



# Florida Restoration Area

June 2022



## RECENT ACTIVITIES

In the past year, we have been busy overseeing the continued engineering, design, construction, and monitoring of early restoration projects. The Florida Artificial Reef Creation and Restoration project and Florida Seagrass Recovery Project moved into monitoring status, and we completed the Shell Point Beach Nourishment project. Additionally, four projects will be closed later this year. In April 2022, the Trustees for the Florida Restoration Area released their Draft Phase V.4 Florida Coastal Access Project Restoration Plan for public comment. The plan proposes the Dickerson Bay Addition, which includes acquisition of a coastal parcel and minor recreational improvements. The privately-owned 114-acre undeveloped coastal parcel is within the approved acquisition boundary of St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

## WHAT WE DO

Our work in the Florida Restoration Area focuses on restoring water quality and wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats, as well as replenishing and protecting sea turtles, marine mammals, birds, and oysters. We are also providing and enhancing recreational opportunities and restoring habitats on federal lands.

The Trustee representatives for the Florida Restoration Area are:

- Lisa Robertson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Gareth Leonard, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Dianne Ingram, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Stella Wilson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Ron Howard, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Amy Newbold, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

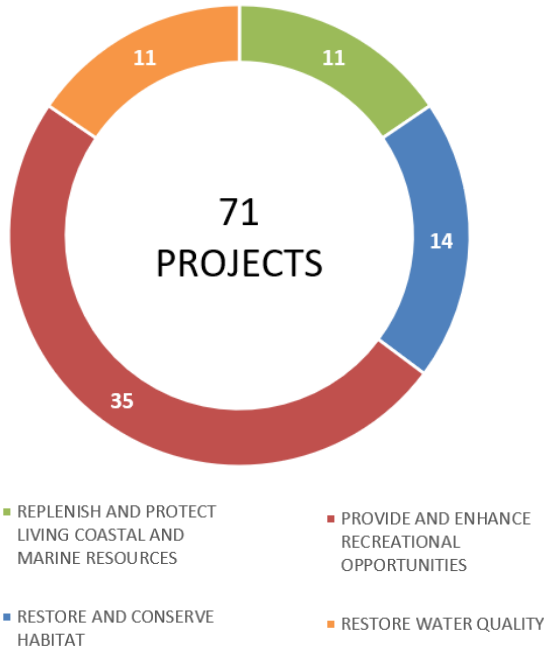




# Restoration Overview

\$249 million committed to approved projects

PROJECTS BY RESTORATION GOAL



Beach and Dune Habitat Protection at Gulf Islands National Seashore (GUIS) in Florida is underway

This 3-year project protects beach-dune habitat and associated wildlife in the Perdido Key, Fort Pickens, and Santa Rosa areas at GUIS from three different threats: 1) human disturbance; 2) vehicle collisions on paved roads; and



3) predators. To date: active and passive speed controls on 14 miles of road were conducted; all suitable bird nesting habitat was surveyed resulting in an average of 328 acres and 15 miles of nesting habitat protected with fencing; about 18,000 visitors were educated with public awareness campaign magnets; and predator reconnaissance, perch deterrents and targeted removals were conducted over 279 acres. These activities will be continued for one more season.

## PROJECT UPDATE // FLORIDA PENSACOLA BAY LIVING SHORELINE CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE



The Florida Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Project was substantially completed in April 2022. This \$10.8 million project is part of the third phase of early restoration. The project includes the construction of approximately 4 acres of new natural breakwaters to reduce wave energy and provide oyster reef habitat and 9 acres of salt marsh habitat. FDEP lead the construction of the project. NOAA will conduct 5 years of post-construction monitoring.

This project will reduce shoreline erosion and providing habitat and builds on Project GreenShores Phase I, an award-winning habitat restoration and creation effort along the City of Pensacola waterfront.





# Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2022	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
<b>Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats</b>	\$20,629,367	\$15,626,264	76%	24%
<b>Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands</b>	\$17,500,000	\$16,629,066	95%	5%
<b>Nutrient Reduction</b>	\$35,000,000	\$5,302,441	15%	85%
<b>Water Quality</b>	\$300,000,000	\$17,549,375	6%	94%
<b>Oysters</b>	\$25,370,596	\$8,173,408	32%	68%
<b>Sea Turtles</b>	\$20,000,000	\$6,575,609	33%	67%
<b>Marine Mammals</b>	\$5,000,000	\$39,315	1%	99%
<b>Birds</b>	\$42,835,000	\$15,365,461	36%	64%
<b>Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities</b>	\$183,817,680	\$165,864,158	90%	10%
<b>Monitoring and Adaptive Management</b>	\$10,000,000	\$0	0%	100%
<b>Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning</b>	\$20,000,000	\$2,105,000	11%	89%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$680,152,643</b>	<b>\$253,230,096</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>63%</b>

The FL TIG anticipates approving its Final Phase V.4 Florida Coastal Access Project Restoration Plan in July 2022.

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE [www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida](http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida)

