

RESTORE ACT MULTI-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

AMENDMENT 3



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Multi-Year Implementation Plan

Amendment 3

Executive Summary

In April 2012, the Deepwater Horizon oil platform exploded, killing eleven workers, and resulting in the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history. As a result, the RESTORE Act was signed into law in 2012, directing 80% of administrative and civil penalties back to the impacted areas of the Gulf Coast through the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund. The U.S. Department of Treasury serves as the administrator of the RESTORE Act Direct Component, one of the five funding streams through the RESTORE Act. In Florida, RESTORE Act Direct Component projects are selected and implemented by the 23 Gulf Coast Counties, contingent on compliance with the RESTORE Act and acceptance by the U.S. Department of Treasury. In order to ensure projects are consistent with the RESTORE Act and obtain broad-based participation in the project selection process, Treasury requires submittal and acceptance of a Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP).

On October 20, 2017, the U.S. Department of Treasury approved Escambia County's Initial MYIP, which included 10 projects selected by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners. The first amendment to the MYIP was approved by the U.S. Department of Treasury on June 16, 2020, which included modification to three projects in the initial MYIP as well as the addition of eight new projects. The second amendment to the MYIP was approved by the U.S. Department of Treasury on August 16, 2021, which proposed the addition of funds to one existing project and the addition of one new project.

A summary of all projects included and removed to date can be found on page 18 within the MYIP Matrix.

The RESTORE Act and the U.S. Department of Treasury require the County to complete a 45-day public comment period to obtain broad-based participation from the public prior to the submittal and approval of MYIP Amendment 3. MYIP Amendment 3 was made available for public review and comment from October 16, 2023 to December 1, 2023. Public comments were accepted via the comment portal on myescambia.com/MYIP or by emailing restore@myescambia.com, by mail Attention: Terri Berry, Natural Resources Department, 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502.

This amendment, MYIP Amendment 3, proposes the alteration of two projects, and the addition of eight new projects.

An aerial photograph of a river and marina area. The river flows from the top center towards the bottom, with several small islands and peninsulas. On the left bank, there are numerous docks with many boats moored. On the right bank, there are more docks and a larger industrial or commercial area with several buildings. The background shows a dense forest and a distant city skyline under a blue sky with some clouds. The text "NEW PROJECTS" is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, white, serif font.

NEW PROJECTS



BAYOU GRANDE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Award Amount

\$550,000.00

Leverage Amount

N/A

Project Type

Watershed Planning

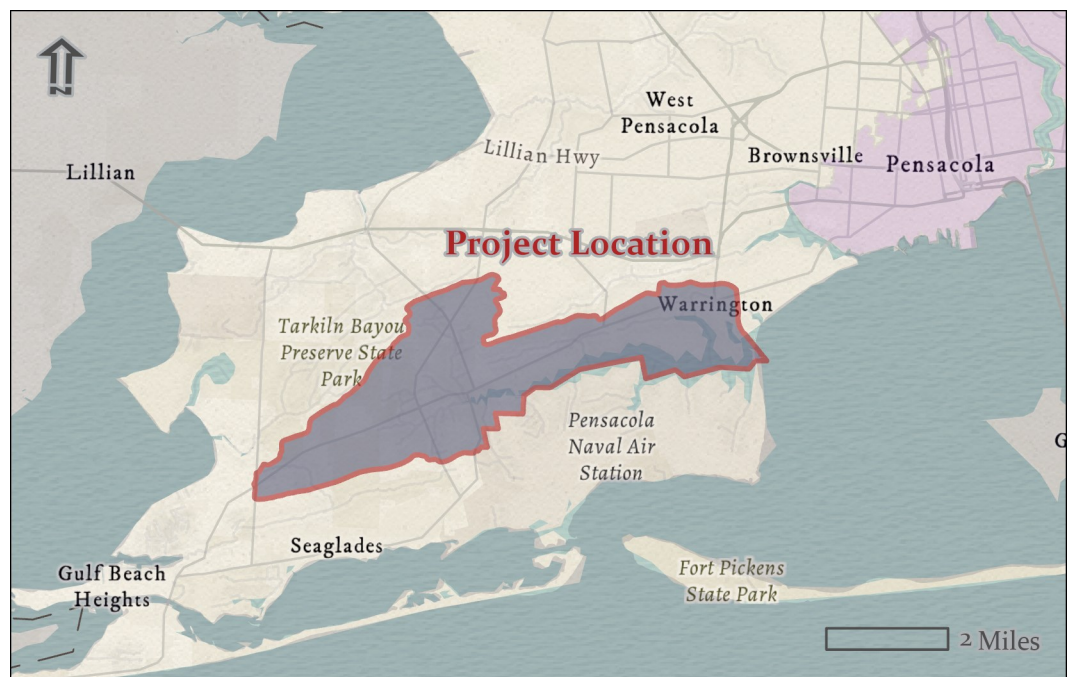
Eligible Activity

Planning Assistance

This project will fund planning assistance to identify improvements and restoration options based on Best Management Practices (BMPs), Best Available Science (BAS), and provide a sequence for comprehensive improvements and recreational opportunities in the watershed. Bayou Grande has experienced environmental degradation since the 1950s and has a verified 303(d) listed impairment for bacteria (fecal coliform) and mercury in fish tissue. While some improvements have been made to the system, the watershed lacks a holistic management plan.

