

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.)*

Alligator Point FSU Marine Lab

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

1400 Alligator Drive

Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida

29 degrees 53' 49" North, 84 degrees 22' 57 " West

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

This project would convert the old FSU Marine Lab at Alligator Point to a public park. Since the new FSU Marine Lab at Turkey Point was constructed, the old site at 1400 Alligator Drive has been little used. The site has deep water access close to the shore, one of the only sites on Alligator Point where this is available. This site would be developed as a public park with restrooms, a public boat ramp, picnic pavilions, and parking areas.

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 this project is \$222,000.

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.)*

There are no critical technologies involved in this project. The project is technically and administratively feasible.

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.)*

This project will enhance and improve public access to the waters of Alligator Harbor.

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 response activities in the project implementation 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 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.)*

This project will improve public access to Alligator Harbor and provide more opportunities for the public to access and enjoy the waters of Alligator Harbor.

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.)*

This property is located adjacent to the Alligator Harbor, a water body which was 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.)*

This project involves land already in public ownership. The property would just be developed as a park and opened to the public. The boat ramp would require state and federal permits, which would take about 9 months. The other improvements could be accomplished with local permitting, which would take only a couple of weeks.

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 is cost effective. The cost is in line with providing this level of amenities at other public parks.

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.)*

This project will provide a public park with a long-term life expectancy. It utilizes proven and tested construction methods and technologies.

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

Benefits from this public park should begin to accrue within two months of it being converted into a public park. The installation of a boat ramp should complete the conversion into a park within approximately 9 to 12 months.

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.)*

There is a high demand for a public boat ramp with adequate parking at Alligator Point. This project would fill that need and be widely appreciated by the citizens in the area. The site is large enough to adequately buffer the neighboring properties from the public use area of the park so as not to create conflicts.

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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