Coastal communities need new skills and new approaches if they hope to address the coastal management challenges of today and tomorrow. That’s why in addition to the online resources, NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management also supports on-the-ground learning through regionally based staff. These professionals stand ready to provide services and connect local partners with new information and skills. See the information below for examples.

**SERVICES**

While efforts vary by region, the list below represents commonly provided services.

- Facilitation services and instruction
- Training programs (in-person and virtual) for regional partners on topical issues and professional skill development
- “Just in time” products such as regionally relevant case studies, quick references, and other learning resources
- Fellowship programs
- Support for regional peer-to-peer learning practices, such as communities of practice

**RESOURCES**

Visit the [Digital Coast Academy](https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/home.html) website to see the learning resources provided.

- **Instructor-Led Trainings**
  - Topical issues, including adaptation planning, risk communication, natural infrastructure, gathering economic information; and
  - Professional skills, including facilitation, planning effective projects, social science basics.
- **On-Demand Products** in the form of self-guided courses and quick reference guides. Topics include mapping open space for community rating system credit; green infrastructure effectiveness; funding and financing options for coastal resilience projects; and tips for creating effective partnerships.

**PEOPLE**

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