



The Coastal America Awards Program Call for 2012 Nominations

“Congratulations on receiving the Coastal America Partnership Award...I applaud and support you in your efforts to bring together collective resources to meet common goals and better our coastal environment.” *Barack Obama* - April 2009

The Coastal America Awards Program, established in 1997, recognizes outstanding efforts and excellence in leadership for protecting, preserving and restoring the nation's coastal resources and ecosystems

Criteria for Partnership and Spirit Awards

- At least one federal agency and non-federal entities must be involved in the project. Distinction between Partnership and Spirit Awards will be based on the scope and magnitude of the partnering effort & resultant project benefits.
- The project must demonstrate a significant & innovative contribution to the Coastal America objectives to protect, preserve and restore the Nation's coastal resources and/or to increase public awareness and education regarding coastal issues.
- The project should demonstrate the accomplishment of shared goals with positive environmental results.



Middle Watsonville Slough Wetland Protection and Water Quality Partnership Team
California 2/2012

Criteria for Special Recognition Awards

- Must be a non-federal organization.
- Organization must demonstrate a significant or innovative contribution to coastal restoration, preservation, protection, and/or an increase in public awareness and education concerning coastal issues.



Masonville Environmental Education Center
Special Recognition - MD Port Administration
Baltimore 2/2011

Application Information

Nominations Due: **August 1, 2012**

Application: The nomination form is available online: <http://www.coastalamerica.gov/award> program page.

Selection Process: Coastal America National and Regional Teams will review nominations.

Notification: Nominees will be notified by October 2012. Coastal America will work with award winners to schedule ceremonies at regional locations.

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