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2024 Quarterly Meetings of the Coast Smart Council

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Coast Smart Council - Q2 Meeting
Wednesday, May 29, 12:30 - 1:30pm

In-person and online
MD Dept. of Natural Resources 580 Taylor Ave, Room C-1 Annapolis, MD 21401

Google Meet joining info:
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Maryland CoastSmart Council

House Bill 615 - Section 3-1001-3-1004 of the Natural Resources Article - entitled "Coast Smart Council" - was enacted into law in 2014. This law established the Maryland Coast Smart Council in the Department of Natural Resources for the purposes of adopting specific Coast Smart siting and design criteria to address impacts associated with sea level rise and coastal flooding on future capital projects. The Council's Coast Smart Construction Program, detailing its siting and design criteria and implementation procedures, was approved on June 26, 2015.

House Bill 1150 (2018) - Section 3-101(a) and (f) and 8-101(a) and (j) of the Natural Resource Article - entitled "Sea Level Rise Inundation and Coastal Flooding - Construction, Adaptation, and Mitigation" expands the scope of the Coast Smart Council, the applicability of the Coast Smart siting and design criteria and modifies a requirement that must be included in the criteria. Under the bill, the criteria now apply to state and local projects for which at least 50% of the project costs are funded with state funds. The bill also specifies that the criteria do not apply to a public work contract of less than \$500,000. The bill clarified the inclusion of a "highway facility" updated the lowest floor elevation requirement and expanded the participation of the Council.

House Bill 1477 (2019) - Section 3-1001(a) and (c) of the Natural Resources Article - entitled "Sea Level Rise Inundation and Coastal Flooding - Construction, Adaptation, and Mitigation" clarified the applicability of the siting and design guidelines, extended deadlines for revising the criteria and submission of nuisance flood plans.

Coast Smart Construction Program

The Coast Smart Construction Program include guidelines, and other directives applicable to the preliminary planning and construction of proposed capital projects to address sea level rise and coastal flood impacts; a requirement that the lowest floor elevation of proposed structures located within a Special Flood Hazard Area be built at an elevation of at least 2 feet above the base flood elevation; and provisions establishing a process to allow a Unit of State Government to obtain a categorical exception and/or waiver from complying with specific implementation requirements.

The Coast Smart Construction Program is for the use of all State of Maryland agencies that design and build facilities or prepare programs and budgets for the design and construction of facilities. It is intended specifically for the use of project managers, capital planners, and the professionals who will design and operate State-owned facilities. The Program will be reviewed on an annually by the Council and revised as necessary to address issues which may occur as the building of State facilities and knowledge of Coast Smart building practices evolves.

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- ### Coast Smart Reports and Forms
- [Coast Smart Construction Program 2020](#)
 - [2018-2019 Coast Smart Report](#)
 - [2016 Coast Smart Council Annual Report](#)
 - [2017 Coast Smart Council Annual Report](#)
 - [Coast Smart Climate Ready Action Boundary](#)
- The CS-CRAB demarcates the area that would be inundated by an additional three feet of flooding above the FEMA base flood elevation (It's annual chance storm). It is the boundary for the 2020 update of the Coast Smart Construction Program Siting and Design Guidelines.

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<https://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Pages/Definitions-and-Terms.aspx>

What Qualifies?: Program Implementation

What Qualifies?: CRAB

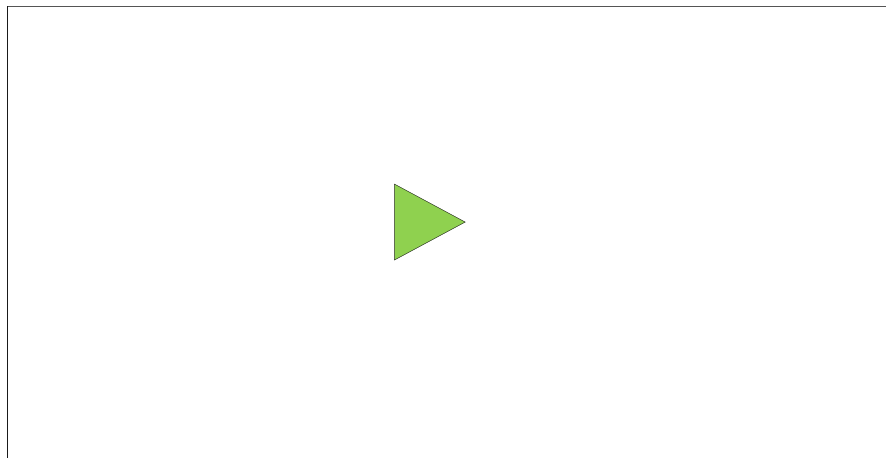
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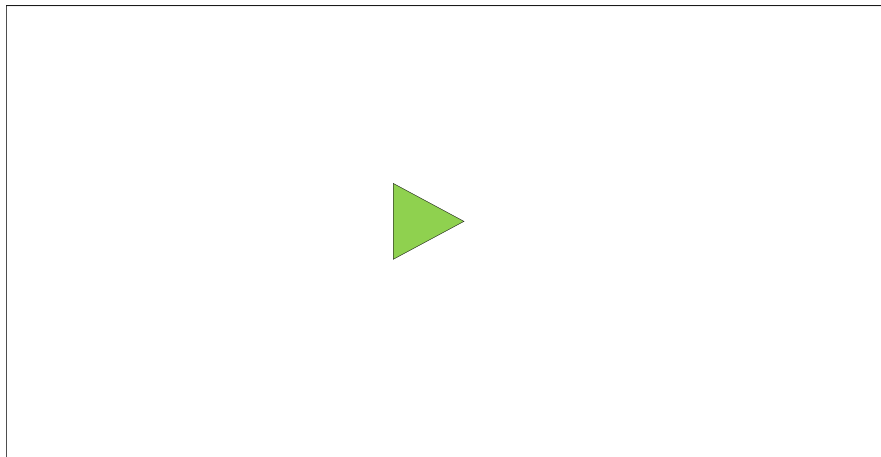
Alternate Processes: Exemption

