

Florida Restoration Area



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WHAT WE DO

Restoration work in the Florida Restoration Area will focus on restoring water quality and habitat and replenishing and protecting wildlife populations like sea turtles, dolphins, birds, and oysters. We will provide and enhance recreational opportunities and restore habitats on federal lands.



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EARLY RESTORATION PROJECTS

	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	ESTIMATED COST
REPLENISH AND PROTECT LIVING COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES			
Enhanced Management of Avian Breeding Habitat Injured by Response Activities	Beach-nesting bird habitats were harmed by oil spill response activities. Marking sensitive nesting sites aims to protect eggs, chicks and adults. The project is located across three Gulf states: Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. In Florida, site enhancements are located in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, and Franklin counties. The Department of the Interior and Florida are working together to implement this project.		\$4.6M
Florida Oyster Culch Placement	This project, which would take place in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, and Franklin counties will place culch material for the settling of oyster larvae and oyster colonization in three Florida Bays. The bays include Pensacola and St. Andrews Bay which will include placing 12,000 cubic yards of material over 60 acres in each bay system. Apalachicola Bay will include placing 18,000 cubic yards of material over a 90 acre area.		\$5.4M
RESTORE AND CONSERVE HABITAT			
Florida (Pensacola Beach) Dune Restoration Project	This beach was impacted by oiling, and the extensive use of all-terrain vehicles and heavy equipment. Since June 2010, this has inhibited plant growth and the natural seaward expansion of the dunes. This project restores the affected area of the beach.		\$586K
Pensacola Bay Living Shorelines	Florida is partnering with NOAA on the two living shoreline projects in Pensacola Bay. Living shorelines protect and stabilize coastline while creating new habitat for fish, oysters, and birds. This project will create and restore approximately 18.8 acres of salt marsh habitat and four acres of reefs will be constructed.		\$10.8M
Florida Cat Point Living Shoreline	This project is located in Franklin County and intends to expand on an existing breakwater on-site of the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Eastpoint. The living shoreline technique will be employed along approximately 0.3 mile of shoreline and will create approximately one acre of salt marsh habitat.		\$776K
Florida Seagrass Recovery Project	This project will primarily be located in St. Joseph Bay Aquatic Preserve in Gulf County with potential additional sites in Franklin and Bay County Aquatic Preserves. The first step will be surveying and mapping the seagrass scarring in three Aquatic Preserves with the placement of sediment tides across two acres of seagrass propeller scars. The final step involves the placement of bird stakes in the project area to facilitate restoration. Signage for boaters and educational brochures will be created.		\$2.7M
Perdido Key Dune Restoration	This project begins approximately 2.2 miles east of Perdido Pass and extends approximately 6 miles to the east. The project will restore dune vegetation to approximately 20 acres of degraded beach dune habitat, including habitat used by the federally endangered Perdido Key Beach Mouse. Dune vegetation will be planted to provide a buffer to the primary dune and enhance dune habitats.		\$611K
Seagrass Recovery Project at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Florida District	This project at Gulf Islands National Seashore's Florida District addresses injury caused by both the oil spill and response activities to shallow seagrass beds. Turtle grass will be planted in seagrass beds located on the south side of the Naval Live Oaks Preserve in Santa Rosa Sound, in Santa Rosa County.		\$137K
PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES			
The Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area Fishing and Wildlife Viewing Access Improvements, Cash Bayou and Sand Beach	This project will construct a boardwalk on the 1/4 mile Sand Beach interpretive trail and the construct a fishing and wildlife observation structure and parking at Cash Bayou.		\$263K
Bald Point State Park Recreation Areas	This project will construct picnic pavilions, boardwalks, and a restroom with an associated aerobic treatment system and drain field. A floating dock and a canoe/kayak launch will also be constructed at the park.		\$471K
Big Lagoon State Park Boat Ramp Improvement	This project will expand the boat ramp and boat trailer parking, and improve traffic circulation at the boat ramp at the Big Lagoon State Park. A new restroom will also be constructed.		\$1.5M