The planning process will kick-off with a public stakeholders meeting to identify ecological impediments and community concerns. An in-depth environmental assessment will inventory and characterize existing and historic conditions of the watershed including water quality and quantity, sediment quality, species abundance and diversity, and shoreline stability. The assessment will also qualify and quantify the impacts of impervious cover encroachment, infrastructure impediments, and stormwater. All potential projects will be developed and prioritized based on assessment outcomes, will include stakeholder input, and will follow BMPs and BAS.

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CANTONMENT COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION



This project will fund the construction of the Cantonment Community Center, located in Cantonment Florida. The design of this project is funded by RESTORE Pot 1 RDCGR080415-01-00. The site of the Cantonment Community Center is located within the Cantonment Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), with a specific and primary purpose to revitalize and enhance the quality of life within the CRA areas by encouraging private sector reinvestment, promoting economic development and providing public sector enhancements.

The community center will be used as a center for workforce development and training, adult education, tutoring, senior citizens, recreation, and housing assistance. The construction of a community center will help promote a sense of place for Cantonment residents, providing a space for a wide range of recreational activities and a location for community functions.

Award Amount

\$1,100,000.00

Leverage Amount

N/A

Project Type

Construction

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CARPENTER CREEK HEADWATERS - CCWMP SITE 16

Award Amount

\$264,843.00

Leverage Amount

\$2,022,720

Project Type

Construction

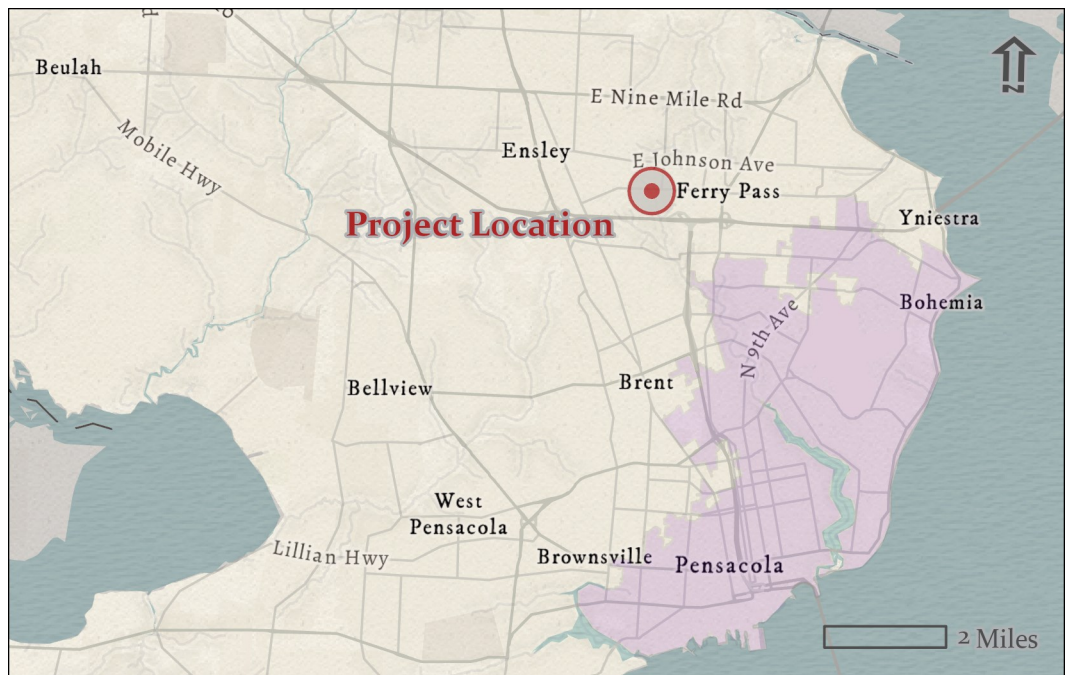
Eligible Activity

Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure

This project will fund the construction of the Carpenter Creek Headwaters Water Quality and Park Amenities projects. This project was initially identified in the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) funded by the Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan Project identified in the County's initial MYIP. This will be the first of the projects from the Carpenter Creek WMP to proceed to design and construction.

The water quality improvement aspects of this project include the construction of wet retention stormwater ponds located off of Olive Road and the installation of stormwater pre-treatment facilities. These installations aim to improve water quality and mitigate flooding in the surrounding areas. The park amenities project includes a recreational walking trail, consisting of both paved concrete and boardwalks, benches, picnic tables, and a pollinator garden. Additional construction funding has already been provided through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Program (NRDA).

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O. C. PHILLIPS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



This project will fund the construction of a replacement bridge on O.C. Phillips Road over Brushy Creek. To maintain traffic on O.C. Phillips Road, a temporary bridge will be constructed to the south of the existing bridge. The existing bridge will then be demolished, and a replacement bridge will be constructed in the same location as the existing permanent bridge. This replacement bridge will accommodate two-travel lanes (one in each direction), and include shoulders on each side. Ecological improvements include treated timber pilings removal, sediment reduction, and green infrastructure installation via swales.

The new bridge will be wider than the existing bridge to meet current design criteria. The bridge low member and west approach will be raised in order to prevent over-topping during the 100-year storm event. Bridge abutment stabilization will be constructed to protect the replacement bridge from damage during storm events and reduce roadway overtopping. The existing dirt roadway will be paved east and west of the replacement bridge, and a new drainage system with armored ditches will be built to remove current sedimentation loading into the creek.

