



Florida Restoration Area

June 2025



The Trustee representatives for the Florida Restoration Area are:

- Gareth Leonard, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Sarah Ketron, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Ashley Warren, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Stella Wilson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Craig Johnson, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Tripp Boone, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

RECENT ACTIVITIES

We have been busy overseeing the planning, construction, and monitoring of FL TIG projects. To date, of the 29 early restoration projects, **15** are complete including the Deer Lake State Park Development project and **9** are in the monitoring phase including the City of Parker-Oakshore Drive Pier. Of the 54 post-settlement projects, **2** are complete and **6** are in the monitoring phase, most recently the following projects: Lincoln Park Boat Ramp and Dock Improvements, City of Carrabelle's Lighthouse Estates: Septic Tank Abatement - Phase II, Perdido Key Sediment Placement, Pensacola Beach Fort Pickens Road Wildlife Lighting Retrofits, and St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge Predator Control.

In July 2024, we approved the third post-settlement restoration plan, selecting 11 projects for implementation to address the Water Quality Restoration Type at an estimated cost of \$111.5 million.

WHAT WE DO

Our work focuses on restoring water quality and wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats and replenishing and protecting sea turtles, marine mammals, birds, and oysters. We also provide and enhance recreational opportunities and restore habitats on federal lands.

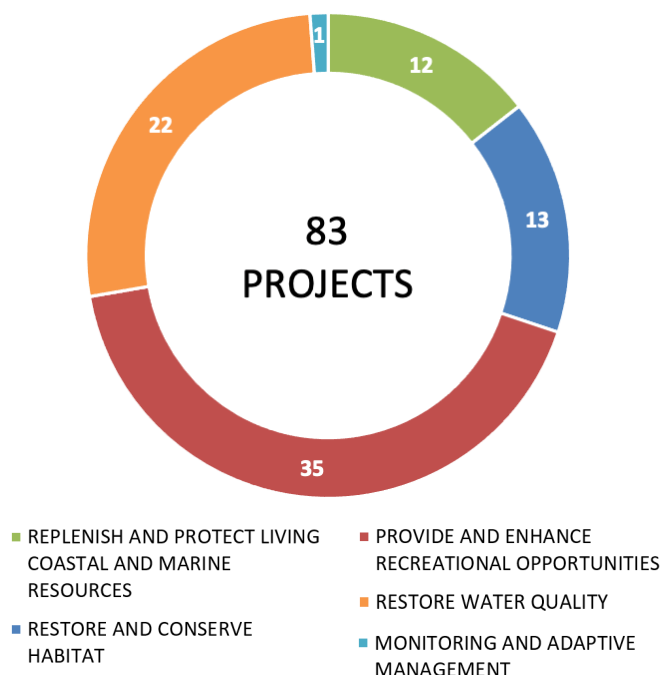




Restoration Overview

\$380 million committed to approved projects and activities

PROJECTS BY RESTORATION GOAL



PROJECT NEWS // Lincoln Park Boat Ramp and Dock Improvements

This project provided recreational opportunities at Lincoln Park in the City of Valparaiso in Okaloosa County. Specifically, this project involved construction of a new, 2-lane, 27 ft boat ramp; a 73ft access pier with a 24ft L-shaped terminal platform; a 97ft access pier with a 14ft L-shaped terminal platform; handrails; “No Mooring” signs on the south side of the southern pier; and monofilament recycling bins. Construction was completed in June 2024, and monitoring will be completed in 2026.



PROJECT UPDATE // City of Carrabelle's Lighthouse Estates: Septic Tank Abatement - Phase II



This project is improving water quality in Apalachicola Bay and St. George Sound by connecting homes near the bay currently served by septic systems to a central wastewater treatment system. Prior to bid, the project included: 1) connection of an additional 110 septic systems to the City of Carrabelle’s wastewater treatment plant in addition to the 53 connections funded by the Northwest Florida Water Management District, 2) limiting the installation of additional septic systems within the Lighthouse Estates area, and 3) post-construction water quality monitoring (i.e., *Enterococci* species).














In 2021 and 2023, adjustments were made to the number of septic tanks that could be abated within the project budget. In 2022, water mains and sewer force mains were installed. In 2023, the contractor abated 34 septic tanks and connected grinder pumps. In 2024, the contractor finalized construction by abating 103 septic tanks and connecting grinder pumps. Monitoring will occur through 2027.





Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2025	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
 Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats	\$20,629,367	\$15,543,545	75% <div><div></div></div>	25%
 Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands	\$17,500,000	\$14,422,152	82% <div><div></div></div>	18%
 Nutrient Reduction	\$35,000,000	\$5,284,826	15% <div><div></div></div>	85%
 Water Quality	\$300,000,000	\$129,896,450	43% <div><div></div></div>	57%
 Oysters	\$25,370,596	\$8,173,408	32% <div><div></div></div>	68%
 Sea Turtles	\$20,000,000	\$6,559,587	33% <div><div></div></div>	67%
 Marine Mammals *	\$5,000,000	\$5,020,129	100% <div><div></div></div>	0%
 Birds	\$42,835,000	\$19,251,603	45% <div><div></div></div>	55%
 Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	\$183,817,680	\$170,339,815	93% <div><div></div></div>	7%
 Monitoring and Adaptive Management	\$10,000,000	\$1,473,993	15% <div><div></div></div>	85%
 Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning	\$20,000,000	\$4,280,000	21% <div><div></div></div>	79%
Total	\$680,152,643	\$380,245,510	56% <div><div></div></div>	44%

*Interest Used

The Florida TIG will continue to implement projects and will hold its annual public meeting in December 2025.

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE
www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida

