 datasets found.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Data.gov search results for "ozaukee county". The browser tabs include "New Tab", "Integrated Assessment Li...", "Full-text Search Results", "Catalog", and "Search for a Dataset - Dai...". The address bar shows the URL: catalog.data.gov/dataset?q=ozaukee+county&sort=score+desc%2C+name+asc&ext_location=&ext_bbox=&ext_prev_extent. The page header features the Data.gov logo and navigation links: DATA, TOPICS, IMPACT, APPLICATIONS, DEVELOPERS, CONTACT. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with "DATA CATALOG" and buttons for " / Datasets", "Organizations", and a help icon. The search bar contains "ozaukee county" and the results are ordered by "Relevance". A message states: "You are searching in the list of datasets. Show results in entire Data.gov site." The left sidebar includes a "Filter by location" section with a map of the United States and a "Topics" section with "A-Z" and "1-9" filters. The main content area displays "4 datasets found for 'ozaukee county'" and lists the following results:

- Land Use and Land Cover, Published in unknown, Ozaukee County.**
NSGIC GIS Inventory (aka Ramona) – This Land Use and Land Cover dataset as of unknown. Data by this publisher are often provided in State Plane coordinate system; in a Lambert Conformal-conic...
HTML HTML
- Topographic Digital Raster Graphics, Published in unknown, Ozaukee County.**
NSGIC GIS Inventory (aka Ramona) – This Topographic Digital Raster Graphics dataset as of unknown. Data by this publisher are often provided in State Plane coordinate system; in a Lambert...
HTML HTML
- DIGITAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP DATABASE, OZAUKEE, WISCONSIN (AND INCORPORATED AREAS)**
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security – The Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Database depicts flood risk information and supporting data used to develop the risk data. The primary risk...
HTML HTML HTML HTML HTML HTML 1 more in dataset
- EnviroAtlas - Milwaukee, WI - BenMAP Results by Block Group**
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – This EnviroAtlas dataset demonstrates the effect of changes in pollution concentration on local populations in 1,175 block groups in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The US...
ZIP Esri REST HTML HTML

Pulling the Pieces Together

So far, this report has focused on searching on-line bibliographies and data archives to find resources relevant to the topic and study area of the integrated assessment. This section describes two resources to organize the information so it is easy to access and use. The first is through a case study in the Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide (<http://greatlakesresilience.org/>) and the second is through the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas (<http://wicoastalatlans.net/>).

Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide – Case Study

Communicating Long-Term Bluff Erosion to Prevent Unsustainable Development – Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

<http://greatlakesresilience.org/case-studies/land-use-zoning/communicating-long-term-bluff-erosion-prevent-unsustainable-development>

Perhaps the best vehicle for consolidating resources for the Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment Wisconsin project is through a case study in the Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide. The most relevant existing case study focuses on “Communicating Long-Term Bluff Erosion to Prevent Unsustainable Development – Ozaukee County, Wisconsin.” Case studies include sections on awareness, understanding, analysis and strategy. Clicking on the search map opens a customized map interface in OpenGeoPortal that consolidates resources based on the bounding box of the study area. Results include relevant items from the ASFPM library, along with geo-referenced contacts, events, funding sources, tools and geospatial data. The Ozaukee case study query yields 171 results as of June 26, 2015.