Award Amount

\$2,000,000.00

Leverage Amount

N/A

Project Type

Construction

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PALAFOX COMPLETE STREET CONSTRUCTION

Award Amount

\$1,100,000.00

Leverage Amount

N/A

Project Type

Construction

Eligible Activity

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This project will fund the construction of the Palafox Complete Street design. The design and permitting was funded by the RESTORE Direct Component agreement RDCGR080412-01-00. This project will implement complete street concepts for the maximum area that funding will allow along Palafox. These concepts include street lighting, sidewalks, bike lanes, as well as the possible incorporation of green infrastructure for stormwater management. The project will target and implement lighting and sidewalk improvements to fill critical infrastructure gaps.

Complete streets help create livable communities by improving or redeveloping the public realm to support multi-modal transportation to support improvements to equality, safety, and public health. This project will support redevelopment and economic development.



PENSACOLA BEACH BOB SIKES FISHING PIER

REHABILITATION



This project will fund the construction of repairs and improvements to the Pensacola Bay Bob Sikes Fishing Pier. The aging pier requires significant rehabilitation to ensure a structurally sound pier with a long, useful lifespan. Activities of this project include utilizing an epoxy to inject and seal pile cracks, restore spalled areas, and installing alkali activated anodes for protection of concrete piles in a marine environment.

Award Amount

\$2,750,000.00

Leverage Amount

N/A

Project Type

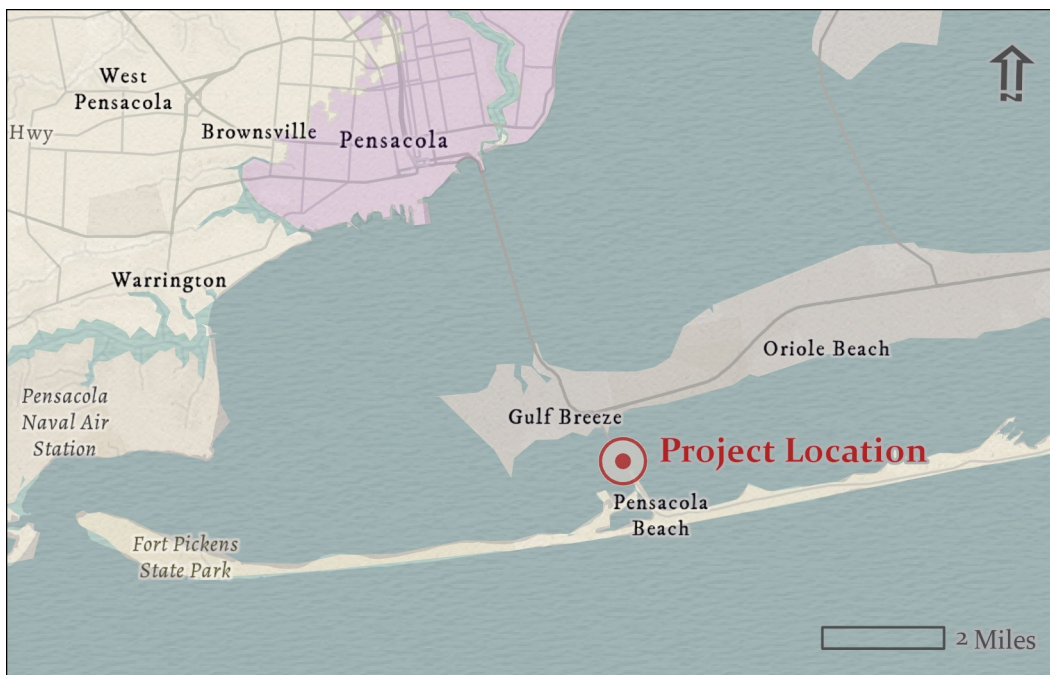
Construction

Eligible Activity

Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing

The Pensacola Bay Fishing Pier was damaged during Hurricane Sally and is expected to remain closed for the foreseeable future. As a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA) program, awarded Escambia County a grant to improve accessibility and safety (\$900,000).

Escambia County maintains three public fishing piers that offer access to the Gulf of Mexico and Pensacola Bay. Fishing piers offer enhanced recreational fishing opportunities to the general public beyond casting from shore.



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PERDIDO KEY BEACH PUBLIC ACCESS PROPERTY ACQUISITION & CONSTRUCTION

Award Amount

\$3,600,000.00

Leverage Amount

N/A

Project Type

Property Acquisition &
Construction

Eligible Activity

Infrastructure projects
benefitting the economy
or ecological resources,
including port
infrastructure

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Escambia County has prioritized enhancing public access to the Gulf of Mexico. The Perdido Key Beach Public Access Project is a land acquisition and construction activity that will fund the land purchase and eventual building of public infrastructure improvements designed through Pot 1 Project RDCGR080411-01-00. These improvements will facilitate public access to the Gulf of Mexico, attract additional people to the community, and enhance the economy.

Potential amenities include public parking and a dune walkover with observation platform. Undeveloped areas may be enhanced through habitat restoration to maximize benefits to the endangered Perdido Key beach mouse. A near-shore artificial reef may be designed and permitted for increased recreational opportunities and to improve fishery habitat for snorkeling, diving or fishing. Public access infrastructure provides access to the artificial reef, allowing for the resources to be enjoyed by the public.



