

PLANNING PROCESS

The primary tasks associated with climate change adaptation planning as suggested in *Adapting to Climate Change: A Planning Guide for Coastal Managers* are:

1. Establish the Planning Process

- Step 1.1: Scope out Level of Effort and Responsibility
- Step 1.2: Assess Resource Needs and Availability
- Step 1.3: Assemble Planning Team and Establish Responsibilities
- Step 1.4: Educate, Engage, and Involve Stakeholders

2. Assess Vulnerability

- Step 2.1: Identify Climate Change Phenomena
- Step 2.2: Identify Climate Change Impacts and Consequences
- Step 2.3: Assess Physical Characteristics and Exposure
- Step 2.4: Consider Adaptive Capacities
- Step 2.5: Develop Scenarios and Simulate Change
- Step 2.6: Summarize Vulnerability and Identify Focus Areas

3. Create an Adaptation Strategy

- Step 3.1: Set Goals
- Step 3.2: Identify Actions
- Step 3.3: Evaluate, Select, and Prioritize Actions
- Step 3.4: Write Action Plans

4. Design a Plan Implementation and Maintenance Process

- Step 4.1: Adopt the Plan
 - Step 4.2: Implement the Plan
 - Step 4.3: Integrate Plan Findings into Other State Planning Efforts and Programs
 - Step 4.4: Track, Evaluate, and Communicate Plan Progress
 - Step 4.5: Update the Plan
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