FLORIDA GULF OF MEXICO RESTORATION

PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM

Form Purpose and Instructions:

- To assist the project proposal and review process, please complete this Submittal Form. Completion of the Form will contribute to the appropriate information being completely and accurately submitted for each project.
- Take as much space as needed for each question, but please keep responses as focused as possible. It may assist you to review all the questions before addressing any one question.
- Please submit one Form per project, if you have multiple projects - please submit one Form for each project.
- Please submit completed Forms to Restoration.Projects@dep.state.fl.us. Once your Form is successfully submitted, you will receive a confirmation email from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Project Name:

Coastal Bicycle Trail connecting Pinellas, Pasco and Hernando Counties

Contact Information *(Include at least one name, phone number, email address, and organization name if applicable)*:

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Project Location *(Include a map, if possible, and the city, county, longitude/latitude, and watershed)*:

Western Edge of Pasco County. Exact route yet to be determined but desired to be along coast as much as possible.

Project Description *(Describe all aspects of the project)*:

Conduct route feasibility studies, acquire the right of way, design and construct a multiuse trail along the Pasco County Gulf Coast connecting regionally with Hernando to the north and Pinellas to the south ultimately connecting to the proposed Florida coast to coast trail. The trail would run as close as possible to the coast and connect to existing parks and public lands, and private venues providing

Estimated Project Costs *(Describe the estimated costs of the project, including any assumptions for contingency and ongoing operations/maintenance. Identify other secured funding sources such as matching funds, in-kind contributions or state/federal dollars. In addition, if possible, complete and submit the Cost Appendix Sheet associated with this Form)***:**

Estimated cost to complete the study and designate a most desired path is $100,000.

Once constructed, new operational maintenance will be minimal. ROWs are already being maintained/mowed. The trail will require some staff time to patrol and to address any issues that may

Other Funding *(Indicate if the project is submitted for any potential funding or if it may be used to leverage additional funding, if so please describe the funding source [e.g. State/Federal Grants])***:**

Potential funding matches from Bicycling organizations in the County. No additional funding has yet been sought out.

Technical Feasibility *(Describe the technologies involved and any relevant past experience or proven success with similar projects)***:**

Pasco County has constructed and coordinated construction of multiuse trails throughout the County.

Environmental Benefits *(Describe the nature, magnitude, and timing of any environmental benefits attributable to the project. If possible, describe potential environmental performance measures [e.g. pollutant reduction]. Please address any potential environmental impacts associated with implementing or maintaining the project [e.g. loss of a habitat or conversion of habitat from one type to another during implementation])***:**

This trail will provide non-vehicular (polluntant free) access to the Gulf Coast which will improve awareness and lead to a better understanding of the importance of the coastal environment and ecosystems and it's intrinsic value. This trail would allow access to areas unaccessible by vehicles and provide venues for environmental educational and interpretive signage and displays. Most of the trail would be located on existing Right of Way and on previously disturbed areas; sensitive areas

Economic and Social Benefits *(Describe the economic and social benefits including those related to the project's improved ecosystem services and any estimates on jobs created or preserved)***:**

This trail will encourage citizens and visitors to to get outdoors, visit coastal venues, access coastal waters and enjoy the coastal environment. This will provide stimulus for businesses to build on, to include sightseeing, boating, paddling, fishing, bird watching, diving and eco-tourism along with the businesses that provide supporting elements such as food services and outdoor equipment such as bikes. This trail would help encourage redevelopment along the coast in a more environmentally friendly and sustainable fashion.

Community Resilience *(Describe if the project assists Florida's ability to anticipate, withstand, or recover from hazards or threats [e.g. hurricane preparedness, establishing living shorelines])*:

This project will not directly affect Community Resilience against natural events; however providing Gulf coast access and enhancing a better understanding of the value and importance of the coastal environment will help create support for coastal preservation initiatives. Also, this level of improved public infrastructure will support more environmental friendly and sustainable redevelopment efforts

Conflicts or Complements to Existing Efforts *(Describe any ongoing activities in the project implementation area, if the project is part of another plan, and why the project does or does not interfere with that work. Please consider how the project may complement existing local, regional, and state efforts/plans/objectives)*:

This project complements existing multiuse trail system development in the County, Region and the State.

Complies with Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Laws/Regulations *(Describe any concerns or potential conflicts)*:

The project will comply with all regulations and is a permit able project.

Readiness for Implementation *(Describe if the project has had any design or permitting work started or completed [attach permits or design work]. Please address any issues that may delay start or finish of the project)*:

Preliminary meetings with Coastal Cities and route reviews have been done. The County Planning and Development Department has included this potential project into their West Market Redevelopment Plan after several public meetings; hence there is public support. A route feasibility study for the southern most section of this trail is underway. Some portions of the trail are already

Public Acceptance *(Describe any known or potential public approval or opposition to the project)*:

Coastal access and trail development are two of the most requested demands/needs by the citizens in Pasco and most of Florida. This has come up in Pasco County's Parks and Recreation Master Plan development, in the West Pasco/Market Redevelopment Plan and during the development of Pasco's Trails Master Plan development. Coastal eco-touring is also a trend.

Additional Information you wish to provide *(Please include any maps, designs, drawings, photos, or background resources that may assist in completely and accurately understanding the project)*:

Cost Appendix Sheet

Cost Item	Cost Estimate
Planning	
Contracts	
Feasibility	$100,000.00
Engineering, Design, Land Rights, & Bid Prep	
Restoration Plan	
Site Visits & Cost of Site Selection	
Administration, Overhead, and Indirect	
Other	
Planning Subtotal:	$100,000.00
Construction	
Contracts	
Administration & Mobilization/Demobilization	
Other	
Construction Subtotal:	$0.00
Monitoring	
Contracts	
Data Collection	
Monitoring Administration	
Other	
Monitoring Subtotal:	$0.00
Project Cost	
Supervision	
Subtotal:	$100,000.00
Contingency	
TOTAL:	$100,000.00

Estimated Costs by Year	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	