

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Restoration Project Information Sheet

A General Information

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B Project Information

Project Name Walton County Beaches Habitat Conservation Plan			
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) 25.6 miles ☐ acres ☐ tons 5,714 acres	

C Project Description

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

During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response effort, Walton County beaches have been subject to continual impacts from vehicular traffic and sand manipulation to locate and remove oil and tar. This Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is a multi-species program to protect and enhance federally endangered and threatened species and their habitat. These species include all nesting marine turtles, resting and nesting shorebird species Piping Plover, and the Choctawhatchee Beach Mouse. It also will provide a mechanism by which the property owners along the beach can legally protect their property in the event of future shoreline impacts while maintaining compliance with federal law. The HCP will support State and Federal recovery efforts for the listed species by: a) reducing impacts to nesting sea turtles; b) improving the production of hatchlings on County beaches; c) minimizing disturbances to resting and feeding piping plovers during their overwintering period; and e) preserving suitable coastal dune habitat for beach mice. The Plan Area encompasses approximately 5,714 acres of coastal habitat and developed lands. It extends along the 25.6 miles of coastline within Walton County, from the Okaloosa County line eastward to the Bay County line, exclusive of three state parks. This proposal is to obtain supplementary funding to support the implementation of this HCP as a comprehensive Beach Management Plan that provides protection of the coastline, beaches and dunes, enhances tourism, protects public and private properties, and provides increased public enjoyment of the beaches while at the same time protects and enhances the habitat of endangered and threatened species.

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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 sea turtles, shorebird-piping plover, Choctawhatchee beach mouse			
G Project Status	Property/Resource Acquisition In Progress v Project Planning/Design Completed v Project Permitting In Progress v		Time to Implementation 7-12 months v Time to Project Completion 21 years + v
Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan? No v			
If so, please list:			
H Project Costs	Estimated Cost \$10,000,000.00		Funding Available \$7,000,000.00
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.