

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Restoration Project Information Sheet

A General Information

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B Project Information

<i>Project Name</i> Gulf County Recreation Projects			
<i>Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge)</i> Gulf County			
<i>State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas)</i> FL		<i>County/Parish</i> Gulf	<i>Watershed/Basin</i> St. Andrew/Apalach Bay
<i>Latitude (decimal degrees)</i>	<i>Longitude (decimal degrees)</i>	<i>Project Size (Choose one)</i> miles	<i>Affected Area</i> acres
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			acres

C Project Description

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

A. Land Acquisition: During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, several Gulf County boat ramps were utilized and/or closed to public access. This loss affected not only our local fisherman, but the tourists which Gulf County rely heavily on. This proposal would allow Gulf County to purchase additional boating and beach access points and enhance current access points to offset the loss of recreational opportunity for both residents and tourists.

B. Boat Ramps: Several County boat ramps were utilized by Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response teams for staging, monitoring and booming efforts. The public was forced to seek alternative areas for boating. This proposal would repair/enhance the boat ramps that were utilized, and construct a new boat ramp to allow additional access to offset the lost opportunity during the oil spill.

C. Board Walks/Dune Walkovers/Fishing Piers/Parks: During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response efforts, many of Gulf County's access points were degraded by foot traffic, and shore fishing was interrupted by the response teams. This proposal would construct boardwalks and dune crossovers to enhance and restore these access points, would allow for renovation of a County park and would construct 2 fishing piers to provide additional tourist attraction to offset the loss of tourism during 2010.

D. Marine Biology Center/Mooring Field: Boaters and fishermen were impacted by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill during the 2010 season. Boat ramps and docks were filled with response vessels, leaving no access for local and visiting boaters. This proposal would allow Gulf County to purchase and create a mooring field on the Gulf County Canal as Phase 1 of our plan to develop a multi-use Marine Biology & Research Center/Mooring Area to perform monitoring, training and community education programs to offset the loss and support increased boating and tourism on local waterways. This facility would be utilized for continued monitoring and restoration of our other projects for which we are requesting funding, and offset the severe economic impact of the Oil Spill on Gulf County.

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

E	Project Habitat(s)	<i>(Check all that apply)</i>		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine/Estuarine Wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beach/Dune
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riverine	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Wildlife	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sediment/Benthos
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles/Amphibians	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoreline
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Use (Recreational, Cultural)
<p>Will the project directly benefit State- or Federally-listed species? If so, please list them. If not, please indicate N/A.</p> <p>N/A</p>				

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

H	Project Costs	Estimated Cost	Funding Available
		\$16,200,000.00	

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.