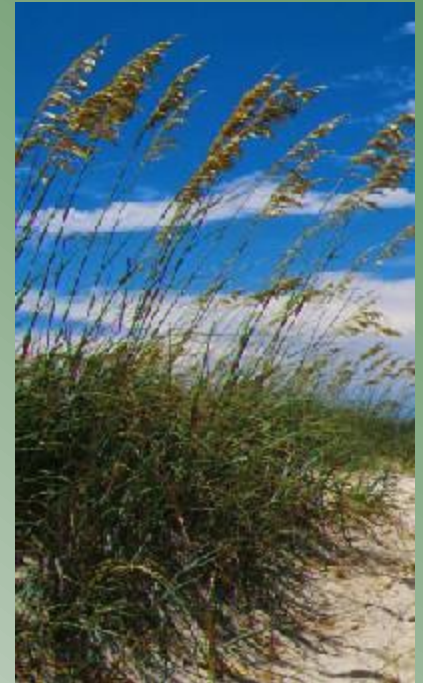
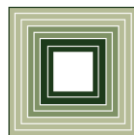


# Division of Coastal Management



**Natural and Economic Resources Appropriations Subcommittee**

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**FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION**  
A Staff Agency of the North Carolina General Assembly

# What does the division do?

## Mission:

to **protect, conserve and manage** North Carolina's coastal resources through an integrated program of **planning, permitting, education, and research**

## Major Activities:

- Administers coastal development permits (CAMA)
- Supports the Coastal Resources Commission
- Manages the Coastal Reserve Program
- Provides grants for
  - public beach and coastal waterfront access
  - installation of marine sewage pump-out stations
- Assists local governments with land use planning

# Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)

- Covers 20 coastal counties
- 3 Types of Permits
  - Major (umbrella permit, 4% of total)
  - Minor and General permits (96%)
  - Fees range from \$0 to \$475
- Permit complexity increases w/ coastal growth
  - 2012: 3,159 permits
  - 2005: 3,500 permits
  - 1990: 1,250 permits



# Coastal Reserve Program

- Open to public
- Research conducted by staff, universities, and local school teachers and students



10 Sites; 40,000 acres

# Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Grants

- 5% of Parks & Recreation Trust Fund
- \$1.25 M, 11 projects in FY 2011-12
  - Demand (proposals received) is usually twice this
- Requires 25% local match
- Funds for beach access, parking, boardwalks, restrooms, urban waterfront redevelopment

