



Florida Coastal Access Project Draft Phase V.4 Restoration Plan

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May 10, 2022

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Today's Agenda



- Background
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)
 - Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL TIG)
- Phase V background
- Draft Phase V.4 Florida Coastal Access Project: Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment
- Q&A session and opportunity for public comment
- Next steps

The Draft Phase V.4 RP/SEA and factsheets can be found at [gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2022/04/trustees-see-public-comment-draft-restoration-plan-continuing-florida-coastal-access?](https://gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2022/04/trustees-see-public-comment-draft-restoration-plan-continuing-florida-coastal-access/)

What is NRDA?



- A legal process based on the Oil Pollution Act (OPA)
- Trustee agencies assess the degree to which natural resources and the services they provide may have been injured
- Trustees then determine how to compensate the public through restoration activities



NRDA Process



DETERMINE INJURY

What was injured, extent, magnitude?

RESTORATION PLANNING

What needs to be done to restore the natural resources?

RESTORATION COST

How much will this cost?

ASSESS MONETARY DAMAGES

Seek monetary damages from the polluter to pay for restoration.

DWH Settlement



- Up to \$8.8 billion; 15+ years
 - \$1 billion already committed for early restoration
 - \$7.1 billion to complete restoration
 - Up to an additional \$700 million for adaptive management and unknown conditions
- Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP)



Trustee Council Structure



TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Alabama | Florida | Louisiana | Mississippi | Texas | DOI | EPA | NOAA | USDA

Ensures coordination, efficiency, transparency, and accountability across the Trustee Implementation Groups.

TRUSTEE IMPLEMENTATION GROUPS

Alabama | Florida | Louisiana | Mississippi | Texas | Open Ocean | Regionwide | Unknown Conditions and Adaptive Management*

Conduct planning for restoration and monitoring and adaptive management; provide oversight for implementation.
*Will be formed at a future date.

INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEE AGENCIES

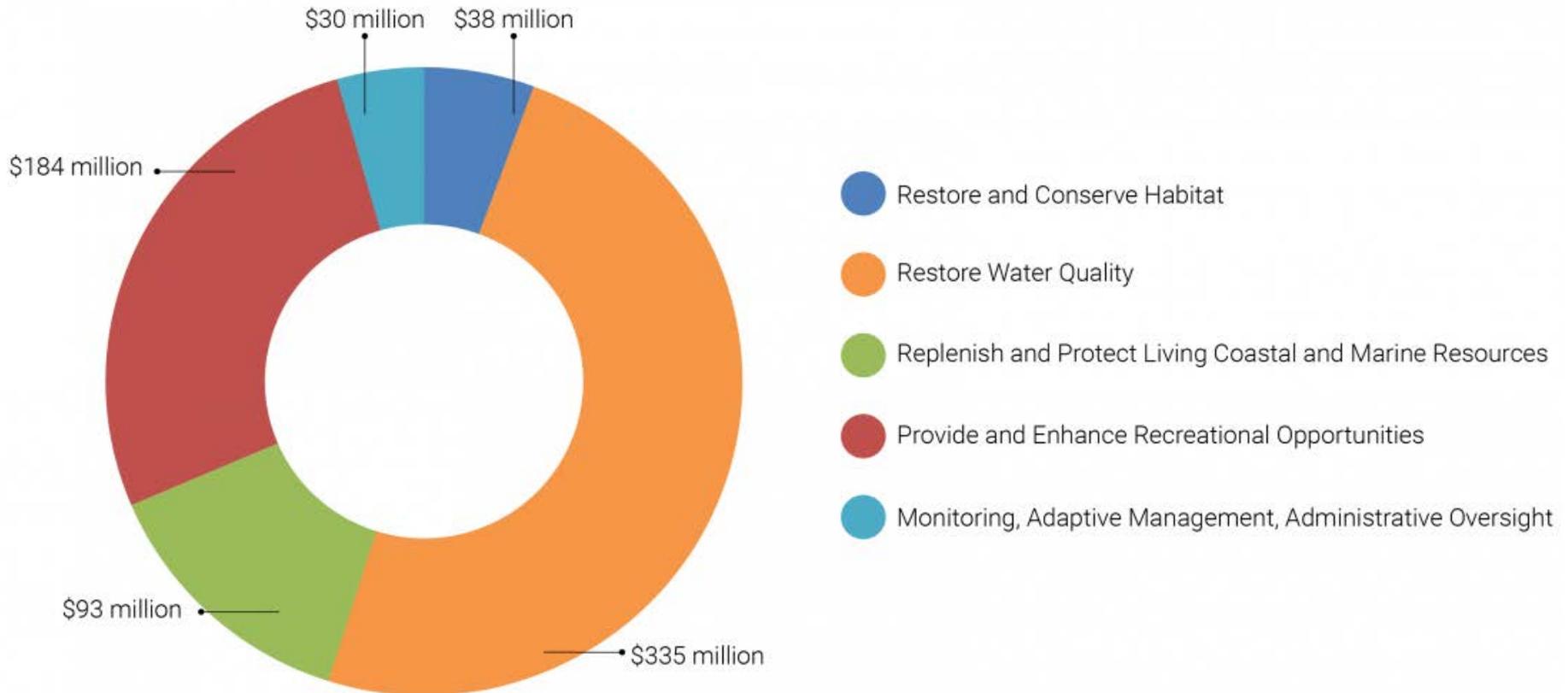
More than a dozen individual state and federal agencies.
Agencies implement restoration projects and monitoring activities.



