



Deepwater Horizon

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT & RESTORATION

Florida Trustee Implementation Group

**Draft Restoration Plan 3 and Environmental
Assessment (RP3/EA) Public Webinar**

March 27, 2024

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Webinar Agenda



- Background
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)
 - Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL TIG)
- Draft Restoration Plan 3 and Environmental Assessment (RP3/EA)
 - Planning timeline and screening process
 - Proposed projects
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Next Steps



Link to Draft RP3/EA: <https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida>

What is NRDA?



- A legal process based on the Oil Pollution Act (OPA)
- Allows Trustees to assess natural resource injuries and service losses caused by an oil spill
- Process to determine how best to compensate the public through on-the-ground restoration activities

Deepwater Horizon Settlement



2016 DWH settlement - up to \$8.8B

Includes:

- \$1B previously committed for early restoration
- \$7.1B for restoration actions over 15+ years
- Up to \$700M for natural resource conditions unknown at the time of the settlement and/or to provide for adaptive management



NRDA Trustees' Governance 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

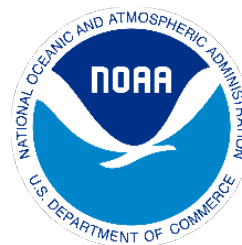
More than a dozen individual state and federal agencies.
Agencies implement restoration projects and monitoring activities.

Florida Trustee Implementation Group



State and Federal Trustees:

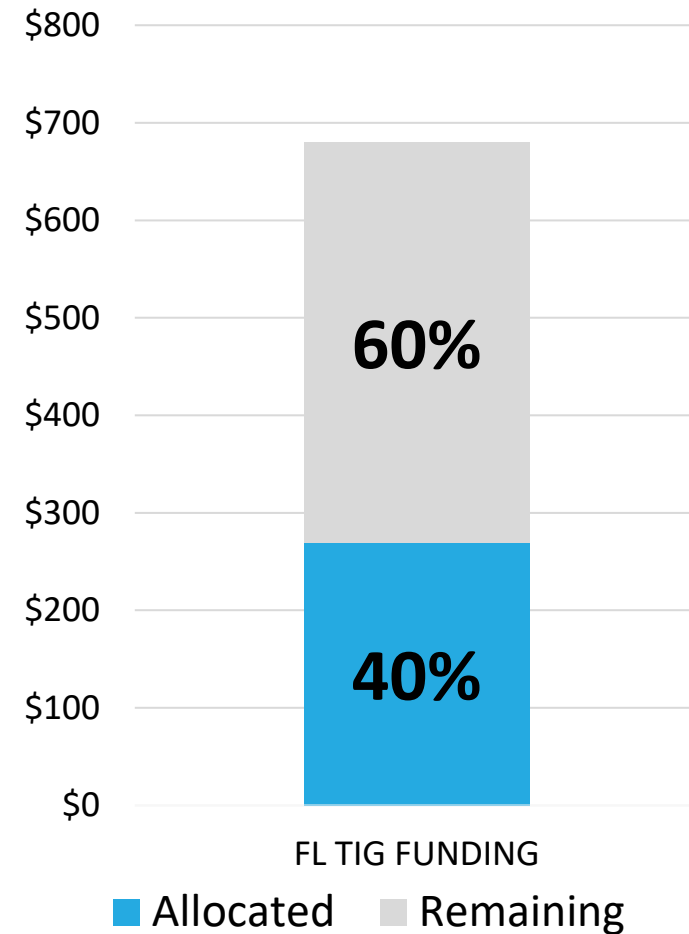
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



