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Coastal webinar

"Good and unchanging"
Indicators always need context - for example historical stories from the elders tell a very different story about the Lakes. For example in the current state of the lakes report, coastal wetland plants indicator doesn't take into account the effort and investments being expended and that are required to achieve/maintain that status.
i.e. Georgian Bay Forever has a coastal wetland management program in place in Eastern Georgian Bay where we now have over 1200+ sites under our management program. Each summer we map a coastal distance equal to the distance between Toronto and Mexico City. Our objective in coastal wetlands is 100% eradication of invasive Phragmites in these precious globally important habitats, but there is not enough investment being made for us to officially call the program an eradication program because we are not resourced enough to be able to get to all of these threatened sites each year - so our approach has been staged and ongoing for the past decade - we've got it half eradicated at this point. Without this on the ground work however, the coastal wetlands would be overtaken by this plant as they were on the Lake Erie and Lake Huron coastlines before their eradication programs got started. There are similar research parameters such as "catch per unit effort" in fish survey work, but not "cost per unit protected" measurements indicated for coastal wetland protection efforts. An opportunity for better understanding and making these efforts more visible. They also relate to available community capacity measures.