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LAND ACQUISITION

Escribano Point

Acquisition of this property provides for the protection of 10.4 miles of shoreline along Blackwater Bay and East Bay, by buffering water flow into Pensacola Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Escribano Point is being managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Total award amount: \$2,470,000

Background

The state of Florida received \$10 million in the form of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) and civil penalties under a June 18, 2012 Consent Decree between MOEX Offshore 2007 LLC, a 10-percent non-operating investor in the lease on the Macondo well at the time of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and the U.S. Department of Justice. The SEP was in the form of land acquisition and the civil penalties were utilized for stormwater management projects. The Florida Attorney General's office played an instrumental role in securing this relief, consistent with its role in representing the Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on oil spill related matters.

Funding Breakdown

- \$5 million was utilized by The Trust for Public Land to acquire two environmentally sensitive land parcels in the Panhandle.
- \$5 million is being utilized for seven stormwater retrofit projects throughout the Panhandle.