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL <http://greatlakesresilience.org/case-studies/land-use-zoning/communicating-long-term-bluff-erosion-prevent-unsustainable-development>. The page features a navigation menu with categories: Case Studies, Climate & Environment, Local Stories, Maps, Tools & Data, Library, People & Organizations, and Events & Funding. A left sidebar lists navigation options under 'Case Studies', including 'Land Use & Zoning' (with sub-items like 'Communicating Long-Term Bluff Erosion to Prevent Unsustainable Development', 'Engaging Communities to Promote Coastal Zoning', and 'Visualizing Coastal Flooding'), 'Habitat & Environment', and 'Infrastructure'. The main content area is titled 'Communicating Long-Term Bluff Erosion to Prevent Unsustainable Development' and includes a breadcrumb trail: Case Studies > Land Use & Zoning > Communicating Long-Term Bluff Erosion to Prevent Unsustainable Development. The 'Objective' section states: 'Explain bluff erosional processes, the factors that cause and exacerbate it, and the risks associated with building too close to the bluff. Identify tools and resources that communities can use to communicate and establish sustainable setback standards, thereby preventing purchase and development of at-risk private properties.' The 'Authors' are listed as Bridget Faust and Jeffrey D. Stone, Association of State Floodplain Managers. A progress bar shows 'Awareness' as the current step, followed by 'Understanding', 'Analysis', and 'Strategy'. The text describes the coastal geology of Ozaukee County, mentioning till and bluffs reaching up to 140 feet above lake level. An inset image shows a coastal area with a building. A section titled 'Stabilizing Concordia University's Bluff' describes a 1982 relocation project. A 'Share This Case Study' section includes social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. A 'Search Map' section shows a map of the area around West Bend, Mequon, and Milwaukee. 'Article Tags' include Geography Tags (Wisconsin, Ozaukee County), Hydrology Tags (Great Lakes, Lake Michigan, Coastal Bluffs), and Keyword Tags (Bluff Erosion, Slope Angle, Setbacks, Coastal Processes). A 'Related Data & Tools' section lists 'Web Soil Survey' and 'Flood and Erosion Prediction'.

GLCRPG Open Geo Portal – ASFPM

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Report	A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan For Ozaukee County: 2035	Reports		PDF
Report	Stabilizing Concordia University's Bluff	Wisconsin		NA
Report	Protecting Wetland Benefits in Ozaukee County	Wisconsin		NA
Report	Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning Ordinance, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin	Floodplain and Shoreland		PDF
Report	Oconto County, Wisconsin 2009 Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan	Hazard Mitigation Plans		PDF
Report	Ozaukee County, Wisconsin 2008 Hazard Mitigation Plan	Hazard Mitigation Plans		PDF
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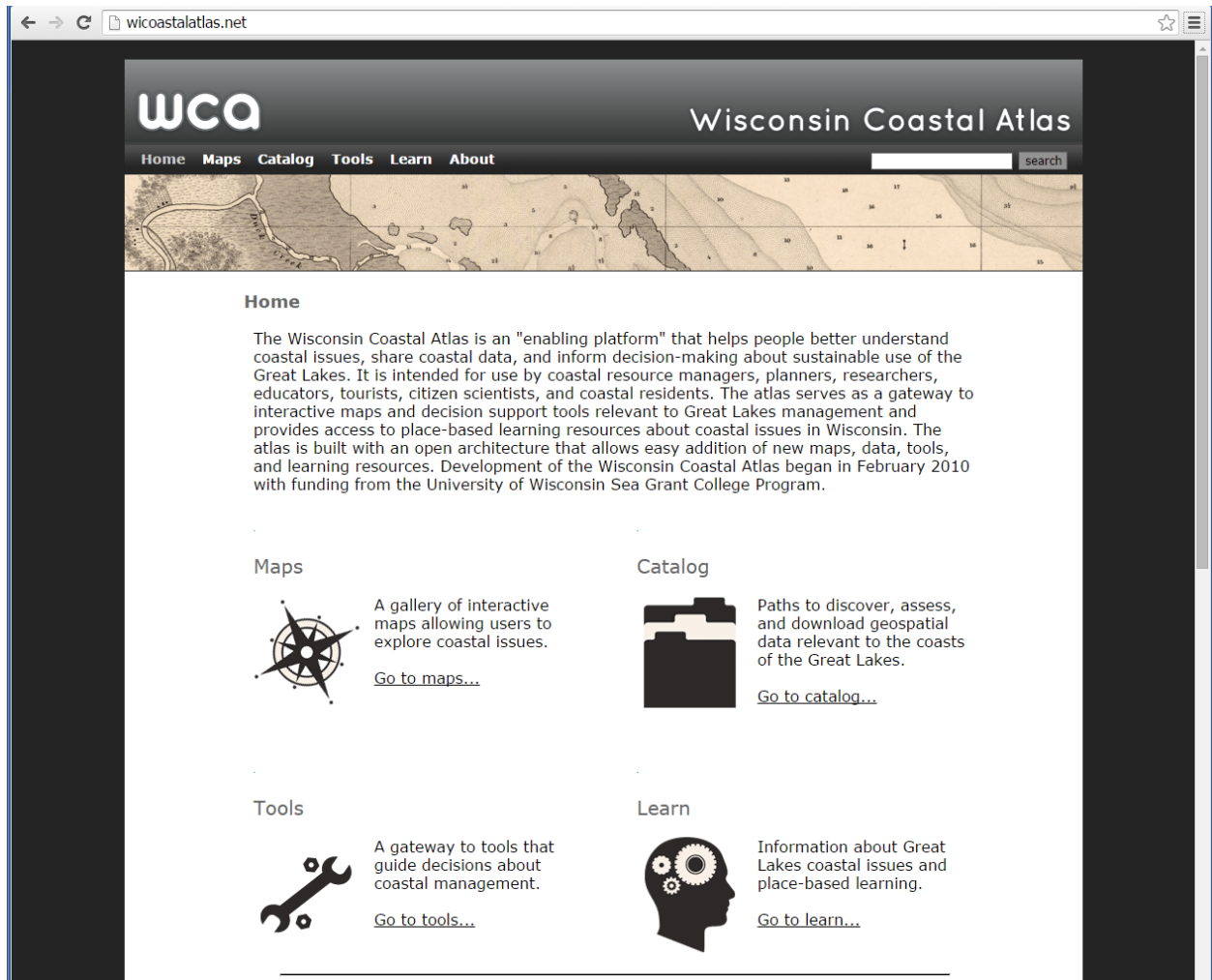
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Wisconsin Coastal Atlas