State and Federal Trustees

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

DWH Settlement – FL TIG



Restoration Type Allocation



PDARP/PEIS Programmatic Restoration Goal	Restoration Type	Total FL TIG Settlement Funds	Funds Allocated for Restoration Planning	Funds Allocated to Early Restoration Projects	Funds Allocated to RP1/EA Projects	Funds Allocated to RP2/EA Projects	Funds Allocated to Restoration Planning Activities
Restore and Conserve Habitat	Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands	\$20,629,367	--	\$15,629,367	--	--	--
		\$17,500,000	\$153,615	--	\$2,742,451	\$13,733,000	--
Restore Water Quality	Nutrient Reduction	\$35,000,000	\$52,441	--	\$5,250,000	--	--
	Water Quality	\$300,000,000	\$172,993	--	\$16,945,754	--	--
Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources	Sea Turtles	\$20,000,000	\$43,401	--	--	\$6,217,208	\$315,000
	Marine Mammals	\$5,000,000	\$39,315	--	--	\$5,000,000	--
	Birds	\$42,835,000	\$54,726	\$2,835,000	--	\$13,164,077	--
	Oysters	\$25,370,596	--	\$5,370,596	--	--	\$2,802,812
Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	\$183,817,680	\$328,444	\$104,155,906	\$36,344,535	\$23,734,693	--
	TOTAL	\$650,152,643	\$737,593	\$128,056,740	\$61,282,740	\$61,848,978	\$3,117,812

Florida Coastal Access Project



- Selected as part of Phase V Early Restoration to partially compensate for recreational use losses in Florida
- Restoration projects in the first, second, and third phases of the Florida Coastal Access Project have been selected via the Phase V, Phase V.2, and Phase V.3 plans
- Current draft plan describes the proposed fourth phase of the project

Restoration plans from previous phases of the Florida Coastal Access Project can be found at gulfsillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida

Florida Coastal Access Project



- Approximately \$46.5 million allocated for land acquisition/improvements for lost recreation
- Trust for Public Land (TPL) acquires property
- With FL TIG oversight, TPL oversees acquisition (and infrastructure design and construction, if applicable)
- TPL donates property to relevant city/county agencies for operation as public parks, with appropriate deed restrictions

Florida Coastal Access Project



- The first three phases included land acquisition and/or improvements at 6 sites in the Florida Panhandle.
- Approximately \$46.5 million allocated to date.



Draft Phase V.4 RP Timeline



- 1/24/22: Notice of restoration planning
- 4/18/22: Notice of availability for Draft Phase V.4 RP
- 5/10/22: Draft Phase V.4 RP public webinar
- 5/12/22: Draft Phase V.4 RP public meeting
- 5/20/22: End of Draft Phase V.4 RP comment period

Draft Phase V.4 RP/EA Screening



- Project screening began during planning for Phase V.
 - Identified a list of potential alternatives from many sources.
 - Only considered projects in Escambia-Wakulla Counties.
- For Phase V.4, the TIG evaluated the compiled list of proposals for properties for potential acquisition.
 - Screening led to development of reasonable range of alternatives.

Draft Phase V.4 RP/EA Non-Preferred Alternative



Little Redfish Lake Addition

Acquisition of a 7-acre coastal parcel adjacent to Grayton Beach State Park.

