

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Restoration Project Information Sheet

A General Information

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B Project Information

Project Name Recreation Loss Projects			
Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge) Santa Rosa Beach, Walton County			
State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas) FL		County/Parish Walton	Watershed/Basin Gulf of Mexico
Latitude (decimal degrees) 0	Longitude (decimal degrees) 0	Project Size (Choose one) 20 miles 20 acres 20 tons 20 acres	

C Project Description

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

a. Land Acquisition

During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response effort, County public accesses on Walton County beaches and major parking areas were utilized. This resulted in substantially less direct beach access in the form of available public parking as well as beach patrons having to periodically relocate to accommodate beach cleaning operations. Although no Walton County beaches were closed, we did observe sections of beach being cleaned by workers that were empty of recreational visitors. With loss of recreational opportunity for both local residents and tourists, this proposal is made to offset that loss and provide for future public access through the purchase of additional public access areas and enhancement of current public access to the beaches.

b. Boardwalks and dune crossovers

During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response effort, County public accesses on Walton County beaches and major parking areas were continuously utilized. This resulted in unavoidable soiling of boardwalks with oil and tar from foot traffic. Several unimproved access points were utilized by manual labor and response vehicles, degrading these areas. This proposal is to repair soiled crossovers, increase the number of crossover points on County beaches and restore/enhance the access points.

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D Project Type(s)	(Check all that apply)		
	☒ Restoration	☒ Debris Removal	☒ Maintenance/Management
	☒ Protection	☒ Land Acquisition	☐ Education
E Project Habitat(s)	(Check all that apply)		
	☒ Upland	☐ Marine/Estuarine Wetlands	☒ Beach/Dune
	☐ Riverine	☐ Freshwater Wetlands	☐ Subtidal (Nearshore/Offshore)
F Resource Benefit(s)	(Check all that apply)		
	☐ Marine Mammals	☐ Shellfish	☐ Water Column
	☒ Birds	☒ Terrestrial Wildlife	☒ Sediment/Benthos
	☒ Reptiles/Amphibians	☐ Corals	☒ Shoreline
	☐ Fish	☒ 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.			
nesting shorebirds-piping plover, Choctawhatchee beach mouse			
G Project Status	Property/Resource Acquisition Not Started v Project Planning/Design Not Started v Project Permitting. N/A v		Time to Implementation 4-6 months v Time to Project Completion 1-5 years v
Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? No v			
If so, please list:			
H Project Costs	Estimated Cost \$35,000,000.00		Funding Available \$0.00
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	

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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.