

Update on Federal Funding and Coastal Infrastructure

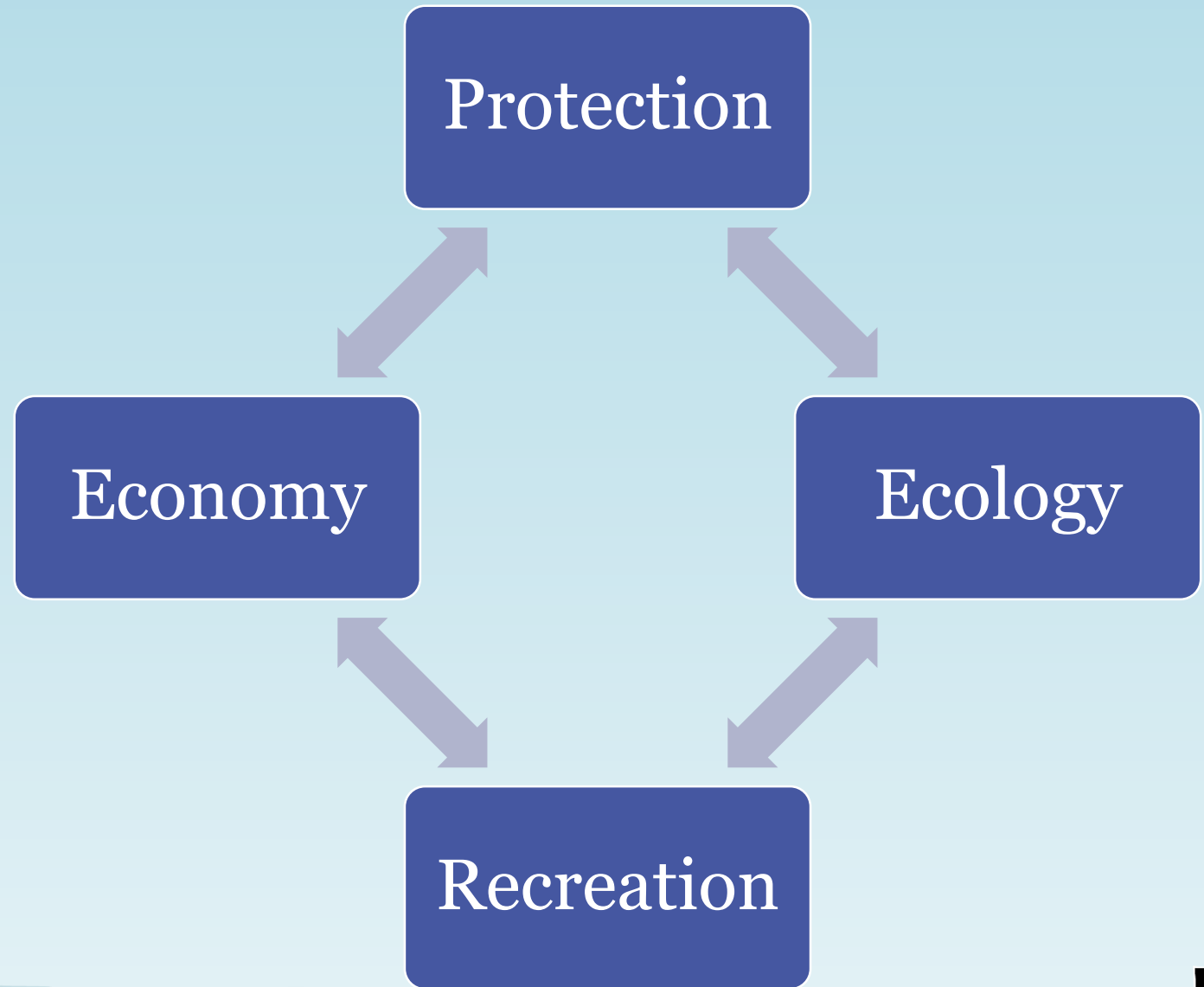
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Federal Funding



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- Annual Budget
 - FY17
 - FY18
- Special Funds
 - Emergency spending bill (e.g. post-storm funding bill)
 - Infrastructure package

Annual Budget – FY17:

- Began in September '16,
but is in a “CR”
(Continuing Resolution)



*“Marge and I passed a continuing resolution lasting
at least until the kids are in college.”*

Annual Budget – FY17:

- Continuing Resolution “CR” ends April 28
 - will there be a Gov’t Shutdown? Omnibus bill? Full year CR?
- CR leaves planning up in the air – Fed agencies don’t know how much they can spend
- Passing a budget could include increase to Shore Protection
 - House/Senate bills had slight increase over FY16
- Could include Admin proposed cuts to many coastal programs.

Annual Budget – FY18:

- Budgets usually developed in the Spring, but with new Admin, timeline is delayed.
 - Admin’s “Blueprint” released Mar. 10; Budget expected May; Congress maybe June?
- Budget Blueprint (and leaked details):
 - *Eliminated:*
 - Coastal Zone Management (~\$70 mil; \$2.5 mil/yr to NC)
 - Sea Grant (~\$73 mil; \$3.3 mil/yr to NC)
 - BEACH Grants (~\$10 mil)
 - Coastal resilience grants (~\$15 mil)
 - *Cut:*
 - USACE (\$1 billion)
 - Also: NOAA Satellite, data, permitting; FEMA pre-disaster mitigation

Shore Protection Appropriations

| Year | Pres. Budget | Enacted |
|------|--------------|-------------------------|
| FY14 | \$0 | \$75 million |
| FY15 | \$0 | \$45 million |
| FY16 | \$0 | \$40 million |
| FY17 | \$0 | \$50 million (proposed) |
| FY18 | TBD | TBD |

- Most beach money comes from supplemental – e.g. Hurricane Matthew supplemental was \$250+ million

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What the Infrastructure package MAY be:

- What's included?
 - Standard infrastructure (Roads, Bridges, Airports, etc)
 - Will “natural coastal infrastructure” – beaches, dunes, wetlands – be included?
 - ASBPA is calling for \$5 billion for beaches, dunes and wetlands.
- How is it paid for?
 - Fed. Spending v. Public-Private-Partnership (PPP)/Tax Credit?
 - How will it be “offset”? (Is it *new* spending, or does something else get cut?)
- Timing?
 - Summer? Fall? 2018...? Depends on other priorities. Republicans willingness to work with Democrats.

What are ASBPA's priorities:

- **Investing in coastal infrastructure:**
 - Congress should invest \$5 billion over 10 years to (re-)build federal, state and local beaches, dunes, wetlands and other coastal risk reduction, erosion control, and habitat infrastructure.
- **Advancing coastal projects:**
 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) should implement the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material pilot program authorized in the WIIN Act (Sec. 1122)
 - USACE, NMFS, and USFWS should improve regulatory and permitting timeframes.
- **Regional and state coordination:**
 - The South Atlantic Coastal Study should be funded and implemented.

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