SOUTH NAVY BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS



This project will provide funding for a Corridor Management Study for the roadway leading to the front gate of Pensacola Naval Air Station (NAS). Representatives from the Warrington Revitalization Committee recommended the need to improve safety and aesthetics of the area and improve tourism. This study will develop a plan for the corridor to promote commercial development, improve tourism, and improve safety,

Award Amount

\$550,000.00

Leverage Amount

N/A

Project Type

Management Study

Eligible Activity

Planning Assistance

This project will study the corridor from an access management viewpoint in order to provide safe, standardized movements to the side streets to increase safety for both motorists and pedestrians. This project will analyze traffic counts and patterns to provide a safer and aesthetically pleasing corridor into the military base as well as promoting commercial development. The lighting aspect of the project will provide an immediate boost to the surrounding neighborhoods from an increase in nighttime safety and pride in the neighborhood.



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PROJECT ALTERATIONS



Escambia County Workforce Development

Award Amount

\$900,000.00

Leverage Amount

N/A

Project Type

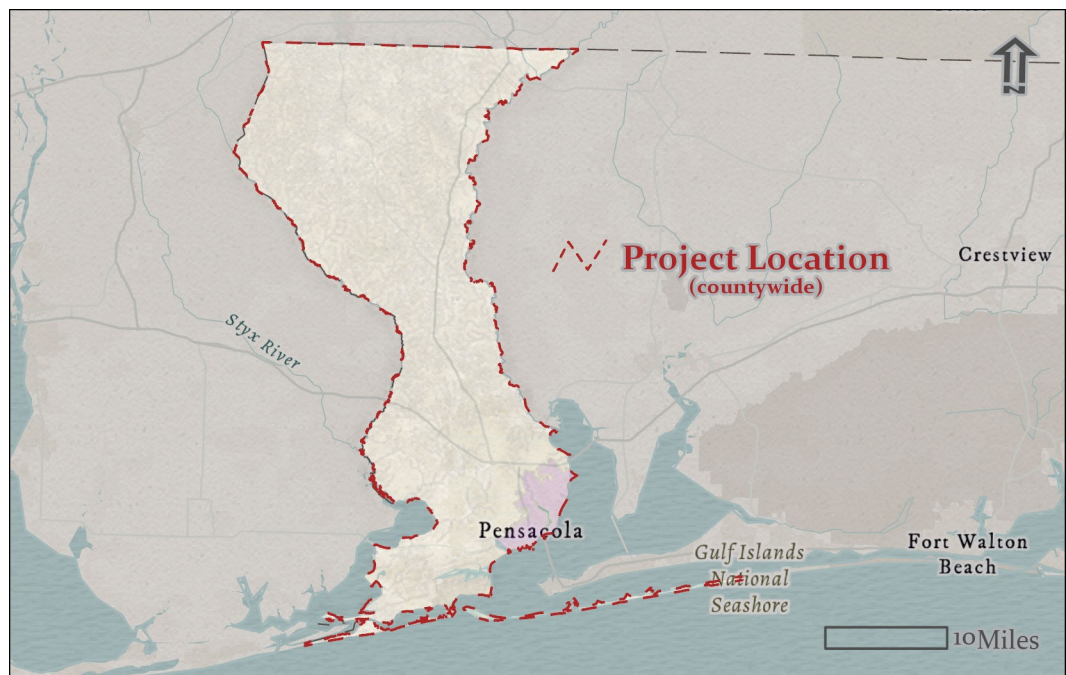
Scholarship Program

Eligible Activity

Workforce Development
and Job Creation

This project will establish a scholarship program intended to foster the education of individuals of Escambia County in the trades. Eligible training programs include but are not limited to electrical, HVAC, plumbing, welding, carpentry, masonry, and cybersecurity. Scholarships and stipends offered through this program will help cover transportation costs to eligible residents of the County. Facilities such as Pensacola State College and George Stone Vocational Technical School will act as partners to assist in this educational program. Specific training programs will be identified using the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) annual Workforce Statistics Report, which highlights regionally specific workforce demand data.

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LITTLE SABINE BAY RESTORATION PROGRAM



This amendment is to expand the scope of work for the Little Sabine Bay Restoration Program, which was initially proposed in MYIP Amendment 1. This includes evaluating the feasibility of managing untreated stormwater runoff into adjacent areas, such as Quietwater Beach.

The original project scope includes funding the planning, design, permitting, and implementation of a multi-tiered restoration approach to improve both water quality and habitat in Little Sabine Bay. Little Sabine is a waterbody that has historically been impacted by untreated stormwater runoff, oily bilge discharges, prop-scarring of submerged aquatic vegetation, and lack of water circulation due to a narrow, restricted inlet. Potential improvements to be investigated for feasibility include stormwater treatment upgrades, prop-scarring prevention, anchor moorings, and contaminated sediment remediation.

This project will fund the planning, design, and implementation of the restoration program. A consultant will be selected to review best available science and investigate the feasibility of the aforementioned actions and identify additional/alternative actions to achieve project goals.

