

POTENTIAL DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL RESTORATION PROJECTS:

PROVIDING INFORMATION TO ASSIST WITH PROJECT ASSESSMENT

To help you propose projects to the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), we developed this project submission form. You are not required to complete this form to submit a project. However, completion of the form will help DEP gather the information required to completely and accurately evaluate a project against the selection and evaluation criteria. Where appropriate in the form, please provide references to any additional supporting information.

Project Name: *(Include project number from DEP's existing list of submitted projects, if applicable.)*

City of Parker - Donaldson Point and Oakshore Drive Pier

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Location for Project Implementation: *(For example, city and county, GIS coordinates if known.)*

Donaldson Point and at the end of Oakshore Drive in Parker, Bay County, FL

Latitude: 30.10493 Longitude: -85.603473

Brief Project Narrative: *(Describe what the project will do.)*

This pier will provide fishing and recreational access to the City of Parker and Tyndall Airforce Base. Neither the City of Parker or Tyndall Airforce Base have public access fishing facilities. This project is intended to address this specific need and to provide residences and visitors with access to St. Andrews Bay and to the Gulf of Mexico.

Estimated Project Costs: *(Describe the costs of the project, including any assumptions for contingency and ongoing operations and maintenance. Identify other available funding sources such as matching funds, in kind contributions or state or federal dollars. If possible, attach a schedule of anticipated costs, by year, over the anticipated project life.)*

A 500 foot long fishing pier is proposed for the use of the City of Parker and Tyndall Airforce Base residents as well as an 80 foot long dock on Donaldson Point. These combined improvements will cost approximately \$844,200.

Anticipated Project Outcome with Respect to Screening Criteria

After the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the City of Parker and the surrounding areas suffered tremendously from the loss of fisherman, tourists, charter boats, and visitors to the City. Facilities in the City of Parker began to run down as residents and visitors were worried about health hazards associated with using the Bay and Gulf. This grant would greatly benefit both the residents and visitors of the City of Parker and promote fishing and the use of St. Andrews Bay through the public fishing facility.

S1. Technically and administratively feasible: *(Briefly describe the critical technologies involved and any relevant past experience with similar projects.)*

This pier and dock are both physically and fiscally feasible. The only technology necessary to build the pier and the dock will be using a small barge to construct the portion located over water.

S2. Provides environmental benefits: *(Briefly describe the nature, magnitude, and timing of any environmental benefits attributable to the project and any potential environmental costs associated with implementing or maintaining the project, e.g., loss of a habitat or conversion of habitat from one type to another during implementation.)*

The City of Parker does not currently offer a specific location for residents to fish. The construction of a fishing pier will promote safety because it will prevent fishers from using a bridge as a fishing pier. The construction of a fishing pier and dock will not have any negative environmental impacts during construction or implementation.

S3. Does not conflict with any ongoing or planned response or remediation work: *(Briefly describe ongoing response activities in the project implementation area, if any, and why the project does or does not interfere with that work.)*

This project will not affect any ongoing response activities in the City of Parker.

S4. Complies with applicable and relevant federal, state, local, and tribal laws and regulations: *(No information is needed for this screening criteria.)*

This project complies with applicable and relevant federal, state, local, and tribal laws and regulations.

Anticipated Project Outcome with Respect to Evaluation Criteria

E1. Will restore, rehabilitate, or replace a natural resource or service¹ believed/demonstrated to have been injured as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill or associated response activities: *(Briefly describe the nature of any relationship between the new/improved resources or services and those adversely impacted by the oil spill.)*

After the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the City of Parker lost income from fisherman, tourists, charter boats, etc. as the Gulf of Mexico and Bays were closed. Once the Gulf and Bays were reopened, tourists and residents feared the Gulf and Bay which continued to increase the economic troubles facing the City of Parker. As a result, the public water facilities suffered. This project would restore and enhance the City of Parker and the Gulf Coast by improving the public facilities in the City of Parker and thus promoting the use of the Gulf of Mexico and St. Andrews Bay.

¹ In this form, "Services" (or "natural resource services") refers to the functions performed by a natural resource for the benefit of another natural resource and/or the public. Services can be "ecological services" – physical, chemical or biological functions that one natural resource provides for another (such as provision of food) – or "human services" – the use of natural resources used by humans that provide value to the public (such as hunting and fishing).

E2. Is located in, or nearby, resources or services injured by the deepwater horizon spill: *(Briefly describe where the project would be implemented with respect to past/ongoing remediation work.)*

The fishing pier and dock will be located on directly on St. Andrews Bay and indirectly on the Gulf of Mexico. During the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the Gulf of Mexico was severely injured by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The project would benefit users of the Gulf and Bay as it provides fishing access in the City of Parker.

E3. Is ready for implementation, e.g., design, permitting, and necessary impacts assessments have been completed: *(Briefly describe where in the permitting process the project stands along with an estimated date of when the project can be implemented if it is not currently ready.)*

Design and permitting for the City of Parker fishing pier and dock have been completed. Once funding has been secured, the project will be ready to move to the implementation phase.

E4. Is cost effective: *(Briefly describe why you think the project is cost effective. Discuss whether this project is more cost effective than alternative projects which would provide similar resource or service benefits.)*

This project provides a great improvement and addresses a need in the City of Parker. The cost of constructing the fishing dock and pier will be relatively inexpensive when the benefit to the City is considered.

E5. Has a high potential for long-term success as demonstrated by incorporating established/reliable methods and technologies: *(Briefly describe if/how critical methods and technologies that will be used to implement the project could be considered reliable or proven.)*

The success of the Parker fishing pier and dock has been proven the high demand of the area parks. Improvements made to the park with the construction of the dock and pier will improve and increase benefits to residents and visitors of the City.

E6. Is likely to provide benefits rapidly following implementation: *(Briefly describe the anticipated change in benefits anticipated over time.)*

The City of Parker will provide benefits to the community and the tourist as soon as the project is implemented.

E7. Has a high likelihood of public acceptance: *(Briefly describe evidence to support the given answer based on surveys or results and assessments from past projects. Known or likely opposition to a project should be recognized.)*

Opposition to this project is not expected. The project will improve the park and fishing areas will provide numerous benefits to residents and visitors alike.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Submit this form via email to Jessica Kanes at Jessica.Kanes@dep.state.fl.us . If you have any questions or concerns about the process for submitting a project, please contact:

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A current summary of projects is accessible through the Florida DEP's website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/projects.htm> (click on "View the list of restoration project ideas").