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## Coast Smart Certificate

I,                     Name of Project Sponsor                    , certify on behalf of  
                    Name of agency                     that a Coast Smart Assessment has  
been completed for the project identified below using best professional  
judgement and currently available knowledge and practices to ensure that the  
identified project complies to the maximum extent practicable with the Coast  
Smart Construction Program.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter 415 of the 2014 laws of Maryland House (Bill 615) established the [Coast Smart Council](#) to develop a Coast Smart Construction Program with [Coast Smart Siting and Design Criteria](#). These criteria address sea level rise and coastal flood impacts on state-funded capital projects. State-funded capital projects planned and built by units of state government that include the construction of a new structure, or reconstruction of a structure with substantial damage, must be in compliance with the established criteria. The Criteria include guidelines and directives applicable to the preliminary planning and construction of a proposed capital project; require the lowest floor elevation of each structure located within a Special Flood Hazard Area to be built at least 2 feet above the base flood elevation; and establish a process for a unit of state government to be waived from compliance. The intent of these criteria is to ensure that fiscally wise decisions are made by avoiding or minimizing unnecessary damage to state capital assets.

### Project Information

- a. Project Name
- b. Location:
- c. Brief Project Description

# Coast Smart Assessment

Please complete the following questions to ensure that any state-funded capital projects potentially vulnerable to coastal flooding, storm inundation or sea-level rise has complied to the maximum extent practicable with the [Coast Smart Construction Program](#).

1. **What is the timescale for project planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation decisions are being made? Select one**
  - a. Short term project (design life <25 years)
  - b. Medium term project (design life between 25-50 years)
  - c. Long term project (design life between 50-100 years)
  - d. Very long term project (design life > 100)

2. **Is your project in an area vulnerable to coastal flooding, storm inundation or sea-level rise within the design life of your project? To assess your project's vulnerability, please go to Vulnerability Viewer: <http://arcg.is/2o7PUBN>**

Yes

No

Please explain below how the determination was made:

If you answered yes, proceed to question 3.

If you answered no, STOP--a Coast Smart Certificated is not required based on best professional judgement and currently available information and projections.

3. **Categorical Exceptions: Is your project eligible for a Categorical Exception (Section 3, page 5 of the Coast Smart Construction Program)?**

Yes

No

If yes, please provide documentation as described in Categorical Exception form, Appendix C (pages A-11 and A-12) of the [Coast Smart Construction Program](#) to support your eligibility. Projects eligible for Categorical Exceptions are highly recommended to adhere to the Coast Smart Siting and Design requirements (Section 2, pages 2-4 of the [Coast Smart Construction Program](#)) to the maximum extent practicable to avoid or minimize vulnerability.

If no, please proceed to question 4.

**4. Coast Smart Siting and Design Criteria:** Please review the Coast Smart Siting and Design requirements (Section 2, pages 2-4 of the [Coast Smart Construction Program](#)) and show how your project meets the requirements and provide documentation of your assessment and compliance using the Project Screening Checklist, Appendix B (pages A-5 through A-10) of the Coast Smart Construction Program.

**5. Criteria Waivers:** Did you request one or more Criteria Waivers?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide documentation using Criteria Waiver form, Appendix D (pages A-13 and A-14) of the [Coast Smart Construction Program](#). Sign certification statement on page 1.

In no, please complete and sign Certification Statement on page 1.

Coast Smart Certificate is to be included in the project packet provide to the Board of Public Works.