

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Restoration Project Information Sheet

A General Information

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B Project Information

Project Name Gulf County Seagrass Restoration & Navigational Marker/Buoy Project			
Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge) St. Joseph Bay			
State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas) FL	County/Parish Gulf	Watershed/Basin St Andrew-St Joseph Bay	
Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Project Size (Choose one) miles acres tons	Affected Area acres

C Project Description

Please provide more information about the proposed project. (Limit 2,750 characters.)

St. Joseph Bay is one of the most pristine bays in the State of Florida. Thousands of visitors and locals utilize the bay annually. The variety of seagrass beds make this waterway home to many species including, but not limited to, scallops, trout and redfish. Many of these grassbeds were directly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill through oil product, dispersants, propeller scarring, high turbidity and booming efforts.

The proposed project would allow for testing of these water bodies to evaluate the seagrass beds for damages, any oil product contamination which is harmful to the environment and native species in these areas, allow for restoration to mitigate the damage and/or contamination, and provide a new navigational marker/buoy system for boaters to protect these fragile areas.

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D	Project Type(s)	<i>(Check all that apply)</i>		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Debris Removal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance/Management
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education

E	Project Habitat(s)	<i>(Check all that apply)</i>		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Upland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine/Estuarine Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach/Dune
		<input type="checkbox"/> Riverine	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater Wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subtidal (Nearshore/Offshore)

F	Resource Benefit(s)	<i>(Check all that apply)</i>		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Mammals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Column
		<input type="checkbox"/> Birds	<input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Wildlife	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sediment/Benthos
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles/Amphibians	<input type="checkbox"/> Corals	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Use (Recreational, Cultural)
Will the project directly benefit State- or Federally-listed species? If so, please list them. If not, please indicate N/A.				

G	Project Status	Property/Resource Acquisition	Time to Implement
		Project Planning/Design	Time to Project Completion
		Project Permitting.	
		Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? No	
		If so, please list:	

H	Project Costs	Estimated Cost	Funding Available
		\$1,500,000.00	

I	Project Partners	Partner 1 Organization	
		Partner 1 Contact	Partner 1 Involvement
		Partner 2 Organization	
		Partner 2 Contact	Partner 2 Involvement
		Partner 3 Organization	
		Partner 3 Contact	Partner 3 Involvement

Disclaimer:

The submission of project information does not guarantee project funding. Projects will be evaluated using criteria identified in OPA, NEPA, implementing regulations, and related laws. Selection and funding determinations will be made by the Trustee Council.