

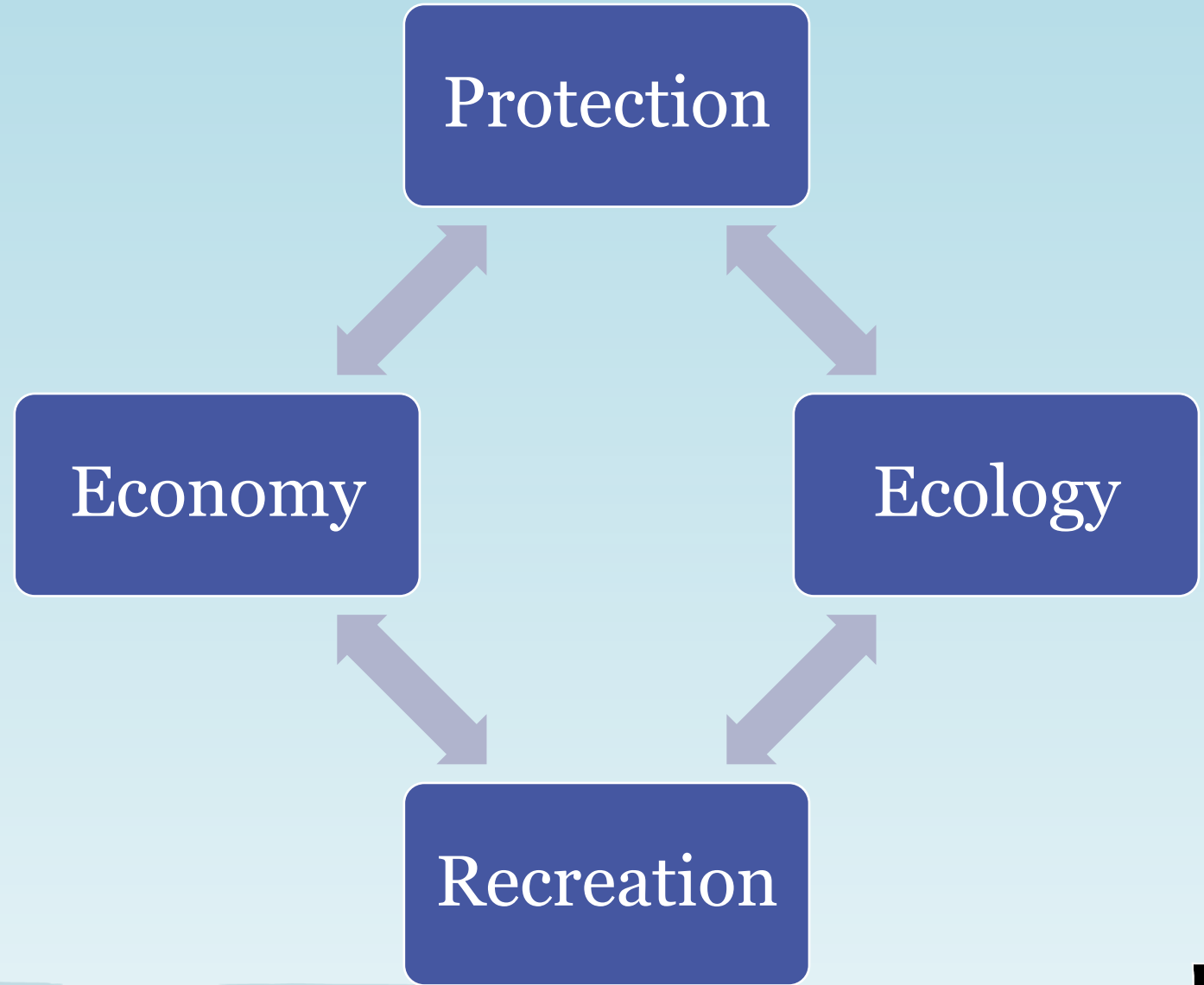
# Update on Federal Funding and Coastal Infrastructure

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for healthy  
coastlines*



# Federal Funding



# FY2018 Federal Budget dynamics

- Debt Ceiling – extended to December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Tax Reform
- Annual Budget – extended to December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 8<sup>th</sup>
- 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*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Pres. Budget</b>	<b>Enacted</b>
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?

