



# DIGITAL COAST

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## CONNECTIONS

Dear Colleague,

Social and economic data represent an important part of the information found on the Digital Coast. Gaining a better understanding of how to use these and other social science-related tools and data to address coastal issues will be the focus of the [Social Coast Forum](#) in Charleston, South Carolina, February 18 to 20.

The inaugural Social Coast Forum in 2012 was a standing-room-only event. This year's conference is sure to be just as successful with a packed program full of real-world examples, facilitated discussions, and engaging plenaries. Don't miss out—[register now!](#)

Can't make it to the conference? [Sign up](#) for email updates to hear about what happened after the conference.

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**REGISTER NOW**

*Exploring the Values of the Coast*  
February 18 to 20, 2014  
Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina  
[www.csc.noaa.gov/socialcoastforum](http://www.csc.noaa.gov/socialcoastforum)

Early registration until January 15: \$250 per person  
Regular registration until February 11: \$300 per person  
On-site registration (if available): \$400 per person

**SOCIAL COAST  
FORUM 2014**

## Stories from the Field

### [Planning for Sea Level Rise Adaptation at the Site Scale in New Jersey](#)

Providing public access to coastal resources can be a challenge anywhere, especially with the added difficulty of sea level rise. Many large-scale efforts for sea level rise planning exist, but not many are at the site-specific level, which can help municipalities and towns make decisions. The New York-New Jersey Harbor and Estuary Program worked to assess vulnerability and provide recommendations for three publicly accessible waterfront recreation areas.

### [Examining Flood Exposure Data along the Mississippi and Louisiana Coasts](#)

Mississippi and Louisiana coastal communities are susceptible to a variety of natural and man-made hazards. Having tools to quickly communicate vulnerability data, such as the numbers of residents over age 65 living in a floodplain, is critical in planning for and responding to hazard events. The Red Cross used the Coastal County Flood Exposure Snapshot to ensure that its members would have the information needed to mobilize in the event of an emergency.

## Additional Updates

### [New Look for the Digital Coast Website](#)

## Data

### [New Data](#)

- 2012 Puget Sound Lidar Consortium: Hoh River delivery 2
- 2011 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi
- 2011 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Massachusetts and New Hampshire
- 2013 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Federal Emergency Management Agency: Rankin-Simpson County
- 2009-2010 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Vicksburg District phase II lidar
- 2006-2008 lidar data of Pennsylvania (PAMAP)
- 2011 Puget Sound Lidar Consortium: Rattlesnake
- 2011 Puget Sound Lidar Consortium: Kittitas-Colockum
- 2011-2012 Puget Sound Lidar Consortium: Quinault
- 2009 Puget Sound Lidar Consortium: Douglas
- 2009 Puget Sound Lidar Consortium: Nooksack
- 2009 Puget Sound Lidar Consortium and US Geological Survey: Wenatchee
- 2007 Puget Sound Lidar Consortium: River Corridors
- 2007 Puget Sound Lidar Consortium: Sumpter, Oregon
- [Total Economy of Coastal Areas data collection](#)
- Seagrasses
- California Ocean Uses
- 2011 Atlantic Automatic Identification System (AIS) Traffic
- 2010 land cover for Mississippi, Alabama,

Like most websites these days, the Digital Coast is constantly evolving to better suit the needs of its users. The latest update includes better access to the most important pages—data, tools, training, and stories—as well as a simplified design for to-the-point browsing. Take a look, and let us know what you think.

Looking to expand your knowledge? Check out the [training calendar](#).

and Florida

- Updated 1996, 2001, and 2006 land cover data

## News from our Coastal Colleagues

[Register Now for the NACo Legislative Conference](#)

Registration for the annual National Association of Counties [Legislative Conference](#) in Washington D.C. is now open. The meeting brings over 2,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country to focus on legislative issues facing county government. The conference will be March 1-5, 2014, at the Washington Hilton.