

Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Restoration Project Information Sheet

A General Information

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B Project Information

Project Name Infrastructure improvements to offset water quality impacts			
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) 15 miles 15 acres 15 tons	
			Affected Area 37,000 acres

C Project Description

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

a. Stormwater upgrade retrofits

Stormwater runoff is one of the major sources of water quality impairment in Choctawhatchee Bay and the coastal dune lakes. Restoring water quality is necessary to improve fishery habitat and improve estuary stability so that these water bodies are better able to withstand and recover from future accidents, spills, and other water quality impacts. To offset water quality impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, this proposal is for the design and construction of major stormwater retrofit projects in Choctawhatchee Bay and the coastal dune lakes. Stormwater runoff is one of the major sources of water quality impairment in Choctawhatchee Bay throughout Walton and Okaloosa counties. Mitigation may be explored on a regional basis in this water way.

b. Stream and shoreline restoration

Stream and shoreline restoration projects improve water quality and wildlife/fishery habitat by reducing turbidity, improving water clarity, increasing dissolved oxygen, and reducing excess nutrients. To offset water quality impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, this proposal is for the design and construction of stream and shoreline restoration projects in the Choctawhatchee Bay and the coastal dune lakes.

c. Wetland restoration for water quality improvement

Wetland restoration projects improve water quality and wildlife/fishery habitat by reducing turbidity, improving water clarity, increasing dissolved oxygen, and reducing excess nutrients. To offset water quality impacts from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, this proposal is for the design and construction of wetland restoration projects in the Choctawhatchee Bay and the coastal dune lakes.

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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 N/A v Project Planning/Design Not Started v Project Permitting Not Started v		Time to Implementation 7-12 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 \$40,000,000.00		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.