Award Amount

\$2,000,000.00

Leverage Amount

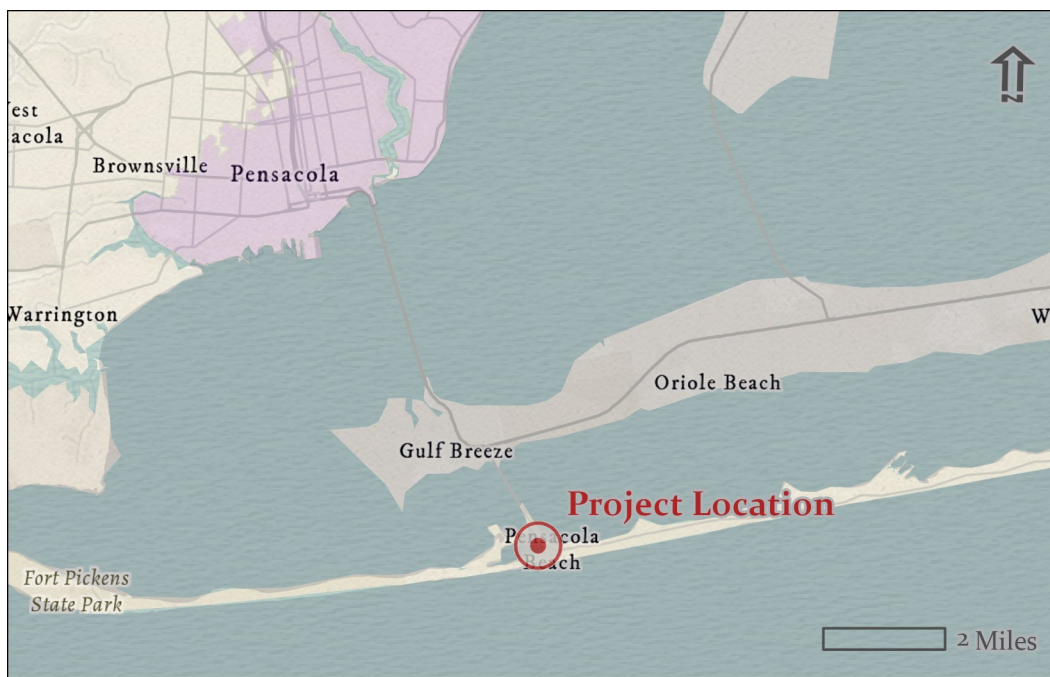
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Project Type

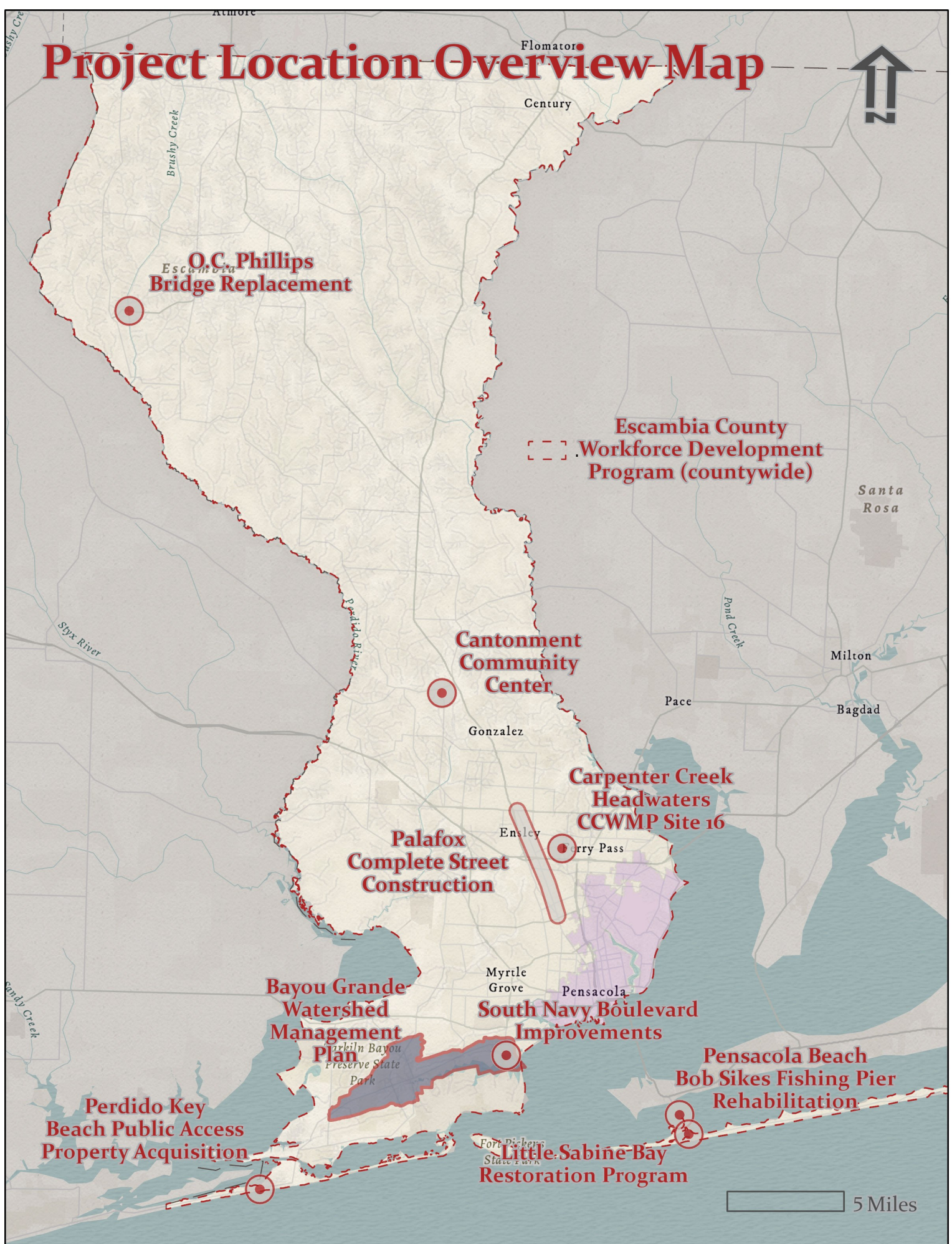
Planning, Design,
Construction

Eligible Activity

Planning Assistance,
Restoration and
Protection of Natural
Resources in Gulf Coast
Region



