

Coastal Health Working Definition for the
Great Lakes Collaboration Coastal Health Strategy Team

Coastal Health programs are those that protect human health against adverse effects of pollution in the Great Lakes Ecosystem. Coastal Health key concepts include (but are not limited to) beach closings, combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, and bacteria and pathogen contamination.

While recognizing that coastal health includes ecological integrity as well as the protection of human health, given that the Habitat Strategy Team is developing recommendations regarding ecological integrity of the shorelines, the Coastal Health team is limiting itself to addressing those issues of coastal health that affect human health. Chairs from both teams with discuss commonalities.