

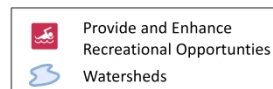
# Florida Restoration Area

## Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities Restoration Type Draft Restoration Plan 1/Environmental Assessment



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This factsheet highlights the Florida Trustee Implementation Group's (FL TIG) tentative preferred restoration projects consistent with the Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities Restoration Type.

The FL TIG evaluated 11 restoration projects consistent with the Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities Restoration Type, and as shown on this factsheet, identified nine tentative preferred projects within this Restoration Type, totaling an estimated cost of \$37,322,480.


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## Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities Projects Proposed for Implementation in Draft Restoration Plan 1

| PROJECT NAME  | PROJECT DESCRIPTION  | ESTIMATED COST |
|---|--|----------------|
| <b>PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>  |  |                |
| <b>Perdido River and Bay Paddle Trail</b>   | This project includes actions to provide and enhance recreational opportunities along Perdido River including construction of recreational access and amenities along the Florida side of the river (primitive shelters, composting toilets, kiosks). The project would complement the paddling trail Alabama has developed on the west side of the Perdido River and Bay, by adding additional sites on the east side of the river and south to Perdido Bay. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection would be the implementing Trustee for this project.                     | \$1,165,488    |
| <b>Carpenter Creek Headwaters Park Amenities</b>  | This project includes actions to provide and enhance recreational opportunities through the construction of a public park at the headwaters of Carpenter Creek. Constructed amenities would include a trail and elevated boardwalk around the creek and lake with educational signage, paddle-craft launch, passive recreation area, and a parking area. The project is a companion to the Carpenter Creek Headwaters Water Quality Improvements project. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection would be the implementing Trustee for this project.                         | \$446,080      |
| <b>Gulf Islands National Seashore (Florida) Rehabilitation of Okaloosa Unit Recreational Facilities</b>                                   | This project involves the rehabilitation of recreational facilities at the Okaloosa Unit of Gulf Islands National Seashore including re-vegetation efforts and rehabilitating a boat ramp, floating pier, restroom, lift station, electrical systems, parking area, RV sites, picnic areas, gates, boardwalks, and fencing. This project would enhance recreational opportunities and experiences at the Okaloosa Unit. The U.S. Department of the Interior would be the implementing Trustee for this project.  | \$3,201,383    |
| <b>Joe's Bayou Recreation Area Improvements</b>   | This project includes actions to improve access to the existing boat ramp, construct new recreational amenities (paddle-craft launch, restroom, fishing pier, walking trails), and enhance and restore the topography and natural resources (wetland, saltmarsh and upland restoration, and a living shoreline) at heavily used Joe's Bayou Recreation Area and Mattie Kelly Park and Nature Walk. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection would be the implementing Trustee for this project.  | \$12,202,891   |
| <b>Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Improvements</b>  | This project includes actions to provide and enhance recreational opportunities at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park by constructing additional recreational access and amenities. Amenities include tram pavilions, bike-share stations, beach access boardwalk, restrooms, paddle-craft launch, and interpretive signage about the rare coastal dune lake ecosystem. It would also include connection of all RV campsites and campground facilities to the central sewer system. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection would be the implementing Trustee for this project. | \$3,926,811    |

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| <b>PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (CONT'D)</b>  |  |                |
| <b>Camp Helen State Park Improvements</b>  | This project includes actions to provide and enhance recreational opportunities at Camp Helen State Park by constructing amenities in a new day-use area on the northern parcel of the park (north of US 98) and two docks and walkway extensions at the Lake Powell waterfront. Amenities include new or improved roadways and parking area, boardwalk, picnic pavilions, restroom, and improved paddle and power craft docks to access the water. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection would be the implementing Trustee for this project.   | \$3,326,027    |
| <b>St. Andrews State Park Improvements</b>   | This project includes actions to improve access to use areas in St. Andrews State Park and constructing additional recreational amenities. Improvements would be made to the entrance area, other roadways, and parking lots to facilitate access and egress of vehicles at the ranger station for day-use visitors and campers and to help alleviate traffic congestion during peak visitation periods; new amenities at the Lagoon Use area include a paddle-craft launch, pavilions, restroom, a loop trail, and sidewalks connecting amenities. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection would be the implementing Trustee for this project. | \$10,875,855   |
| <b>T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Improvements</b>  | This project includes actions to provide and enhance recreational opportunities at the T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park through the construction of a shared-use path. The path would extend an existing shared-use path outside the park, along Gulf CR 30E/Cape San Blas Road, which currently terminates at the park boundary. The path would provide safe and scenic bicycle and pedestrian access, from the park entrance to the Eagle Harbor Day Use Area and primary Gulf Beach access. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection would be the implementing Trustee for this project.                                   | \$977,945      |
| <b>St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Trail Connection, Spring Creek to Port Leon</b>  | This project includes actions to provide and enhance recreational opportunities through improving access to and completing the Florida National Scenic Trail at St. Marks NWR, a nationally recognized resource. This includes construction of a trail segment, two boardwalks and puncheon, infrastructure improvements in Port Leon Wilderness including small-span bridges or boardwalks, suspension bridge, and interpretive materials. The U.S. Department of Agriculture would be the implementing Trustee for this project.   | \$1,200,000    |