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RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Matrix — Department of the Treasury										OMB Approval No. 1505-0250		
Applicant Name:		Escambia County Board of County Commissioners										
1. MULTIYEAR PLAN VERSION (INITIAL OR AMENDMENT NUMBER):		Amendment #3		2a. DATE OF INITIAL MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE (mm/dd/yyyy):			10/20/2017		2b. DATE OF LAST MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE:		Monday, August 16, 2021	
3. CUMULATIVE DIRECT COMPONENT ALLOCATION AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICANT:				\$26,680,117.69			4. TOTAL ALLOCATIONS PLUS KNOWN FUNDS NOT YET DEPOSITED IN TRUST FUND FOR DIRECT COMPONENT:				\$70,838,971.33	
5. Primary Direct Component Eligible Activity Further Described in Application (Static Field)	6. Activity Title (Static Field)	7. Location (Static Field)	8. Estimated Total Funding Contributions For Proposed Activity(ies)(refer to Instructions)				9. Proposed Start Date mm/dd/yyyy	10. Proposed End Date mm/dd/yyyy	11. Status (refer to Instructions)			
			8a. Direct Component Contribution	8b. Other RESTORE Act Contribution	8c. Other Third Party Contribution	8d. Total Contribution						
Planning assistance	1. Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan	Carpenter Creek & Bayou Texar, Pensacola, FL	\$1,308,000.00			\$1,308,000.00	03-2018	04-2023	Initial MYIP: Activity Funded; Activity Completed.			
Planning assistance	2. Project Universal Access	Pensacola Beach, FL Perdido Key, FL	\$360,000.00			\$360,000.00	03-2018	02-2022	Initial MYIP: Activity Funded; Activity Completed.			
Planning assistance	3. Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Public Access	Perdido Key, FL	\$147,600.00			\$147,600.00	03-2018	03-2025	Initial MYIP: Activity Funded			
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	4. Perdido Key Multi-Use Path	Perdido Key, FL	\$4,061,418.00		\$320,000.00	\$4,381,418.00	07-2021	06-2024	MYIP Amendment 1: Funding increased from \$960,000 in Initial MYIP to \$4.5 million. Grant NOA RDCGR080164-01-01 increased funds by \$302,500.			
Planning assistance	5. OLF8 Commerce Park Improvements	Frank Reeder Road, Beulah, FL				\$0			MYIP Amendment 1: Activity has been deleted as the project has been funded through other sources			
Planning assistance	6. South Dog track Drainage Project	South Dog track Road, Pensacola, FL	\$240,000.00			\$240,000.00	05-2018	01-2023	Initial MYIP: Activity Funded. Activity Completed.			
Planning assistance	7. Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration	Eleven Mile Creek, Pensacola, FL	\$1,332,930.00			\$1,332,930.00	07-2020	05-2025	Initial MYIP: Activity Funded			
Planning assistance	8. Eleven Mile Creek Basin Stormwater Ponds	Eleven Mile Creek, Pensacola, FL	\$1,268,800.00			\$1,268,800.00	03-2018	12-2023	Initial MYIP: Activity Funded at \$268,800; Amendment 1: adds \$1 million for property acquisition and design of additional stormwater ponds			
Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure	8. Eleven Mile Creek Basin Stormwater Ponds	Eleven Mile Creek, Pensacola, FL	\$3,000,000			\$3,000,000	08-2021	09-2023	MYIP Amendment 2: Increases scope and allocation by \$3 million for construction of stormwater ponds			
Planning assistance	9. Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park	1601 North Hayne Street Pensacola, FL 32503	\$1,597,320.00			\$1,597,320.00	04-2018	01-2023	Initial MYIP: Activity Funded. Activity Completed.			
Workforce development and job creation	10. Escambia County Workforce Development	Pensacola, FL	\$900,000.00			\$900,000.00	06-2020	02-2025	Initial MYIP: Activity Funded. MYIP Amendment 3 changed name from Soar with RESTORE to Escambia County Workforce Development. Amending scope to award scholarships and stipends to eligible residents.			
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	11. Pensacola International Airport MRO Campus	Pensacola, FL	\$0.00			\$0.00	01-2022	12-2024	MYIP Amendment 1: New Activity. MYIP Amendment 3: Activity has been deleted as the project has been funded through other sources			
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	12. Perdido Bay Boat Ramp	10836 Lillian Highway, Pensacola, FL 32506	\$2,500,000.00		\$500,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	07-2020	06-2024	MYIP Amendment 1: Activity Funded			
Planning assistance	13. Beulah Master Plan	Beulah, FL	\$300,000.00			\$300,000.00	08-2020	01-2024	MYIP Amendment 1: Activity Funded			
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	14. Brownsville Commercial Incubator and Community Center Renovation	3200 W De Soto St, Pensacola, FL 32505	\$350,000.00			\$350,000.00	07-2020	07-2024	MYIP Amendment 1: Activity Funded			

