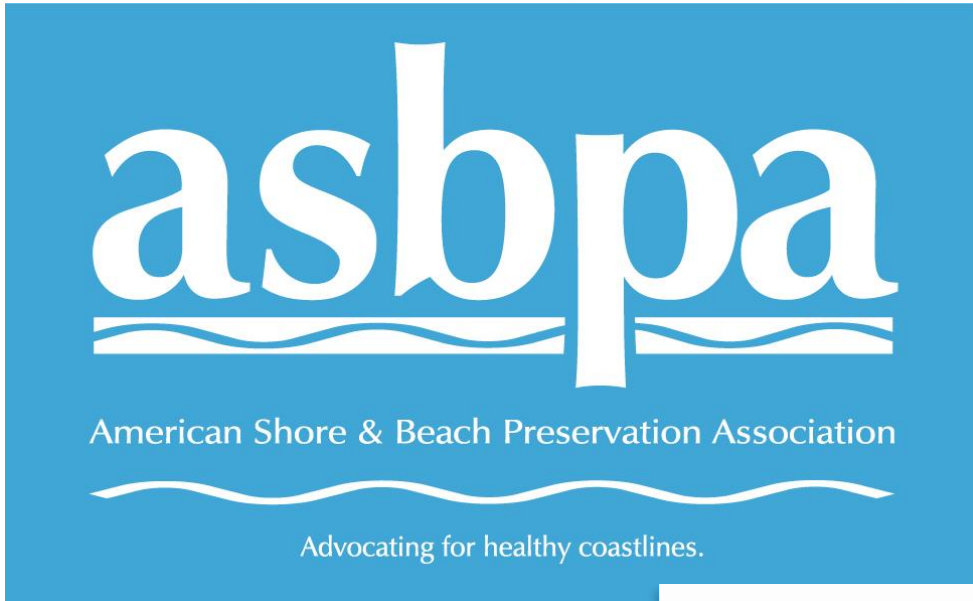




Engage on coastal issues to increase community resiliency

ASBPA Update



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Dr. Nicole Elko Welcomed as New ASBPA Executive Director

🕒 August 1, 2023

Nicole Elko, Ph.D., has been named the new Executive Director for the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association. She recently served ASBPA for over twelve years as Science Director providing science-based guidance to Congress, federal and state agencies, and local communities on national coastal resilience challenges. Prior to becoming the Science Director, she served on...

97 Years of Science-Based Advocacy



— A DEDICATED ISSUE —
Social Components in Resilience Planning



"The scientific studies of the NRC...contributed largely to the creation of the ASBPA."

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Holden Beach, NC



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UPCOMING CONFERENCE:



Blue Flag Beach Awards



BLUE FLAG USA



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ASBPA 2024 Conferences:

Coastal Summit

March 26-28, 2024

Washington, DC

#coastweek2024

National Coastal Conference

August 26-29, 2024

Galveston Island, Texas



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Government Affairs and Policy

2023 Legislative & Federal Agency Agenda for Coastal Resilience

1. Policy
2. Investment
3. Implementation
4. Strengthen support

Provide feedback for ASBPA's next legislative agenda!



For nearly a century, the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) has been the leading voice in Washington, DC, advocating for the resilience of our nation's beaches, coasts, and shorelines. While a lot has changed in the past 100 years, ASBPA's science-guided commitment to coastal restoration and protection has not wavered.

ASBPA recognizes that the health of the nation's shorelines is instrumental to advancing the economic vitality of the entire country. We can and must do more to protect our precious coastlines. To that end, and to ensure that coastal resources remain available for generations to come, ASBPA has the following federal priorities for the 118th Congress:

Maintain the biennial schedule of the Water Resources Development Act

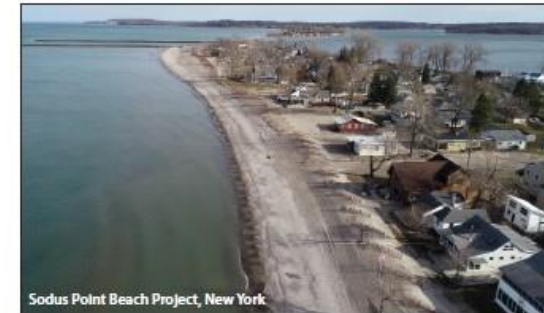
WRDAs are the key legislative vehicle for ensuring that the policies and procedures of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) prioritize and promote coastal communities. ASBPA applauds passage of WRDA 2022 which included the Shoreline



Health Oversight, Restoration, Resilience, and Enhancement (SHORRE) Act. This signature legislation re-establishes protection and restoration of shoreline as a primary mission of USACE, enhances project implementation and advances equity by prioritizing underserved communities.

ASBPA Actions:

- Work with USACE on the implementation of WRDA 2022 and request prioritization of implementation guidance for coastal provisions.
- Communicate to Members of Congress the importance of passing WRDAs on a biennial basis.
- Seek to graduate the beneficial use of dredged materials pilot



program to a permanent program in WRDA 2024.