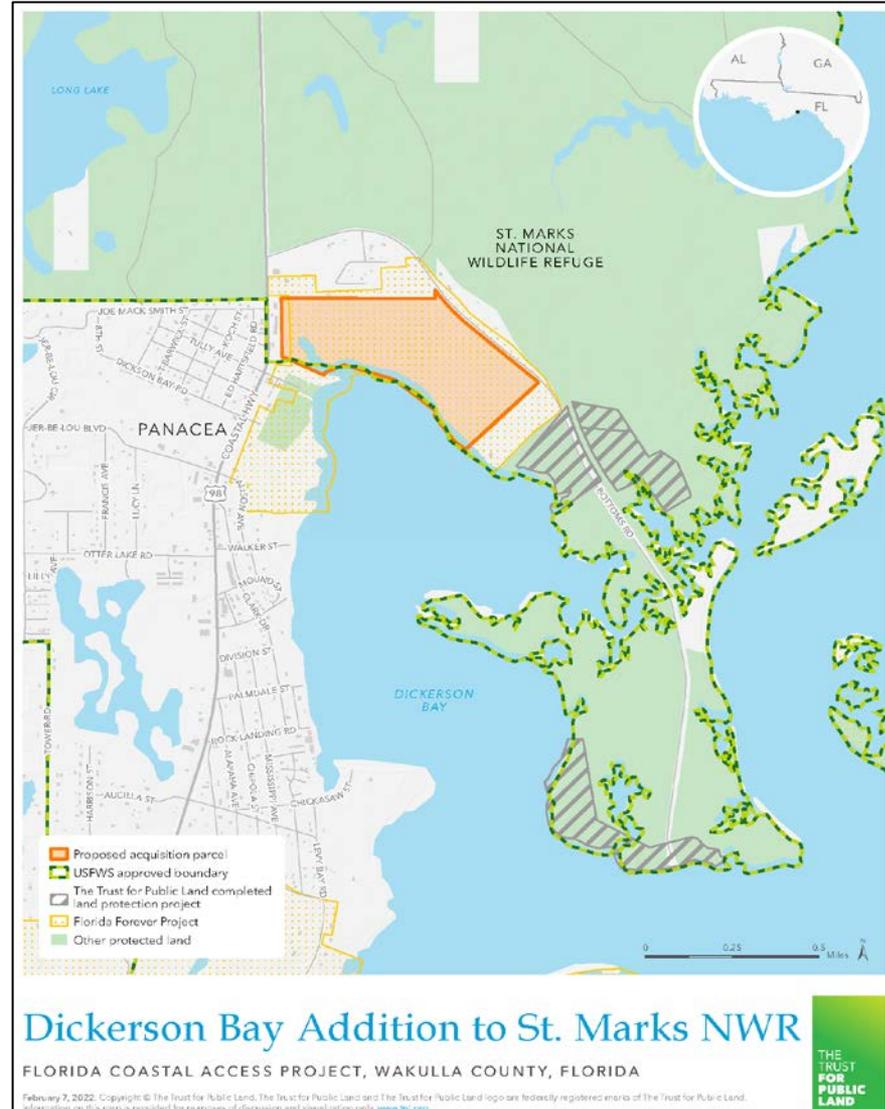


Draft Phase V.4 RP Preferred Alternative



Dickerson Bay Addition

Acquisition of a 114-acre coastal parcel, a private property within the approved acquisition boundary of St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.



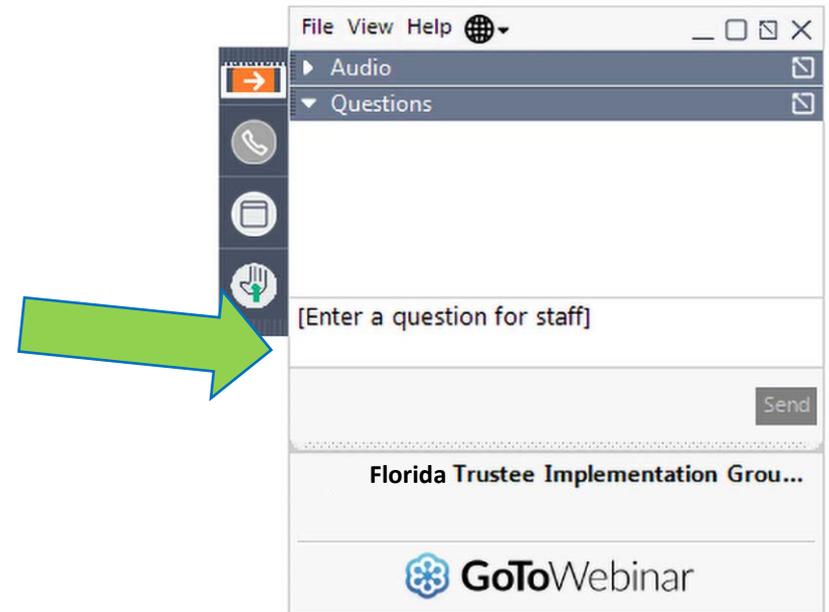
Question and Answer Session

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Questions



- Please type your questions in the “Questions” box.
- We’ll do our best to get to as many as possible.
- Remember to take a look at the Florida webpage linked in the chat.





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Submit Your Comments



- Online:
www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov
- Mail to:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
P.O. Box 29649
Atlanta, GA 30345
- In-person public meeting

Comment deadline is May 20, 2022

In-Person Public Meeting



Panacea Community Center

115 Otter Lake Road, Panacea, FL 32346

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022

Time: Open house: 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. ET

Meeting: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. ET

Next Steps



- Public comment period ends **May 20, 2022**
- Trustees then:
 - Consider all public comments
 - Address public comments & finalize plan
 - Implement any selected project(s)



Thank You!

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