Planning assistance	15. Community Redevelopment Area Community Center	Escambia County, FL	\$500,000			\$500,000	08-2020		08-2024	MYIP Amendment 1: Activity Funded
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	16. CRA Infrastructure Economic Development Program	Escambia County, FL	\$1,500,000			\$1,500,000	08-2020		08-2024	MYIP Amendment 1: Activity Funded
Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast	17. Little Sabine Bay Restoration Program	Little Sabine Bay, Pensacola Beach, FL	\$2,000,000			\$2,000,000	08-2020		08-2025	MYIP Amendment 1: Activity Funded. MYIP 3 amendment modifies the scope of work.
Planning assistance	18. Town of Century Wastewater Improvements	Century, FL	\$0			\$0	07-2020		07-2022	MYIP Amendment 1: New Activity. MYIP Amendment 2 deleted this activity.
Planning assistance	18. Town of Century Wastewater Improvements	Century, FL	\$0			\$0				MYIP Amendment 2: Activity deleted. Project has been funded by other County funds.
Planning assistance	19. Cantonment Community Center	648 Muscogee Road, Cantonment, FL 32533	\$500,000			\$500,000	09-2023		12-2024	MYIP Amendment 2: Activity Funded
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	20. Perdido Key Beach Public Access - Property Acquisition & Construction	Pedido Key, Pensacola, FL	\$3,600,000.00			\$3,600,000.00	07-2024		07-2025	MYIP Amendment 3: New activity. Property acquisition and construction
Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	21. Pensacola Beach Bob Sikes Fishing Pier Rehabilitation	Pensacola Beach, FL	\$2,750,000.00			\$2,750,000.00	07-2024		07-2025	MYIP Amendment 3: New activity. Rehabilitation construction of the Bob Sikes Fishing Pier.
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	22. Cantonment Community Center - Construction	Cantonment, FL	\$1,100,000.00			\$1,100,000.00	07-2024		07-2025	MYIP Amendment 3: New activity. Construction of the Cantonment Community Center
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	23. Palafox Complete Street - Construction	Pensacola, FL	\$1,100,000.00			\$1,100,000.00	07-2024		07-2025	MYIP Amendment 3: New activity. Construction of the Palafox Complete Streets project.
Planning assistance	24. South Navy Boulevard Improvements	Pensacola, FL	\$550,000			\$550,000	07-2024		07-2025	MYIP Amendment 3: New activity. Planning assistance to improve South Navy BLVD.
Planning assistance	25. Bayou Grande Watershed Management Plan	Pensacola, FL	\$550,000.00			\$550,000.00	07-2024		07-2025	MYIP Amendment 3: New activity. Planning assistance to develop a watershed management plan.
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	26. O.C. Phillips Bridge Replacement	Pensacola, FL	\$2,000,000.00			\$2,000,000.00	07-2024		07-2025	MYIP Amendment 3: New activity. Construction to replace OC Phillips
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	27. Carpenter Creek Headwaters - CCWMP Site 16	Pensacola, FL	\$264,843.00		\$2,022,720.00	\$2,287,563.00	07-2024		07-2025	MYIP Amendment 3: New activity. Construction funds to build stormwater pond and park amenities.
	12. ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTIVITY(IES) (refer to Instructions)		\$33,780,911	\$0	\$2,842,720	\$36,623,631	Please note: Grant awards may reflect non-material changes in proposed dates and estimated funding.			
According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1505-0050. Comments concerning the time required to complete this information collection, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information, should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Office of Gulf Coast Restoration, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20220.										

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Implementation Plan Narrative

Department of the Treasury

OMB Approval
No. 1505-0250

Directions: Use this form for the Initial Multiyear Implementation Plan and any subsequent amendments to an accepted Multiyear Implementation Plan. For amendments, include only new and/or materially modified activities.

Multiyear Implementation Plan Version (Initial or Amendment Number):	Amendment 3
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Eligible Entity Name:	Escambia County Board of County Commissioners
Name and Contact Information of the Person to be contacted (POC) on matters concerning this Multiyear Implementation Plan:	
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POC Title:	RESTORE Division Manager
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

1. Please provide the following for **EACH** proposed activity (i.e. project or program) listed in the matrix:
 - Description of the proposed activity (i.e. project or program);
 - If the activity includes third-party funding, describe the amount and current status of funding (e.g., for another grant, whether the funds have been requested or awarded; if requested, where they are in the approval process) from other sources and provide a description of the specific portion of the project to be funded by the RESTORE Act Direct Component;
 - Need (i.e., What is the problem this activity seeks to address, or the anticipated benefit to the community?);
 - Purpose and objective(s) (i.e., How will the proposed activity address the need? What are the desired outcomes?);
 - Anticipated milestones (i.e. What are key phases and milestones by which the entity will monitor progress towards completion?);
 - Milestones for each activity
 - Criteria applicant will use to evaluate the success of each activity (project or program), (i.e., How will the entity determine that the activity achieved its objectives and solved or ameliorated the problem the activity(project or program) sought to address or

provided the anticipated benefits? Note that this does not need to be at the level of proposed performance metrics, which will be negotiated with Treasury at the time of application for an award.)