Support sustained funding for coastal programs in the annual appropriations bills

In order for investments in coastal resiliency to be realized, sustained funding from a variety of key coastal programs is needed.

ASBPA Actions:

- Support at least \$55 million for USACE Shore Protection.
- Support at least \$30 million for USACE Regional Sediment Management (RSM) and Beneficial Use of Dredge Materials (BUDM).
- Support at least \$46 million for USGS Coastal and Marine Geology Program (CMGP).
- Support at least \$30 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Title IX/Coastal Resilience Grants.
- Support at least \$87 million for BOEM's Marine Minerals Program (MMP).
- Support at least \$10 million for EPA Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (BEACH) Act.



Southeast Water Level Network



Dr. Nicole Elko & Dr. Brian Glazer



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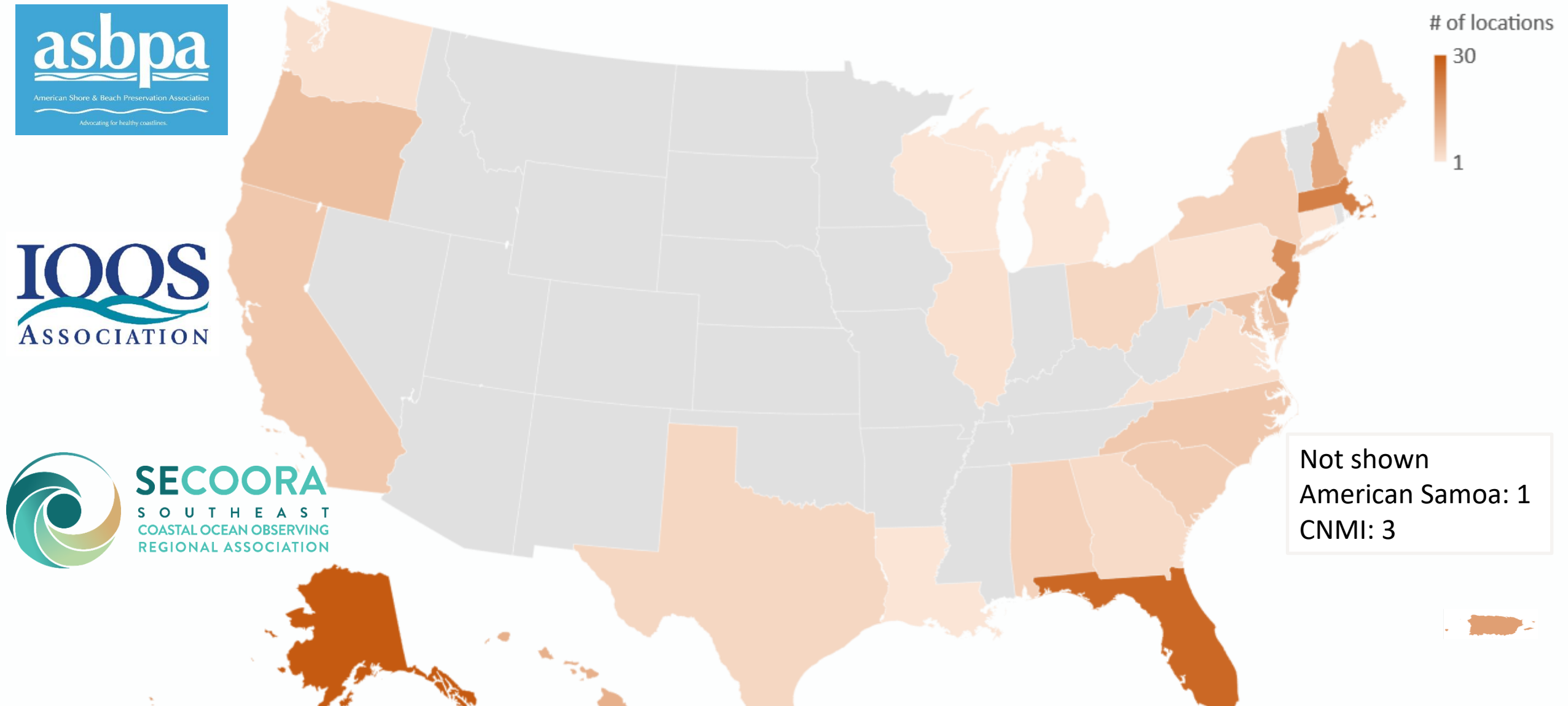
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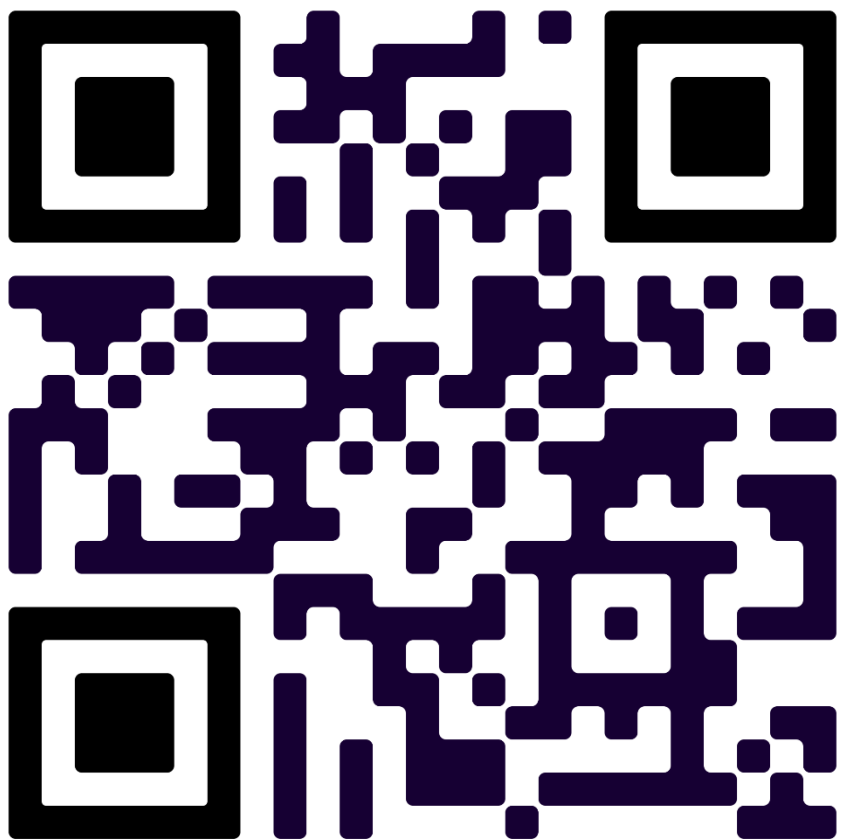


