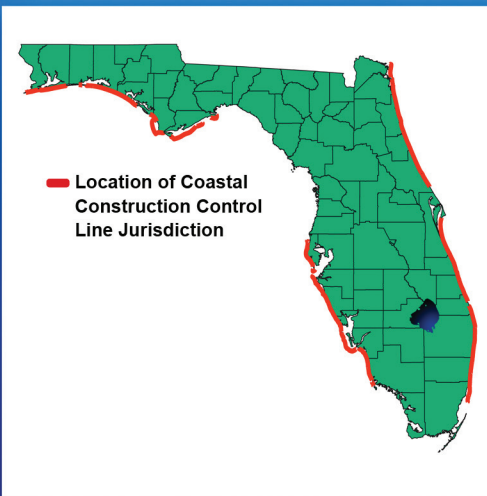


## The Florida CCCL Program

The purpose of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) Program is to "preserve and protect Florida's beaches from imprudent construction that can jeopardize the stability of the beach-dune system, accelerate erosion, provide inadequate protection to upland structures, endanger adjacent properties, or interfere with public beach access." The CCCL program is administered by the DEP, which issues permits for activities that may impact Florida's sandy beaches.



## Regulated Activities

- New Construction, Rebuilding and Redevelopment, including Ancillary Structures
- Beach Berm or Dune Restoration
- Post Storm Emergency Permitting Activities
- Coastal Armoring
- Public Infrastructure
- Beach Cleaning Activities

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## The Florida Beaches Habitat Conservation Plan



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[www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches)

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Florida's beaches are important to many users, from fishers and surfers to wildlife watchers and the millions of residents and visitors that come to the beach each year to enjoy the sun and surf. Many are attracted to the coast because of the diverse wildlife and scenic habitats found here. Protecting wildlife and their habitats on Florida's beaches will ensure the continued economic and recreational value of the coast and help to preserve its unique natural resources for future generations.





## Habitat Conservation Plans

Florida's beaches are home to a wide array of wildlife, including many species that are protected by the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA). Beaches are also home to a large and growing population of seasonal and year-round residents, who place an increasing burden on our coastal resources.



Construction and other activities that may impact the beach-dune system typically require a CCCL permit. The DEP endeavors to condition these permits to avoid harm to listed marine turtle species, but unintentional (incidental) impacts to these and other listed species may still occur. For this reason, DEP is preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) in order to apply for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) that will ensure full compliance with the ESA.

HCPs, under the ESA, provide a framework for citizens to engage in important and lawful economic activities while conserving threatened and endangered species of plants and animals. The U.S. Congress envisioned HCPs as integrating development and land-use activities with conservation in a climate of cooperation. The purpose of the habitat conservation planning process associated with a permit is to ensure the impacts to protected species resulting from authorized activities are minimized and mitigated to the maximum extent practicable.

## How will the Florida Beaches HCP Work?

The Florida Beaches HCP will protect 12 federally protected species, which include five species of sea turtles, two species of shorebirds, and five sub-species of beach mice, all of which occur on Florida's sandy beaches and adjacent dunes.



- The HCP will assess the impacts on listed species of each activity permitted by the CCCL Program, and quantify the amount of take (impacts to wildlife and their habitat) that may occur as a result of that activity.
- Appropriate minimization and mitigation measures will be developed for each permitted activity, with consideration of scale, location, time of year, and many other factors.
- All permits granted under the CCCL Program must meet specific minimization measures; impacts that cannot be minimized will be offset or mitigated according to project specific guidance laid out in the HCP.
- DEP will monitor the implementation of the HCP and modify the conservation plan as necessary to ensure that all stated biological goals are met.

## A "Win-Win" for People and Wildlife

As development pressure increases along Florida's beaches, the HCP will ensure that it will occur in balance with the needs of wildlife. The activities that the CCCL Program permits will be regulated and their impacts minimized and mitigated in order to ensure the long-term survival of listed species.



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The HCP will streamline the CCCL permitting process and make it more efficient. For local governments and private property owners, the HCP will help ensure they remain in compliance with the ESA while eliminating the need to pursue individual ITPs, a costly and often time-consuming effort. It will also ensure that permitting requirements are consistent throughout the state.

The HCP will provide many additional benefits from statewide to local levels. It will help to address the impacts of climate change on Florida's coastline at the statewide level, and also provide local governments with a clear and comprehensive plan of action on how to conduct restoration activities during post-storm emergency situations. The Florida Beaches HCP is a win-win for both the people and the wildlife of Florida.

