

Where to Go From Here

Three in-depth reports have been prepared as supplements to this introductory brochure. **Low Cost Shore Protection: A Property Owner's Guide** gives detailed information about the subjects covered briefly in this brochure, as well as a list of other helpful publications (many of them free) and the addresses of government agencies that have jurisdiction or expertise in waterfront areas. The other two reports, **Low Cost Shore Protection: A Guide for Local Government Officials** and **Low Cost Shore Protection: A Guide for Engineers and Contractors**, include information pertinent to these groups, as well as lists of information sources and government agencies. To obtain one of these reports, send in the postcard attached to the back cover.

These reports are the latest products of the long-term commitment to coastal planning and engineering of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In the Shoreline Erosion Control Demonstration Act of 1974, Congress authorized the Corps of Engineers to develop and demonstrate low cost methods of shoreline erosion protection in the sheltered and inland waters of the United States and disseminate the results of the demonstration program. The Corps of Engineers has produced other publications, many of which are available through the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. In addition, the Corps conducts research at the Coastal Engineering Research Center in Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Information on local situations may be obtained from the district offices of the Corps of Engineers and from state and local agencies responsible for water, natural resources, or coastal management. Federal and state offices of the Soil Conservation Service and Fish & Wildlife Service will be able to help you locate professional advice about the ecology of your area and find ways to evaluate and minimize the environmental impact of any erosion control measure you decide to use. The National Ocean Survey can provide hydrographic charts and tide tables for all U.S. coastal areas; and lake level information for the Great Lakes is available from the Detroit District of the Corps of Engineers. Corps of Engineers coastal district offices are listed on the inside back cover.

Your state's board of higher education can help you locate agricultural and marine extension services, another source of information about local conditions and ecology. These services are usually associated with "land-grant" or "sea-grant" units of state or private colleges and universities.

Local businesses and associations concerned with waterfront uses may be able to refer you to competent professionals familiar with your area and its special characteristics.