Water Levels in the Southeast
June 13-15, 2023

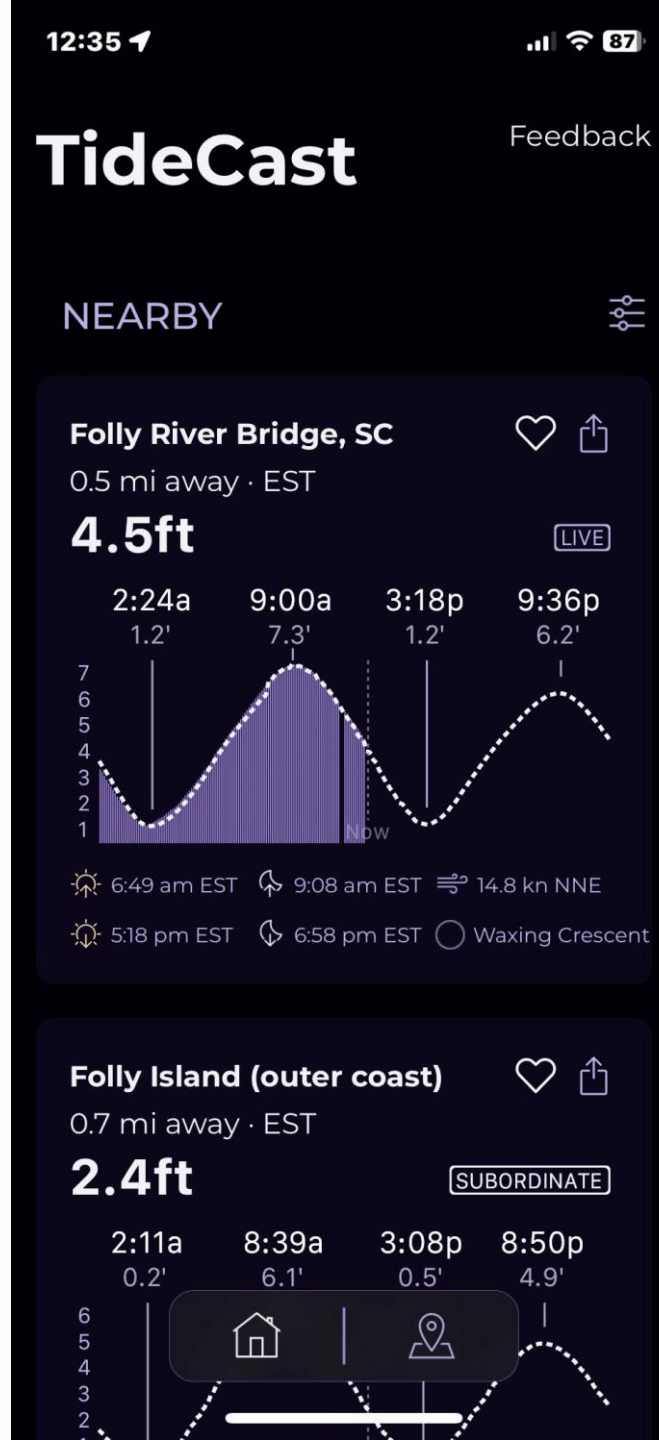
U.S. Coastal Communities' Need for Water Level Observations

Heat Map of Water Level Sensor Demand by State/Territory





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