

State News for NSPE Members

Coastal Management Strategy Update Underway

The Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources has begun updating its coastal management strategy for 2023-25 as part of the island's participation in the federal [Coastal Zone Enhancement Program](#). Of concern are rising sea levels, polluted runoff, and strategies for protecting Puerto Rico's coastlines and coral reefs, which are crucial to the island's economy thanks to tourism.

Public comment will be accepted for several months as the strategy is completed, the [Pew Trusts reports](#). Once it is approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Puerto Rico will receive funding to implement the plan.

Lawmakers Ask Army Corps to Focus on Caño Martín Peña Project

Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott recently wrote a [letter](#) urging the US Army Corps of Engineers to dedicate resources to completing a list of projects, including the Caño Martín Peña project. The ecosystem restoration and flood control initiative aims to improve water quality, restore the watershed's ecosystem, and address serious public health and safety issues in afflicted neighborhoods in San Juan.

Read [more](#) from ENLACE Caño Martín Peña, an environmental justice and social transformation initiative that aims to restore the estuarine channel.

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