

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.)*

Enhancement of Franklin County Parks and Boat Ramps

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

This project consists of nine different sites in Franklin County:

1. Abercrombie Boat Ramp – 3000 Pine Log Road, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida
29 degrees 46' 07" North; 85 degrees 02' 36" West
 2. Franklin County Waterfront Park – 628 Highway 98, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida
29 degrees 42' 49" North; 85 degrees 01' 14" West
 3. Fort Coombs Armory – 66 4th Street, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida
29 degrees 43' 35" North; 84 degrees 59' 05" West
 4. Chapman Auditorium – 151 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida
29 degrees 43' 18" North; 84 degrees 59' 20" West
 5. Indian Creek Park – 93 North Bay Shore Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida
29 degrees 44' 21" North; 84 degrees 53' 55" West
 6. Eastpoint Seafood Landing Park – 340 Patton Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida
29 degrees 44' 07" North; 84 degrees 52' 49" West
 7. Eastpoint Fishing Pier – 200 Island Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida
29 degrees 43' 22" North; 84 degrees 53' 16" West
 8. St. George Island Fishing Pier – 1001 Franklin Boulevard, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida
29 degrees 40' 22" North; 84 degrees 52' 06" West
 9. Timber Island Boat Ramp – 280 Timber Island Road, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida
29 degrees 50' 46" North; 84 degrees 39' 58" West
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Brief Project Narrative: *(Describe what the project will do.)*

This project consists of activities are nine separate sites in Franklin County:

1. Abercrombie Boat Ramp – Construct additional docks at existing boat ramp to enhance water access.
2. Franklin County Waterfront Park – Renovate existing building into Seafood Heritage Museum and improve existing parking and docks to enhance water access.
3. Fort Coombs Armory – Renovate the existing historic armory building to bring the structure up to current building codes. These improvements include renovating the restrooms and kitchen, structural enhancements, installation of a central HVAC system,
4. Chapman Auditorium – Reroof existing historic building.
5. Indian Creek Park – Build restrooms and renovate existing boat ramp and parking area.
6. Eastpoint Seafood Landing Park – Purchase additional land adjacent to the existing boat ramp and install a second ramp on the site to enhance water access for the public.
7. Eastpoint Fishing Pier – Construct restrooms at the existing fishing pier.
8. St. George Island Fishing Pier – Construct restrooms at the existing fishing pier, repair the gap in the existing pier, and rebuild bulkhead supporting the access road to the pier.
9. Timber Island Boat Ramp – Purchase additional land for parking at the boat ramp and construct parking area.

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 costs for the various locations are:

1. Abercrombie Boat Ramp – \$100,000
2. Franklin County Waterfront Park – \$250,000
3. Fort Coombs Armory – \$750,000
4. Chapman Auditorium – \$100,000
5. Indian Creek Park – \$300,000
6. Eastpoint Seafood Landing Park – \$750,000
7. Eastpoint Fishing Pier – \$250,000
8. St. George Island Fishing Pier – \$1,450,000
9. Timber Island Boat Ramp – \$150,000

Total - \$4,100,000

Anticipated Project Outcome with Respect to Screening Criteria

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

These projects involve tried and tested construction methods to build new and enhanced facilities. There are no new critical technologies to be used in the projects.

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.)*

These projects will enhance and improve public access to the waters of Apalachicola Bay and St. George Sound.

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.)*

There are no ongoing or planned response or remediation work in Apalachicola Bay or St. George Sound, so there is no conflict

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

These projects comply with all relevant federal, state, and local 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.)*

The local response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill utilized the local boat ramps and facilities as staging areas. Frequently response activities at these locations denied the use of these sites to the general public. Rehabilitation and enhancement of these sites will provide greater capacity at the facilities in the future.

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.)*

All nine project sites are located adjacent to or near the Apalachicola Bay and St. George Sound, waters which were impacted by the Deepwater Horizon spill.

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).

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.)

Projects 1 (Abercrombie Boat Ramp), 7 (Eastpoint Fishing Pier), and 8 (St. George Island Fishing Pier) have been designed and all necessary state and federal permits have been obtained to construct the projects. The bidding process for construction can begin as soon as funding is obtained.

Phase I of project 3 (Fort Coombs Armory) has been designed and is being bid at this time. Additional improvements will have to be designed prior to construction.

Project 6 (Eastpoint Seafood Landing Park) and Project 9 (Timber Island Boat Ramp) involve purchase of real estate prior to actual construction. The length of time before improvements can be started will depend on the time necessary to close the real estate deal.

Projects 2 (Franklin County Waterfront Park), 4 (Chapman Auditorium), and 5 (Indian Creek Park) are not designed or permitted yet. The dock and boat ramp work in projects 2 and 4 will require state and federal permits. Project 4 will only require a local building permit and can begin as soon as specifications are drawn up and bid out.

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 proposal is more cost effective than the two possible alternatives: doing nothing or building new boat ramps at new locations. Doing nothing will cost nothing, but it will not solve the problem of inadequate facilities. Building entirely new facilities will cost more than renovating and expanding existing facilities.

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.)*

These projects utilize established construction methods and technologies, so the long-term success of the undertakings is assured.

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

The projects can be utilized by the public as soon as construction is complete. Benefits will be immediate.

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.)*

All of these projects are new construction or renovations at existing County properties. All of these facilities are used by the public and improvements will be readily accepted by the public.

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").