<http://wicoastlatlas.net/>

Maps, data, tools and place-based learning approaches can be accessed through the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas. Maps and tools featured in the atlas relevant to the integrated assessment include the Wisconsin Shoreline Inventory and Oblique Photo Viewer, Lake Level Viewer and Visualizing Coastal Erosion on the Great Lakes.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas (WCA) website. The browser address bar displays "wicoastlatlas.net". The website header features the "WCA" logo and the title "Wisconsin Coastal Atlas". A navigation menu includes "Home", "Maps", "Catalog", "Tools", "Learn", and "About", along with a search box. Below the header is a map of the Great Lakes region. The main content area is titled "Home" and contains a paragraph describing the atlas as an "enabling platform" for understanding coastal issues. Below this are four sections: "Maps" (with a compass icon), "Catalog" (with a folder icon), "Tools" (with a wrench icon), and "Learn" (with a head-and-gears icon). Each section includes a brief description and a "Go to..." link.

WCA Wisconsin Coastal Atlas

Home Maps Catalog Tools Learn About search

Home

The Wisconsin Coastal Atlas is an "enabling platform" that helps people better understand coastal issues, share coastal data, and inform decision-making about sustainable use of the Great Lakes. It is intended for use by coastal resource managers, planners, researchers, educators, tourists, citizen scientists, and coastal residents. The atlas serves as a gateway to interactive maps and decision support tools relevant to Great Lakes management and provides access to place-based learning resources about coastal issues in Wisconsin. The atlas is built with an open architecture that allows easy addition of new maps, data, tools, and learning resources. Development of the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas began in February 2010 with funding from the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant College Program.

Maps

A gallery of interactive maps allowing users to explore coastal issues.

[Go to maps...](#)

Catalog

Paths to discover, assess, and download geospatial data relevant to the coasts of the Great Lakes.

[Go to catalog...](#)

Tools

A gateway to tools that guide decisions about coastal management.

[Go to tools...](#)

Learn

Information about Great Lakes coastal issues and place-based learning.

[Go to learn...](#)