

Living Shorelines: Large-Scale Impacts from Small-Scale Decisions



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Living shoreline outreach should focus on small-scale, private property owners

Most living shoreline projects are done on large-scale, publicly owned lands...

...But the majority of shoreline property is made up of small-scale, privately owned property.

Property owners often choose bulkheads over living shorelines due to uncertainty about their effectiveness, concerns about cost, confusion around permitting, and lack of knowledgeable contractors.

To increase the adoption of living shorelines among private property owners, we built the MSU/MSAGC Living Shoreline Assistance Program

Site assessments



Design suggestions



Contractor trainings

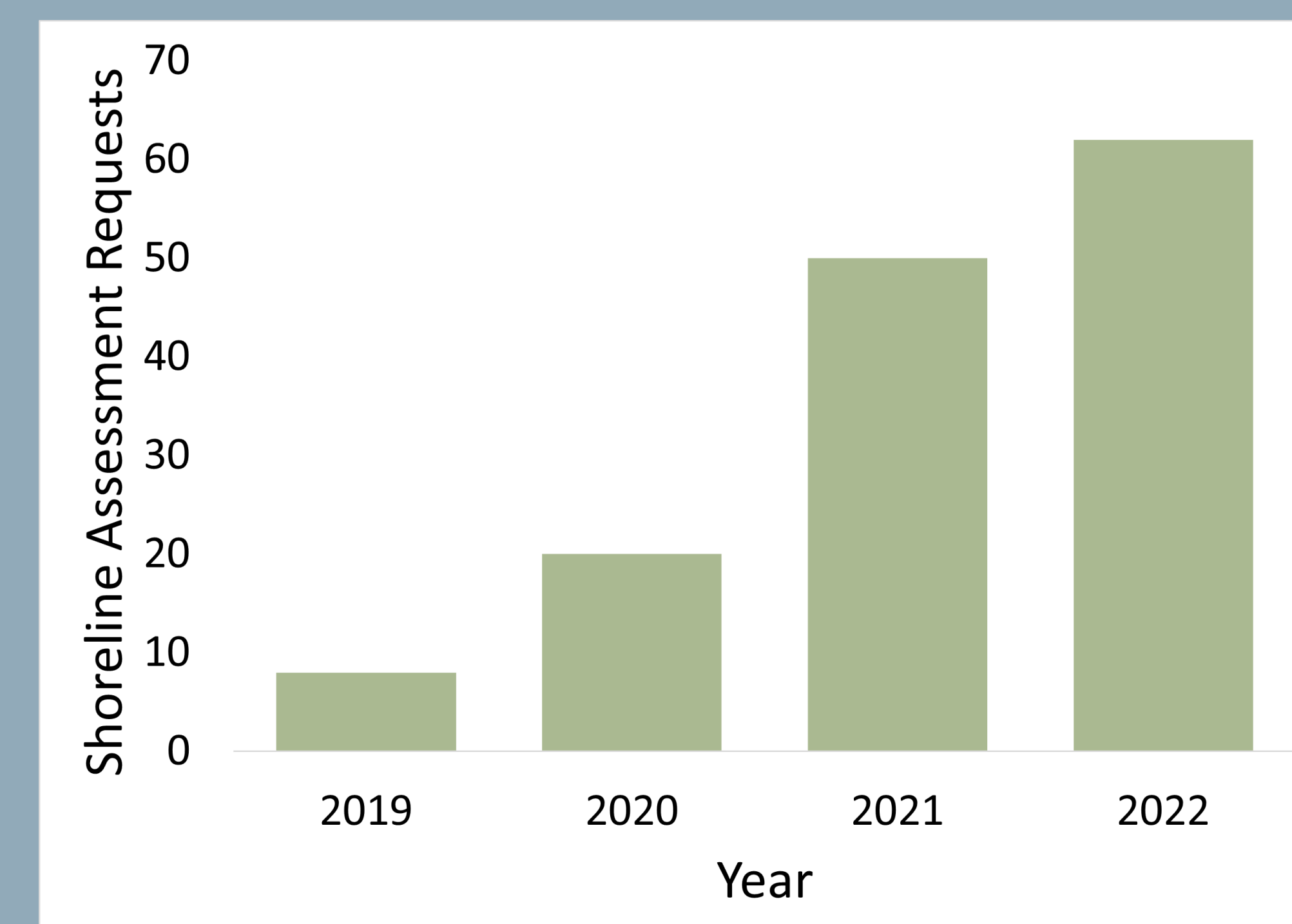


Permitting assistance



Our results (so far)

- Requests for site assessments have increased annually – leading to large-scale impacts.
- Over 20 miles of shoreline have been informed to date across Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida
- No consulted property owners have gone on to install a hardened shoreline



Next steps

1. Implementation of cost-share programs in Mississippi and Alabama
2. Training more staff to provide technical assistance
3. Living shoreline training and certification for contractors

For more information and resources

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