FL TIG Funding Allocation



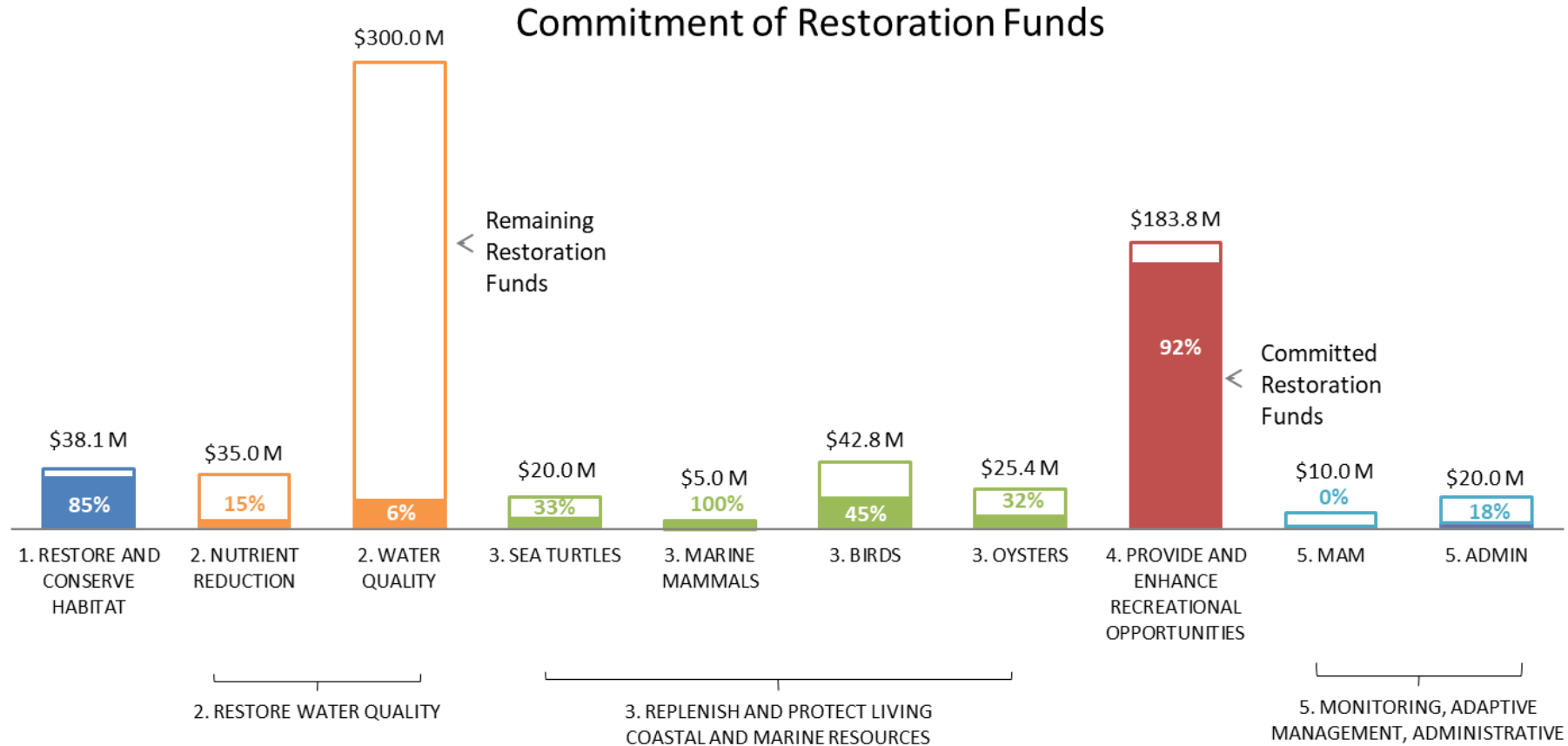
- DWH NRDA allocation for the FL TIG is ~\$680M
- As of February 2024, the FL TIG has committed more than \$269M (40%), in planning and project / activity funds and admin
- ~\$411M (60%) of the funds remain for future planning, projects / activities, and admin



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Data current as of February 2024

