

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Restoration Project Information Sheet

A General Information

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B Project Information

Project Name Okaloosa Island Shoreline Protection and Boardwalk			
Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge) Okaloosa Island property east of Marler Park			
State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas) FL		County/Parish Okaloosa	Watershed/Basin Choctawhatchee Bay
Latitude (decimal degrees) 30° 23' 51.75"	Longitude (decimal degrees) 86° 35' 35.3"	Project Size (Choose one) 0.25 miles	Affected Area 35 acres

C Project Description

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

Okaloosa County owns various tracts of land on a Gulf-front barrier island known as Okaloosa Island. Much of the island is undeveloped, undisturbed land controlled by Eglin Air Force Base, while the remainder is comprised of single and multi-family residential with a mixture of commercial properties. One large tract remains which is owned by the County and commonly referred to as the old Island Golf Center property.

The old Island Golf Center property is a contiguous tract approximately 35 acres in size. A portion of the property, approximately 6.3 acres, is leased to outside entities for commercial and non-profit use. The remaining acreage is a mixture of open "green" space, pine/oak hammock and coastal dune ponds. Since the departure of the previous tenant, par-3 golf course, the property has sat idle with only minimal landscape maintenance provided by the County's Public Works Department.

The northern boundary of the property fronts Choctawhatchee Bay along the southwest corner of the Bay. This shoreline is approximately 1300 feet in length and is not currently hardened against erosion from wave and tidal action. The County desires to develop the property for passive use and enjoyment of the existing natural resources. The existing dune system, hammocks and inland ponds shall remain in their native state, while the relatively flat southerly portion of the property will likely be developed to accommodate picnic areas, wildlife viewing stations, playground space and an outdoor amphitheater.

The NRDA project planned for this property includes the installation of a shoreline retaining wall along the 1300' of Bay frontage with an attached 10' wide boardwalk. The intent is to safeguard the property against further erosion, while providing the visiting public with pedestrian access along the waterfront for recreation and wildlife viewing. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$500,000.00.

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D	Project Type(s)	(Check all that apply)	
		☐ Restoration	☐ Debris Removal
		☒ Protection	☒ Maintenance/Management
			☐ Land Acquisition
			☒ Education
E	Project Habitat(s)	(Check all that apply)	
		☒ Upland	☒ Marine/Estuarine Wetlands
		☐ Riverine	☐ Freshwater Wetlands
			☒ Beach/Dune
			☐ Subtidal (Nearshore/Offshore)
F	Resource Benefit(s)	(Check all that apply)	
		☐ Marine Mammals	☐ Shellfish
		☒ Birds	☒ Terrestrial Wildlife
		☒ Reptiles/Amphibians	☐ Water Column
		☐ Fish	☐ Sediment/Benthos
		☒ Corals	☒ Shoreline
		☒ Vegetation	☒ 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.		
G	Project Status	Property/Resource Acquisition Completed	Time to Implementation 7-12 months
		Project Planning/Design Not Started	Time to Project Completion 1-5 years
		Project Permitting. Not Started	
	Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? No If so, please list:		
H	Project Costs	Estimated Cost \$500,000.00	Funding Available \$10,000.00
I	Project Partners	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.