

Phase III Early Restoration: Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Project

Project Information

Location

- Escambia County
- City of Pensacola owned submerged lands
- Two locations (Sanders Beach and Project GreenShores Site II)

Goals

- 18.8 acres of salt marsh habitat
- 4 acres of oyster reef habitat

Project Status:

• September 2013

- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) held a workshop in Pensacola on development of a living shorelines project at Project GreenShores Site II and the Sanders Beach area.

• December 6, 2013:

- The Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Project is proposed as part of "Draft Phase III Early Restoration Plan and Draft Early Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement" (Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Plan and PEIS) and released for public comment.

• December 6, 2013- February 19, 2014:

- DWH Trustees held a public comment period to seek public review and comment on the Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Plan and PEIS, including the proposed Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Project.

• February 3, 2014:

- DWH Trustees held a public meeting in Pensacola for comment on the Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Plan and

PEIS and the proposed Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Project.

• June 2014:

- The "Final Phase III Early Restoration Plan and Final Early Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement" was released.

• October 2014:

- The Record of Decision was released for the "Final Phase III Early Restoration Plan and Final Early Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement".

• April 2015:

- NOAA, in partnership with FDEP, issued a contract to HDR for engineering studies and development of a conceptual (30%) design for the approved Phase III Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline project.

• July 18, 2016:

- NOAA and FDEP hold a Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Community Workshop to present conceptual project design layouts.

Community members are invited to ask questions and make comments, although this is not a formal comment period. Comments on the conceptual project design layouts will be considered by project planners, but written responses will not be provided.

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