Examples/Case Studies

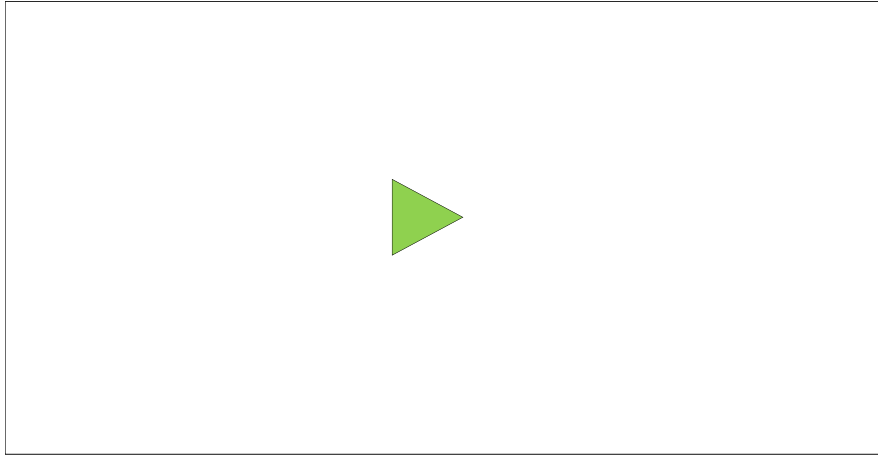
FAQs

Do we have the option to keep multiple accordions open at the same time?





This video covers the basics of Coast Smart including history, purpose, guidelines, and important definitions.



Done as screen recording, walking through CS-CRAB

This video covers the basics of how to use the Coast Smart Climate Ready Action Boundary (CS-CRAB) tool to identify if your project falls within the boundary for the Coast Smart Construction Program.

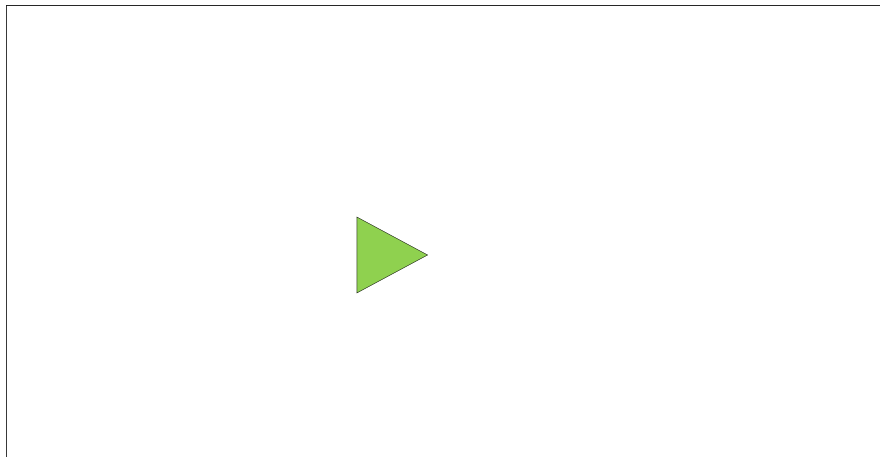


If a project cannot meet one or more parts of the siting or design criteria, but does not qualify as an exemption (see below for more information on exemptions).

Waiver requests are reviewed by the [Smart Growth Subcabinet](#).

Includes a letter of request listing why the project cannot meet the criteria and why the project is eligible for a waiver.

- Eligibility reasons listed in Appendix B-1 at the top of the page.



This video covers the cases when a project might be considered exempted from the Coast Smart Construction Program requirements.



Hidden for now!



Q: How do I screen for Coast Smart?

A: POS \$500K example

A: Waterways, is it a structure example

Q: Where do I turn in my screening form?

A: The form should go with all packets of information on the proposed project. Forms should generally be kept by the agency providing the funding for the project. Coast Smart is self-certifying and the Council does not see or approve of individual projects.



Q: What's the difference between Critical Area and Coast Smart

Do I need to fill out forms for both?

A: Yes, Critical Area and Coast Smart are two different programs. There is some overlap, but forms should be filled out for both programs independently.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about CoastSmart?

A: Ryland Taylor ryland.taylor@maryland.gov