

**CHAPTER 62B-36**  
**BEACH MANAGEMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**62B-36.002 Definitions.**

(14) “Public Beach Access” is an entry zone and associated parking under public ownership or control which is specifically used for providing access to the adjacent sandy beach for the general public. The access must be signed, maintained and clearly visible from the adjacent roadway. The parking spaces counted for eligibility must be within one-quarter mile walking distance of a lateral entry zone and available to the general public. The types of public beach access sites are:

(a) “Primary Beach Access” is a site with at least 100 units, as defined in subsection 62B-36.007(1), F.A.C., and public restrooms;

(b) “Secondary Beach Access” is a site that may have parking and amenities, but does not qualify as a primary beach access.

**62B-36.007 Project Cost Sharing.**

(1) Until the unsatisfied demand for restoring and repairing Florida’s beaches is met, the Department intends to share in the costs of beach management projects with local sponsors. Cost sharing will only be applied to the portion of the project necessary to benefit shoreline designated by the Department as critically eroded. The Department shall cost share up to 50 percent of the total costs for non-federal beach management projects. The Department shall cost share up to 50 percent of the non-federal share of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works projects. The Department shall cost share up to 50 percent of the non-federal and state emergency fund share for projects approved to receive Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funding (Category G or equivalent subsequent program for designed, constructed and routinely maintained beaches). State cost share is subject to adjustment for the level of public accessibility calculated for beach management projects. Project shoreline lengths eligible for cost sharing are quantified at the rate of 100 units of eligibility per mile (5,280 feet) or 52.8 feet per unit. A unit is defined as one automobile parking space, one rental unit in a Public Lodging Establishment, one mass transit stop, or 4 bicycle parking spots. Eligible shoreline lengths are calculated using the following criteria:

(a) Primary beach access sites shall be granted eligibility for the shoreline length of the access site. Additional eligibility shall be granted at a rate of 52.8 linear feet per unit for one-half mile in each shore parallel direction for the following units:

1. Automobile parking spaces located within one quarter mile of a primary access site may be granted eligibility for that public access site at the rate of one unit, or 52.8 feet, per parking space.

2. Bicycle parking located within one quarter mile of a primary access site may be granted eligibility at the rate of one-quarter of a unit, or 13.2 feet, per designated bicycle parking spot. Bicycle parking spots used for eligibility may not exceed 211.2 feet per public access site.

3. Mass transit, such as buses or trolleys, may be granted eligibility at the rate of one unit, or 52.8 feet, per bus stop located within one quarter mile of the public access site. Bus stops used for eligibility may not exceed 211.2 feet per public access. In order to qualify, mass transit must be accessible to the general public and operational year round.

(b) Beachfront public lodging establishments shall be granted eligibility based upon 52.8 feet of shoreline eligibility per unit available to the public. Maximum eligibility may not exceed the beach front width of the property.

(c) Secondary beach access sites shall be granted eligibility for the shoreline length of the access site. Additional eligibility shall be granted at a rate of 52.8 linear feet per unit for up to one-quarter mile in either shore parallel direction, for the following units:

1. Public lodging establishments not located on the beach front but located within one quarter mile of a secondary public access point may contribute to the eligibility for that public access site at the rate of 52.8 feet of shoreline eligibility per rental unit available to the public. Maximum eligibility may not exceed the street-side frontal width of the property.

2. Bicycle parking located within one quarter mile of a secondary access site may be granted eligibility at the rate of 13.2 feet per designated bicycle parking spot. Bicycle parking spots used for eligibility may not exceed 211.2 feet

per public access site.

3. Mass transit, such as buses or trolleys, may be granted eligibility for that public access site at the rate of one unit, or 52.8 feet, per bus stop located within one quarter mile of the public access site. Bus stops used for eligibility may not exceed 211.2 feet per public access. In order to qualify, mass transit must be accessible to the general public and operational year round.

4. Automobile parking spaces located within one quarter mile of a secondary access site may be granted eligibility for that public access site at the rate of one unit, or 52.8 feet, per parking space.