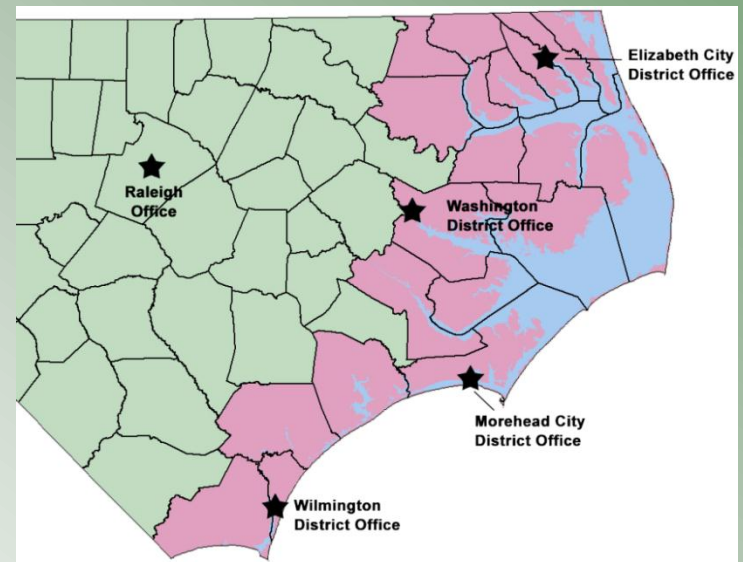


# Program and Planning Support

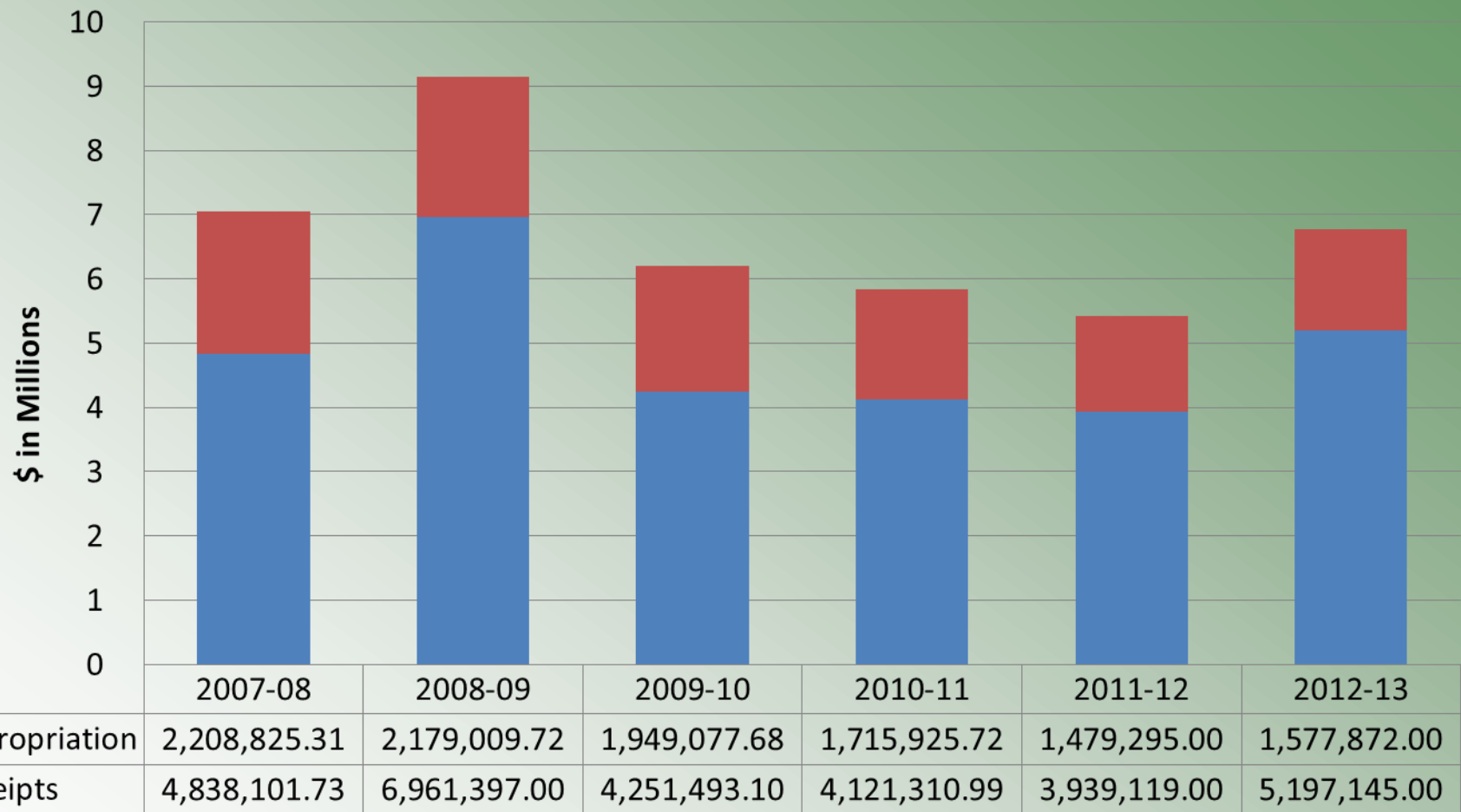
- Support for Coastal Resources Commission and Advisory Council Meetings and related policy analysis
- Session Law 2012-202
  - Requires Division studies of inlet areas and shoreline management
- NC Beach and Inlet Management Plan
  - Regional studies and streamlined permitting for beach nourishment and inlet dredging projects
- Local Gov't land use planning

# Staffing & Offices

- 54.5 FTE positions in 4 District offices
  - Morehead City (Headquarters)
  - Washington
  - Wilmington
  - Elizabeth City
- DOT funds 4 positions to focus solely on transportation projects



# DCM Funding History



Note: These numbers do not include funding for Public Beach Access grants.



# Budget Highlights

- **Annual Receipts** include
  - CAMA permit fees (~\$500K/yr)
  - Federal grant funds (~\$4 million/yr)
- **FY 2007-08 through FY 2011-12**
  - Reduction in appropriations of approx. \$700,000
  - FTEs down from 69 to 54.5 (FY13)
  - Unexpended fed. grants for FY 11 may offset sequester impact in FY 13, for one year only

# Recent General Assembly Budget Actions

## **2011 -13 Biennium**

- Closure of Division's Raleigh office
- Reduction of ~ \$425K in appropriations & 6 FTE

# Governor's Recommended Budget

- **No changes** in continuation budget
  - FY 2013-14 & FY 2014-15 = FY 2012-13
- **No expansion or specific reductions** in Governor's Recommended Budget
- **PARTF reductions** could limit Division grants to local governments for public access
  - Could be as low as \$150-250K (from \$1.4-\$1.6 M)

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