

# Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

## Restoration Project Information Sheet

### A General Information

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| Organization<br><b>Gulf County Board of County Commissioners</b> |  |                                           |                    |
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### B Project Information

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| Project Name<br><b>Gulf County Seagrass Restoration &amp; Navigational Marker/Buoy Project</b> |                              |                                                                                |                                   |
| Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge)<br><b>St. Joseph Bay</b>                   |                              |                                                                                |                                   |
| State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas)<br><b>FL</b>                         | County/Parish<br><b>Gulf</b> | Watershed/Basin<br><b>St Andrew-St Joseph Bay</b>                              |                                   |
| Latitude (decimal degrees)                                                                     | Longitude (decimal degrees)  | Project Size (Choose one)<br><div>miles</div> <div>acres</div> <div>tons</div> | Affected Area<br><div>acres</div> |

### C Project Description

Please provide more information about the proposed project. (Limit 2,750 characters.)

**St. Joseph Bay is one of the most pristine bays in the State of Florida. Thousands of visitors and locals utilize the bay annually. The variety of seagrass beds make this waterway home to many species including, but not limited to, scallops, trout and redfish. Many of these grassbeds were directly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill through oil product, dispersants, propeller scarring, high turbidity and booming efforts.**

**The proposed project would allow for testing of these water bodies to evaluate the seagrass beds for damages, any oil product contamination which is harmful to the environment and native species in these areas, allow for restoration to mitigate the damage and/or contamination, and provide a new navigational marker/buoy system for boaters to protect these fragile areas.**

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| <b>D</b> | <b>Project Type(s)</b>     | (Check all that apply)                                                                                                      |                                                               |                                                                        |
|          |                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Debris Removal                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance/Management             |
|          |                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education                          |
| <b>E</b> | <b>Project Habitat(s)</b>  | (Check all that apply)                                                                                                      |                                                               |                                                                        |
|          |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Upland                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine/Estuarine Wetlands | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach/Dune                                    |
|          |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Riverine                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater Wetlands                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subtidal (Nearshore/Offshore)      |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Resource Benefit(s)</b> | (Check all that apply)                                                                                                      |                                                               |                                                                        |
|          |                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Mammals                                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Column                       |
|          |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Birds                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Wildlife                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sediment/Benthos                   |
|          |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles/Amphibians                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Corals                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline                                     |
|          |                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish                                                                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Use (Recreational, Cultural) |
|          |                            | Will the project directly benefit State- or Federally-listed species? If so, please list them. If not, please indicate N/A. |                                                               |                                                                        |
| <b>G</b> | <b>Project Status</b>      | Property/Resource Acquisition                                                                                               |                                                               | Time to Implementation                                                 |
|          |                            | Project Planning/Design                                                                                                     |                                                               | Time to Project Completion                                             |
|          |                            | Project Permitting.                                                                                                         |                                                               |                                                                        |
|          |                            | Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? <b>No</b><br>If so, please list:                               |                                                               |                                                                        |
| <b>H</b> | <b>Project Costs</b>       | Estimated Cost<br><b>\$1,500,000.00</b>                                                                                     |                                                               | Funding Available                                                      |
| <b>I</b> | <b>Project Partners</b>    | Partner 1 Organization                                                                                                      |                                                               |                                                                        |
|          |                            | Partner 1 Contact                                                                                                           | Partner 1 Involvement                                         |                                                                        |
|          |                            | Partner 2 Organization                                                                                                      |                                                               |                                                                        |
|          |                            | Partner 2 Contact                                                                                                           | Partner 2 Involvement                                         |                                                                        |
|          |                            | Partner 3 Organization                                                                                                      |                                                               |                                                                        |
|          |                            | Partner 3 Contact                                                                                                           | Partner 3 Involvement                                         |                                                                        |

### Disclaimer:

The submission of project information does not guarantee project funding. Projects will be evaluated using criteria identified in OPA, NEPA, implementing regulations, and related laws. Selection and funding determinations will be made by the Trustee Council.