

## Stream Restoration

Project seeks to grow native vegetation for stream restoration projects in Northwest District State Parks.



Volunteer duties may include:

- Identification and collection of native stream vegetation;
- Plant propagation/maintenance;
- Planting vegetation.

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## Dune Restoration

Project seeks to grow native dune vegetation to provide habitat corridors and food supply for the endangered Perdido Key beach mouse.



Volunteer duties may include:

- Identification and collection of native dune vegetation;
- Plant propagation/maintenance;
- Planting vegetation.

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# Ecosystem Restoration Section Volunteer Opportunities

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Sunset at Project GreenShores restoration project.

## Ecosystem Restoration

Since 1994, the Ecosystem Restoration Section (ERS) of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Northwest District has been working to restore coastal ecosystems throughout the Florida panhandle by creating, restoring and enhancing coastal dunes, stream systems, oyster reefs, salt marsh, and submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). Funding for these activities is provided entirely through competitive grants. We welcome volunteer participation in all of our restoration activities.

## Getting Started Volunteering:

FDEP's Ecosystem Restoration Section offers many volunteer opportunities during our standard work hours Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30. Limited weekend volunteer opportunities are available and are dependent upon ERS staff schedule. If available, these activities must be arranged with ERS staff at least 2-3 weeks prior to the event. To volunteer please contact appropriate ERS project contacts listed in brochure; for further questions please contact Penelope Bishop at [Penelope.Bishop@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Penelope.Bishop@dep.state.fl.us) or call (850) 595-8300 x1158. To view our website please visit: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/northwest/Ecosystems/section/restoration.htm>

## Restoration Projects:

### Seagrass Restoration

Project seeks to restore seagrass beds within the Pensacola Bay system.



Volunteer duties may include:

- Micro-propagate seagrass in tissue culture laboratory;
- Salvage and transplant seagrass from marine construction sites.

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## Oyster Restoration

Project seeks to increase native oyster populations within the Pensacola Bay System. Our current project involves restoration of 22 acres of oyster habitat along 2 miles of shoreline at the southern end of the Garcon Point peninsula.



Volunteer duties may include:

- Collecting oyster shell from partner restaurants;
- Deployment of shell;
- Monitoring oyster spat settlement, sediment accretion, and water quality.

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## Saltmarsh Restoration

Project seeks to restore saltmarsh habitat along the panhandle to provide habitat, improve water quality, and reduce shoreline erosion.



Volunteer duties may include:

- Collection of saltmarsh species;
- Plant propagation/maintenance;
- Planting salt marsh vegetation.

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