

RESTORE Act Ecosystem Restoration Project Proposals
for consideration in the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council's Comprehensive Plan
2012

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Name of Project: Beautiful Island acquisition						Org and Rank: CHNEP	
Project Description: Acquisition of 80 acre island in Caloosahatchee adjacent to Caloosahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and Lee Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve. Extensive mangrove shoreline, wetlands, shallow flats with historic tape grass meadows.							
Project Location: just west of I75 to south of ICW channel in Lee County							
Responsible Party: private but for sale				Partners: Lee County Conservation Lands			
NEP: CHNEP		Project Cost: asking \$6.5million, management and exotic removal			Dollars Needed: asking \$6.5 million		
Start: available now				Completion:			
Status of Project Design and Permitting:							
What Date or Year could Construction Feasibly Begin:							
Your Proposed Timing of Funding (given permits, phasing, staging, etc.)							
FY	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	Total
	Available now						
Quantify Environmental Results and How to Measure Them: preservation of parcel which could be developed. Was proposed at marina site in past. Single residence now on island.							
Economic Benefits (including ecosystem services): 80 acres of prime habitat under threat of development. http://www.homes.com/listing/173581215/5 Beautiful Island FORT MYERS FL 33905							
Estimated number of Jobs Created or Preserved:							
How much Habitat will be restored and conserved?: 80 acres and extensive mangrove shoreline, .							
Quantify pollutant reductions: possible water features, enhanced wetland function							
What living coastal/marine resources will be improved and by how much?: heart of major fishery nursery in Caloosahatchee upper tidal zone. Forage area for nearby woodstork and white bird rookeries.							
How will community resilience be enhanced?							

Additional Justification:

Add any photos or maps that explain project:

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