FL TIG Restoration Funds



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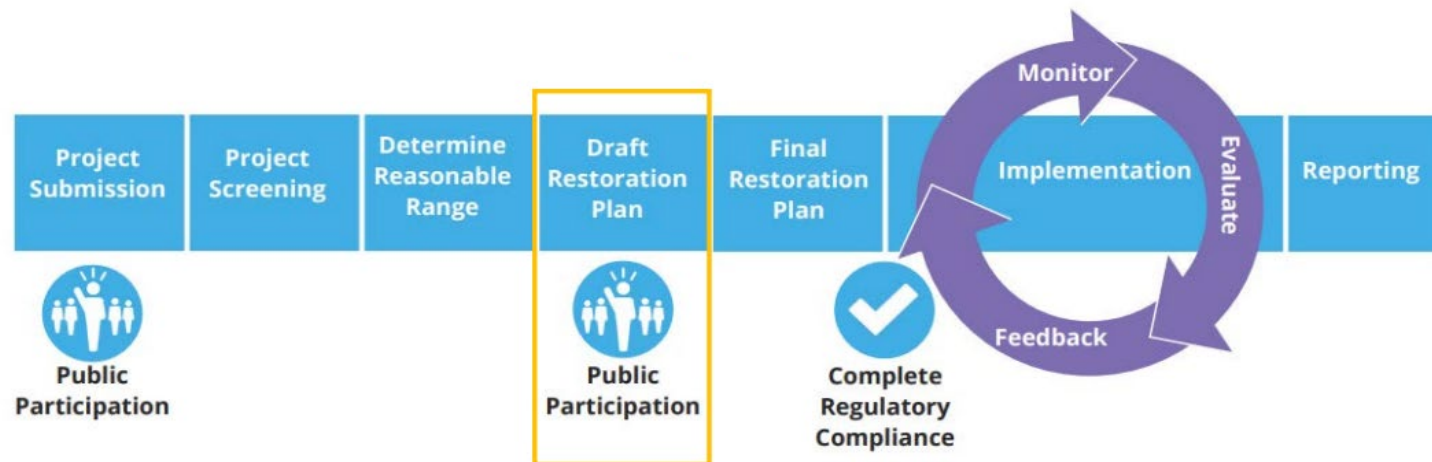
Florida TIG Restoration Plan 3 and Environmental Assessment



RP3/EA Process and Timeline



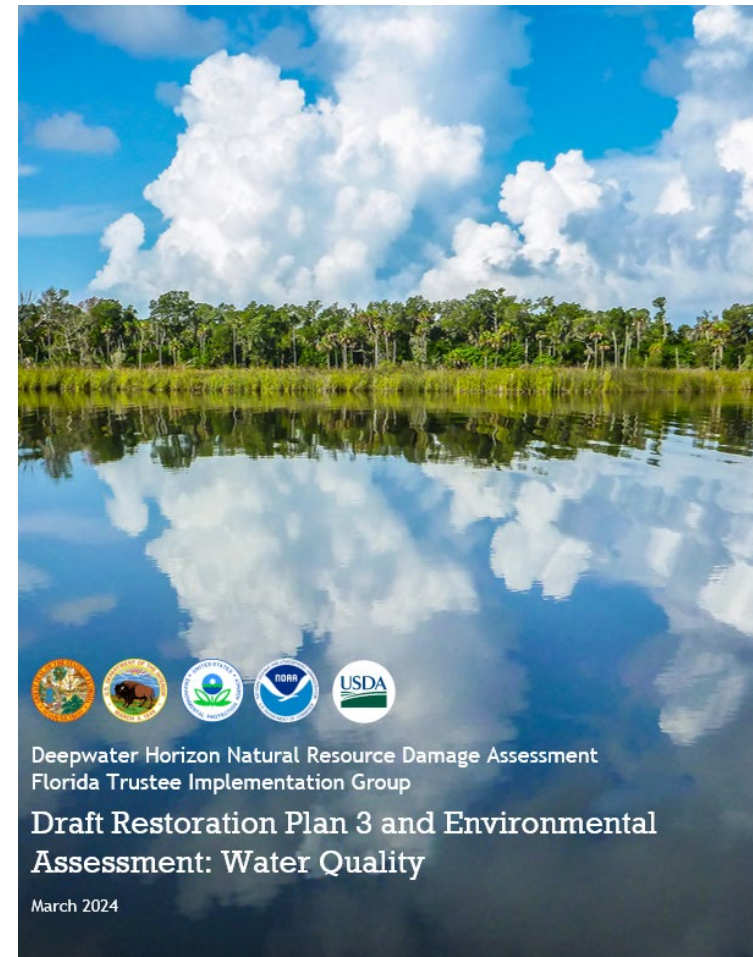
- November 2022: Call for project ideas
- August 2023: Notice of restoration planning
- March 8, 2024: Notice of availability of Draft RP3/EA
- March 27, 2024: Draft RP3/EA public webinar
- April 8, 2024: End of Draft RP3/EA comment period



