

Abbreviated Summary Turtle Harbor

Project Title:

Pierce Mounds Complex/ Cottage Hill Site: Environmental Conservation and Historical/Cultural Preservation

Abbreviated Project Description:

The Proposed project will acquire 550 acres of private, city and county land for the preservation of both natural and historic resources. The project will perform a dual role of preserving the historical significance of the Pierce mounds site and will provide much needed watershed protection for Scipio Creek and Apalachicola River/Bay. In the past two years the oyster industry in the Apalachicola Bay has suffered from a 90 percent reduction in oyster productivity. Conservation and restoration of these uplands will help preserve the watershed the oyster industry relies upon. A new ADA accessible trail system will be added to the existing River Ramble trail, and will extend to the Pierce Mounds Site using a former railway bed. This project wishes to preserve this vital area while still allowing public use of the lands for recreation and appreciation of their surroundings.

Watershed:

Apalachicola-Chipola Watershed

Counties:

Franklin County

Estimated Cost:

Estimated Costs	Cost
Land Acquisition	\$2,308,313.00
Restoration	\$315,000.00
Monitoring/ Maintenance	\$700,000.00
Site Improvements	\$255,000.00
Overall Total	\$3,578,313.00

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