

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.)*

Mexico Beach - Boat Ramp Parking Facility and Beach Walkovers

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

Mexico Beach, FL Bay County
29°57'15.9" N
85°25'26.5" W

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

The project will provide an existing boat ramp and parking facility with 15 additional regular parking spaces and 2 handicapped parking spaces. This application also includes three small beach walkovers and one large walkover. The proposed parking facility will be near a boat ramp and will provide more parking for boaters and beach visitors. The beach walkovers will provide convenient beach access and will help to alleviate parking congestion.

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.)*

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$113,516.98 with a 10% contingency. The parking facility is estimated to cost \$59,924.98 and the four walkovers (3 small, 1 large) are estimated to cost \$53,592.00. The total cost is only an estimate that is based on previous experience. The estimate includes preliminary engineering services, geotechnical fees, and construction phase engineering services.

Anticipated Project Outcome with Respect to Screening Criteria

After the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the City of Mexico Beach suffered economically from the loss of fisherman, tourists, charter boats, and visitors to the beach and Gulf. This grant would greatly benefit both the residents and visitors of Mexico Beach by providing adequate parking and convenient beach access.

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

The critical portion of this project will include the construction of the parking facility and four beach walkovers. Preble-Rish, Inc. has completed several other parking facility projects in Mexico Beach and surrounding areas.

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 proposed parking facility will include a stormwater drainage system which will help control erosion and the movement of pollution. The addition of walkovers will help with human-induced erosion.

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 Mexico Beach. There are no known response activities currently in the area.

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 Mexico Beach lost income from fisherman, tourists, charter boats, etc. during the closure of the Gulf of Mexico. Once the Gulf was reopened, tourists and residents were slow to return to the Gulf which continued to increase the economic troubles facing Mexico Beach. As a result, the public waterfront recreational areas suffered. This project would restore and enhance the City of Mexico Beach with convenient parking and access to the Gulf.

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.)*

Mexico Beach is located on the Gulf of Mexico coastline which was affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. This project would benefit users of the gulf as well as the City of Mexico Beach as it provides public beach and boat parking access to the residents and tourists that visit Mexico Beach.

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 boat ramp parking facility is in progress. 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 will provide great improvements to Mexico Beach. The project will provide residents and visitors with better access to the Gulf which will make Mexico Beach a more desirable destination, and improve its economy.

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.)*

Technologies in the materials and construction methods will reduce the cost of the boat ramp parking facility and beach walkovers as well as lengthen the life-span of the facilities which will make these projects a success.

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

Mexico Beach's boat ramp parking facility and beach walkovers will provide benefits to the community and tourists as soon as the project is implemented. Completion of the project will immediately provide more parking and ease of access for residents and visitors.

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. There will be minimal environmental impacts due to the proposed parking facility and walkovers. The public will enjoy the increase in available parking and better beach access.

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").