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Bob Sikes Pier, Parking, and Trail Restoration	This project will add solar lighting, modify the pier and rails, and renovate designated parking areas at the existing Bob Sikes fishing pier on Santa Rosa Island. The project will also improve signage, widen and enhance an access trail, and implement aesthetic improvements at the pier.		\$1M
The City of Parker – Oak Shore Drive Pier	This project will construct a fishing pier at Oak Shore Drive.		\$994K
Deer Lake State Park Development	This project will add a paved access road, parking, picnic shelters and a restroom.		\$589K
Developing Enhanced Recreational Opportunities on the Escribano Point Portion of the Yellow River Wildlife Management Area	This project will improve public access and enjoyment of natural resources at Escribano Point. The improvements include a one-time assessment and mapping activities necessary for developing the site for outdoor recreation purposes, hurricane debris removal and road repair, constructing an entrance kiosk, information facilities, parking facilities, a parking area, interpretive fishing facility, primitive camping sites, wildlife viewing areas, and bear-proof containers for trash and storage.		\$2.6M
Gulf Breeze Wayside Park Boat Ramp	This project will repair the existing boat ramp and seawall cap, construct a public restroom, and repair and enhance the parking area to improve access to the existing boat ramp at Wayside Park located off Highway 89 in the City of Gulf Breeze.		\$310K
Perdido Key State Boardwalk Improvements	This project will remove and replace six existing boardwalks leading to the beach from two public access areas along Perdido Key in Escambia County.		\$589K
Scallop Enhancement for Increased Recreational Fishing Opportunity in the Florida Panhandle	This project will be implemented in Bay County and in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties and possibly Okaloosa and Walton counties. The goal of this project is to increase scallop populations in the targeted locations to self-sustaining levels to support recreational harvests. Scallop populations in Gulf and Franklin counties may be enhanced if deemed appropriate to reduce the risk of collapse in currently harvested areas.		\$2.9M
The Panama City Marina Fishing Pier, Boat Ramp, and Staging Docks	This project will construct a fishing pier, replace a poorly functioning boat ramp, and construct new staging docks at the marina.		\$2M
Wakulla Marshes Sands Park Improvements	This project will construct observation platforms, a canoe/kayak launch, boardwalks, and walking paths. The boat ramp area, picnic areas, restroom facility, and parking area will also be improved.		\$1.5M
The Enhancement of Franklin County Parks and Boat Ramps	These projects will support existing and provide new recreational opportunities at Eastpoint Fishing Pier, Indian Creek Park boat launch facility, St. George Island Fishing Pier, Waterfront Park in Apalachicola.		\$1.8M
Florida Artificial Reef Creation and Restoration	This project will take place in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay counties. The project includes reef designs to be constructed at various depths. The deep water "nearshore reefs" will have a single, prefabricated modular design and will be located within nine nautical miles of shore. Shallower "snorkeling reefs" have a piling-mounted design using disc-shaped concrete and limestone layers with spacers between the layers, in less than 20 feet deep water and within 950 feet of shore.		\$11.5M

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Florida Boat Ramp Enhancement and Construction Project	This project provides new or enhanced access to public waterways within Pensacola Bay at Navy Point Boat Ramp, Galvez Landing Boat Ramp, Mahogany Mill Boat Ramp, and Perdido River Boat Ramp. Project is complete and open for public use.	✓	\$5.1M
Florida Gulf Coast Marine Fisheries Hatchery/ Enhancement Center	This project will allow for the construction and operation of a saltwater sportfish hatchery in Bruce Beach, Pensacola. This facility will provide hatchery production and eventual release of highly sought-after sportfish species. Hatchery production will be based on the use of intensive recirculating aquaculture systems that reduce water usage and effluent discharge.	🔄	\$18.8M
The Walton County Boardwalks and Dune Crossovers	This project will enhance or construct that beach access facilities at Ed Walline, Gulfview Heights, and Palms of Due Allen West to provide enhanced recreational opportunities. Furthermore, this project will improve recreational opportunities at Bayside Ranchettes Park.	🔄	\$386K
Strategically Provided Boat Access along Florida's Gulf Coast	These projects will enhance recreational opportunities at City of Mexico Beach Marina; City of Parker, Earl Gilbert Dock and Ramp; City of Port St. Joe, Frank Pate Boat Ramp; Panama City St. Andrews Marina Docking Facility; Walton County Lafayette Creek Boat Ramp; and City of St. Marks boat ramp.	🔄	\$3.2M
Shell Point Beach Nourishment	This project will re-nourish Shell Point Beach in Wakulla County. The improvements include the placement of approximately 15,000 cubic yards of sand along one mile of beach.	🔄	\$883K
Gulf County Recreation Project	These projects will enhance recreational opportunities at Highland View Boat Ramp, Beacon Hill Veterans Memorial Park, and Windmark Beach Fishing Pier.	🔄	\$2.1M
Navarre Beach Park Coastal Access and Dune Restoration	This project will construct two beach access boardwalks from the existing pavilion and parking lot areas to the Santa Rosa Sound and will construct a new canoe/kayak launch. Roughly one acre parcel of degraded dune habitat will also be restored.	🔄	\$615K
Navarre Beach Park Gulfside Walkover Complex	This project will construct a dune walkover that will provide access to the beach and will construct an entrance, driveway, parking area, restroom and pavilions with boardwalk connections at the Navarre Beach Park Gulfside Walkover complex.	🔄	\$1.2M
Norriego Point Restoration and Recreation Project	The project includes the construction of several erosion control structures, two new embayments, which will provide additional swimming areas, and recreational facilities, including picnic pavilion with restrooms and showers, multi-use trail, bike racks and vehicle parking.	🔄	\$10.2M
Florida Coastal Access Project	This project, which will be implemented in phases, involves the acquisition of parcels and the creation of local parks. Phase one of this project involves the four locations across the Panhandle that will be acquired and/or improved to increase recreational uses and coastal access. These sites are Innerarity Point Park (Escambia County), Leonard Destin Park, Lynn Haven Preserve and Park, and Island View Park.	🔄	\$45.4M
Northwest Florida Estuarine Habitat Restoration	This project is located in Fort Walton Beach. The project will create an educational and interactive boardwalk which will allow public access to areas of Santa Rosa Sound. In addition, the project will conduct several small natural resource and habitat enhancement projects including a 0.1 acres expansion of an existing intertidal oyster reef and an approximately 0.4 acre restoration of a degraded salt marsh.	🔄	\$4.6M

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