

# PRIORITY ISSUES

1. Alteration of freshwater inflow into bays and estuaries
2. Condition of living resources
3. Loss of wetlands and estuarine habitats
4. Degradation of water and sediment quality
5. Altered estuarine circulation
6. Increasing amounts of bay debris
7. Selected public health issues
8. *Declining coastal bird populations*
9. *Resilient coastal ecosystems and human communities that can adapt to changing conditions*
10. *Implementation of effective adaptive management practices at CBBEP properties*
11. *Well-educated public to be wise stewards of the environment.*

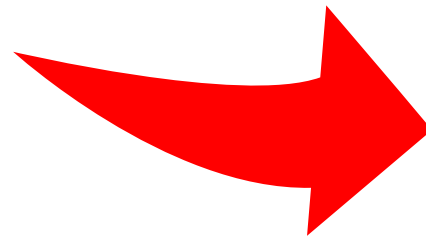
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# THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND . . .

- Allow sufficient time and budget for QAPP
- Need active SAM registration / UEI numbers
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds:
  - Starts in November
  - ADA Compatibility for public access
  - Signage required for “moving dirt” projects
  - “Buy America – Build America” applies to projects over \$250,000

# BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW FUNDING

- Currently implementing both the FY22/23 Work Plan and FY24 Work Plan
- Getting ready to start implement our FY25 Work Plan
- FINAL year of funding – beginning the development of our FY26 Work Plan
- CBBEP is using 5-year grant periods for these EPA contracts – opportunity to think about projects with longer timelines
- **Looking for project ideas in these priority areas:**
  - Stormwater management (particularly green infrastructure)
  - Nutrient reduction strategies (particularly wastewater inputs)
  - Habitat Restoration/Shoreline protection (including rookery islands)
  - Public access
  - Carbon sequestration
  - Invasive species control



- MEET THE BIL PRIORITIES!!!!**
1. LEVERAGE OTHER FUNDING SOURCES
  2. REACH DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES
  3. BUILD ADAPTIVE CAPACITY

# FY 26 Proposals

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Project Development Worksheet  
Budget Justification Worksheet

## SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Detailed Project Narrative, Maps, Photos

## DUE DATES

First Draft - Dec 9  
Second Draft - Jan 8



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**MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE!**

