

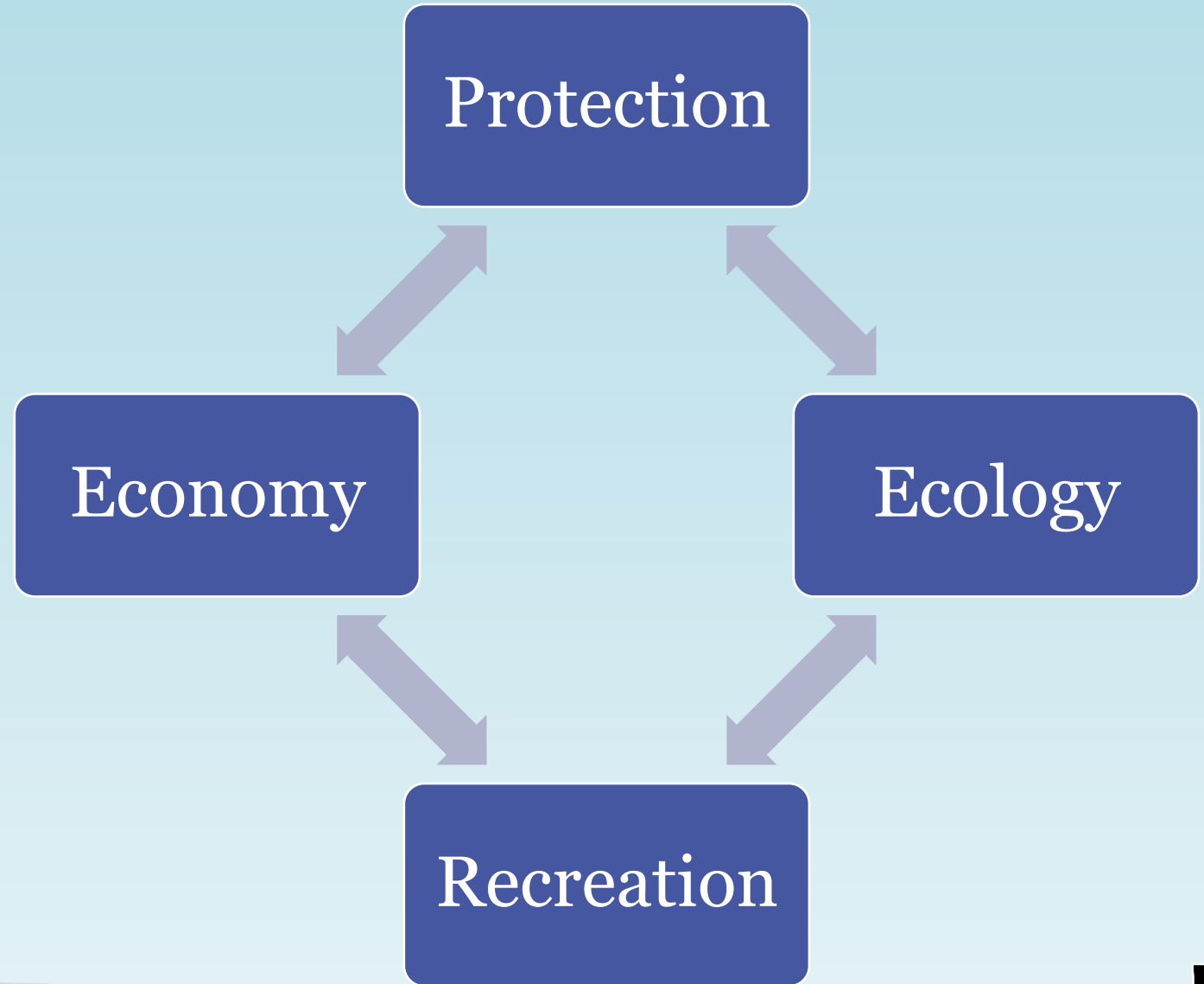
Update on Federal Funding and Coastal Infrastructure

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Vision:

*Advocating
for healthy
coastlines*



Federal Funding



FY2018 Federal Budget dynamics

- Debt Ceiling – extended to December 8th.
- Tax Reform
- Annual Budget – extended to December 8th.
- Special Funds
 - Emergency spending bill (i.e., Hurricane Recovery bill)
 - Infrastructure package

Annual Budget – FY18:

- Admin's budget proposed major cuts to coastal programs; largely ignored by Congress.
- Big Question: What is total budget?
 - This depends on Tax Reform Package, Debt Ceiling.
- Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) until December 8th
- CR leaves planning up in the air – Fed agencies don't know how much they can spend



"Marge and I passed a continuing resolution lasting at least until the kids are in college."

Shore Protection Appropriations

Year	Pres. Budget	Enacted
FY14	\$0	\$75 million
FY15	\$0	\$45 million
FY16	\$0	\$40 million
FY17	\$0	\$45 million
FY18	\$0	House - \$75 million Senate - \$50 million

- Most beach money comes from supplemental – e.g. Hurricane Matthew supplemental was \$250+ million

Emergency Supplemental

- Hurricane Sandy - \$60+ billion
- What will Harvey, Irma, Maria, Jose get?
 - Harvey already generated \$15 billion in aid – just to FEMA, Community Development Block Grants, Small Business Association.



Emergency Supplemental Priorities:

1. Funding to rebuild beaches and build authorized but unbuilt beaches.
 - Language specifying that beaches should return to pre-storm or better (i.e., fix FCCE implementation language from WRDA '14.).
2. Full federal funding for South Atlantic [Division] Coastal Study.
 - Authorized in 2016 WIIN Act, but lacks funding.
 - Provision for SACS to be fully federally funded – no cost share.
3. Investment coastal research, data and modeling.
 - Efforts to improve preparedness for next storm.

What the Infrastructure package MAY be:

- What's included?
 - Standard infrastructure (Roads, Bridges, Airports, etc)
 - Will “natural coastal infrastructure” – beaches, dunes, wetlands – be included?
 - ASBPA is calling for \$5 billion for beaches, dunes and wetlands.
- How is it paid for?
 - Fed. Spending v. Public-Private-Partnership (PPP)/Tax Credit?
 - How will it be “offset”? (Is it *new* spending, or does something else get cut?)
- Timing?
 - Winter? 2018...? Depends on other priorities. Republicans willingness to work with Democrats.

Call to Action:

Contact your Senators & Representative and ask:

- **Rebuild Florida (and other state's) beaches after the 2017 Hurricanes.**
- **Support \$5 billion in direct spending to (re-) build federal, state and local beaches, dunes, wetlands and other coastal risk reduction in a Federal Infrastructure Bill.**
- **Support \$75 million for Shore Protection in the FY18 Budget.**



Senator Bill Nelson
(D)



Senator Marco Rubio
(R)

ASBPA's Government Affairs priorities:

- **Investing in coastal infrastructure:**
 - Congress should invest \$5 billion over 10 years to (re-)build federal, state and local beaches, dunes, wetlands and other coastal risk reduction, erosion control, and habitat infrastructure.
- **Advancing coastal projects:**
 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) should implement the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material pilot program authorized in the WIIN Act (Sec. 1122)
 - USACE, NMFS, and USFWS should improve regulatory and permitting timeframes.
- **Regional and state coordination:**
 - The South Atlantic Coastal Study should be funded and implemented.

Questions?