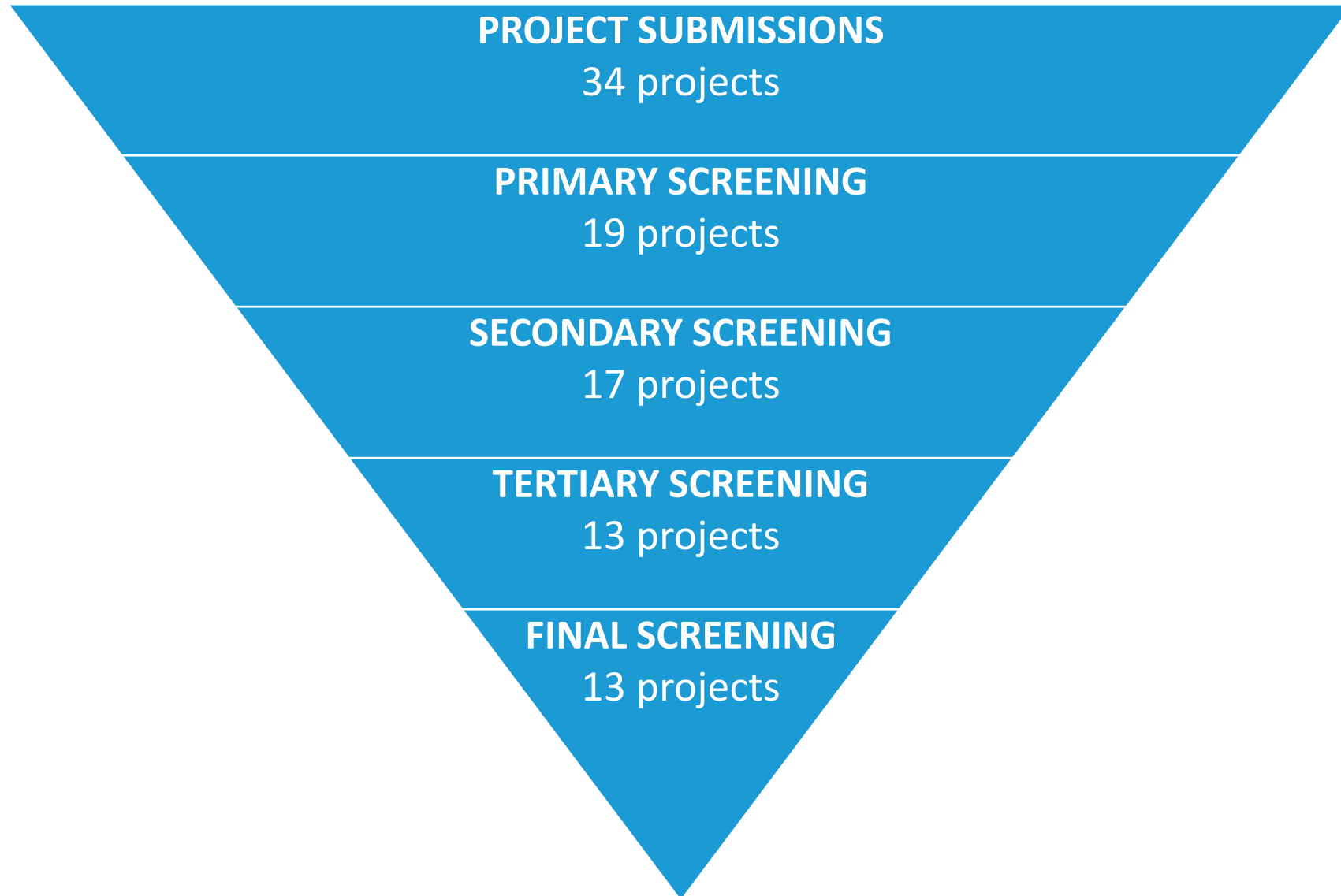
FL TIG Draft Restoration Plan 3 Overview



