

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Restoration Project Information Sheet

A General Information

Organization Walton County			
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B Project Information

Project Name Infrastructure improvements to offset water quality impacts			
Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge) Santa Rosa Beach, Walton County			
State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas) FL		County/Parish Walton	Watershed/Basin Gulf of Mexico
Latitude (decimal degrees) 0	Longitude (decimal degrees) 0	Project Size (Choose one) <input type="text"/> miles 15 <input type="text"/> acres <input type="text"/> tons	Affected Area 37,000 acres

C Project Description

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

a. Stormwater upgrade retrofits

Stormwater runoff is one of the major sources of water quality impairment in Choctawhatchee Bay and the coastal dune lakes. Restoring water quality is necessary to improve fishery habitat and improve estuary stability so that these water bodies are better able to withstand and recover from future accidents, spills, and other water quality impacts. To offset water quality impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, this proposal is for the design and construction of major stormwater retrofit projects in Choctawhatchee Bay and the coastal dune lakes. Stormwater runoff is one of the major sources of water quality impairment in Choctawhatchee Bay throughout Walton and Okaloosa counties. Mitigation may be explored on a regional basis in this water way.

b. Stream and shoreline restoration

Stream and shoreline restoration projects improve water quality and wildlife/fishery habitat by reducing turbidity, improving water clarity, increasing dissolved oxygen, and reducing excess nutrients. To offset water quality impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, this proposal is for the design and construction of stream and shoreline restoration projects in the Choctawhatchee Bay and the coastal dune lakes.

c. Wetland restoration for water quality improvement

Wetland restoration projects improve water quality and wildlife/fishery habitat by reducing turbidity, improving water clarity, increasing dissolved oxygen, and reducing excess nutrients. To offset water quality impacts from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, this proposal is for the design and construction of wetland restoration projects in the Choctawhatchee Bay and the coastal dune lakes.

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D Project Type(s) *(Check all that apply)*

<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 type="checkbox"/> Education

E Project Habitat(s) *(Check all that apply)*

<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) *(Check all that apply)*

<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 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)

Will the project directly benefit State- or Federally-listed species? If so, please list them. If not, please indicate N/A.

nesting shorebirds-piping plover, Choctawhatchee beach mouse

G Project Status

Property/Resource Acquisition	N/A	Time to Implementation	7-12 months
Project Planning/Design	Not Started	Time to Project Completion	1-5 years
Project Permitting	Not Started		

Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? No

If so, please list:

H Project Costs

Estimated Cost	\$40,000,000.00	Funding Available	\$0.00
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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.