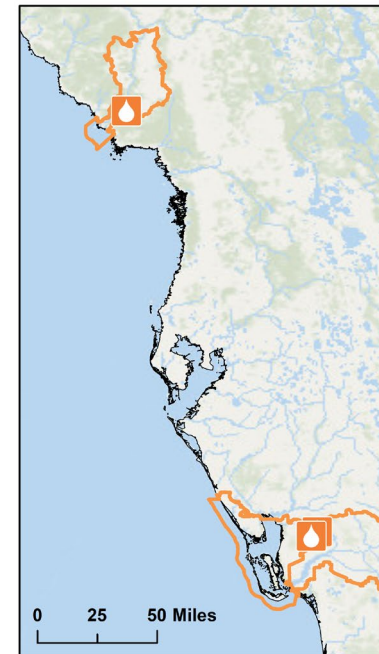
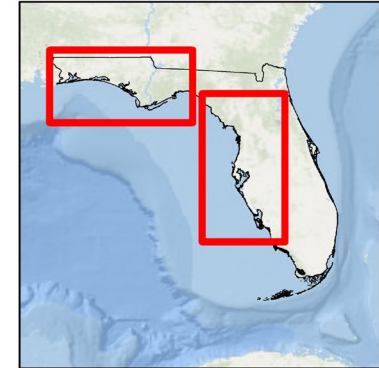
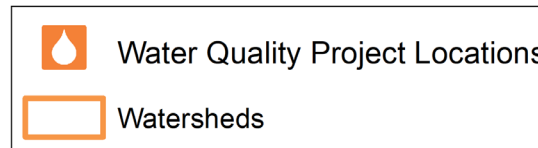
- Proposes restoration for Water Quality
- Evaluates 13 restoration projects identified through a rigorous screening process
- Proposes 11 projects for funding
 - Estimated cost of \$111.5 million



Draft RP3/EA Screening Process



Reasonable Range of Alternatives



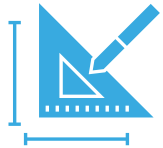
Restoration Techniques



Data Gathering



Unpaved Road Stabilization



Engineering & Design



Hydrologic Restoration



In-Stream Restoration



Agricultural/Silvicultural BMPs



Stormwater Control Measures



Septic-to-Sewer Conversions

Draft RP3/EA Preferred Projects

















- 11 preferred projects
 - Consistent with the PDARP and OPA
 - Cost-effectiveness
 - Trustee goals and objectives
 - Likelihood of success
 - Collateral injury
 - Benefits to multiple resources or services
 - Public health and safety
- Would allocate approximately \$111.5 M from FL TIG funds
 - Remaining balance of approximately \$299.5 M



Western Florida Panhandle












Perdido and Pensacola Bay Watersheds

ALTERNATIVES	RESTORATION TECHNIQUE(S)	ESTIMATED COST
WQ1, Pensacola and Perdido Watersheds Microbial Source Tracking (Planning)		\$3,001,000
WQ2, Pensacola Bay Unpaved Roads Initiative Phase 2 (Planning)	 	\$527,000
WQ3, Carpenter Creek Hydrologic Restoration and Stormwater Improvements	  	\$6,300,000
WQ4, Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park	 	\$5,450,000
WQ5, Gulf Breeze Septic to Sewer Conversion	  	\$12,830,000
WQ6, Santa Rosa County Septic to Sewer Conversion	  	\$22,797,000








Central and Eastern Florida Panhandle



Choctawhatchee-St. Andrews Bay Watershed

ALTERNATIVES	RESTORATION TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED COST
WQ7, Choctawhatchee Bay Unpaved Roads Initiative	  	\$17,277,000
WQ8, Swift Creek Hydrologic Restoration	  	\$8,500,000
WQ9, Springfield Stream and Wetland Enhancement	  	\$8,410,000

Ochlockonee-St. Marks Watershed

ALTERNATIVE	RESTORATION TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED COST
WQ10, Telogia Creek Watershed Water Quality Improvements	      	\$2,700,000



Big Bend and Peninsular Florida



Suwannee Watershed

ALTERNATIVE	RESTORATION TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED COST
WQ11, Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge Hydrologic Restoration Phase 2 (Planning)		\$1,600,000

Charlotte Harbor and Caloosahatchee Watersheds

ALTERNATIVES	RESTORATION TECHNIQUES	ESTIMATED COST
WQ12, Bond Farm Hydrologic Enhancement Impoundment		\$38,500,000
WQ13, Bond Farm Hydrologic Enhancement Southwest Discharge Structure (Planning)		\$500,000



Public Comment



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Submit Your Comments

- Online: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/FLTIGRP3>
- By Mail: hard copy addressed to:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Gulf Restoration Office
1875 Century Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30345

**Comment deadline is
April 8, 2024**

Next Steps

- Trustees will consider and address all public comment and finalize RP3/EA
- Trustees will implement projects
- For more information, visit www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida



Thank You!
This concludes the
public webinar.