Please also provide **either** a) an individual map of each and every proposed activity listed on the matrix, clearly showing the location of the activity or b) a single map showing all proposed activities listed on the matrix. Note that all proposed activities must be carried out in the Gulf Coast Region, as defined by 31 C.F.R. 34.2 and pursuant to 31 CFR 34.201, except activities designed for the promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including promotion of recreational fishing; the promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region; and planning assistance.

As an update to Escambia County's RESTORE Direct Component Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP), accepted by the U.S. Department of Treasury on October 20, 2021, and most recently amended on August 16, 2021, Amendment #3 consists of the following modifications:

Bayou Grande Watershed Management Plan

This is a new MYIP activity. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity VIII: Planning Assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding a Bayou Grande watershed management plan in Escambia County, FL.

DESCRIPTION: This plan will identify improvements and restoration potential based on Best Management Practices (BMP), Best Available Science (BAS), and provide a sequence for comprehensive improvements and recreational opportunities in the Bayou Grande watershed. An in-depth environmental assessment will inventory and characterize existing and historic conditions of the watershed, including water quality and quantity, sediment quality, species abundance and diversity, and shoreline stability. The assessment will also qualify and quantify the impacts of impervious cover encroachment, infrastructure impediments, and stormwater. All potential projects will be developed and prioritized based on assessment outcomes, include stakeholder input, and follow BMPs and BAS. \$550,000 is being requested for watershed management plan development.

The Bayou Grande watershed is in the south-central portion of Escambia County. It consists of more than 15 square miles with approximately 5 square miles lying within the Pensacola Naval Air Station (NAS) on the south side of the Bayou. Escambia County hired Baskerville-Donovan, Inc. to develop a Bayou Grande Basin study in March 2008. This outdated report recommended 36 improvements. These recommendations will be revisited and updated in the new Bayou Grande Watershed Management Plan.

NEED: The Bayou Grande Watershed has experienced environmental degradation since the 1950s. These waterways currently have verified 303(d) listed impairments for bacteria (fecal coliform) in addition to mercury impairments in fish tissue in Bayou Grande. Urban encroachment around Bayou Grande has reduced riparian buffers, leading to increased erosion rates and flooding occurrences, lost of habitat, increased stormwater runoff, reduced water quality and clarity, and a disconnect between the urban and natural environment.

PURPOSE: To develop a comprehensive watershed master plan for the Bayou Grande area. The Master Plan will be used as a roadmap for Escambia County to prioritize projects within the watershed. Ranking criteria will be developed to restore/enhance the floodplain, improve water flow and quality, reduce flooding, improve habitat, and provide stormwater treatment.

OBJECTIVE: Create a planning document which will identify and plan for future development of infrastructure projects benefiting ecological resources and the restoration and protection of natural resources. The watershed master plan will recommend projects to restore/enhance the floodplain, improve water flow and quality, reduce flooding, improve habitat, and benefit the economy or ecological resources.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor; 2) Public stakeholder meeting; 3) Environmental/watershed assessment; 4) Draft Bayou Grande Watershed Master Plan; 5) Final Bayou Grande Watershed Master Plan.

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by the completion of the Bayou Grande Watershed Management plan.

Cantonment Community Center - Construction

This is a new MYIP activity. The scope of work is for the construction of the Cantonment Community Center. The design and permitting will be completed under the RESTORE Direct Component agreement RDCGR080415-01-00. This project will Construct a high-quality community center on county-owned property. The funding allocation requested is \$1.1 million for construction and construction oversight activities. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity VIII: Planning assistance and VI: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding the construction associated with the Cantonment Community Center located in Escambia County, FL.

DESCRIPTION: This project will fund the construction of a new community center in the Cantonment community, a State of Florida recognized Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

NEED: The specific and primary purpose for which the Community Redevelopment Agency is formed is to revitalize and enhance the quality of life within the CRA areas by encouraging private sector reinvestment, promoting economic development, and providing public sector enhancements. The CRA administers plans for nine designated redevelopment districts in Escambia County.

Under Florida Law, Escambia County has established a Finding of Necessity for each designated Redevelopment District identifying pervasive conditions of blight which may include the presence of substandard or inadequate structures, a shortage of affordable housing and/or inadequate infrastructure, and other substandard conditions.

To remedy these conditions, Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency provides services and support to enhance the quality of life within Escambia County's designated redevelopment districts by encouraging private sector investment, promoting economic development, and providing public sector enhancements within these areas.

Cantonment continues to experience steady population growth with 612 residences permitted for development from 2010-2020. Despite ongoing growth in Cantonment, the community lacks a central resource center for residents. The construction of a community center will help promote a sense of place for Cantonment residents, providing a space for a wide range of recreational activities and a location for community functions.

PURPOSE: Construct a new community center in the town of Cantonment, an unincorporated area in Escambia County, that will be used as a center for workforce development and training, adult education, tutoring, senior citizens, recreation, and housing assistance.

OBJECTIVE: Construction activities that will lead to infrastructure benefitting the economy and environment.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Construction; 3) Final closeout documentation.

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by the design and construction of the Cantonment Community Center.

Carpenter Creek Headwaters – CCWMP Site 16

This is a new MYIP 3 Activity. This is the first project to be designed that was identified in the Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan, also known as Carpenter Creek Watershed Management Plan (CCWMP). The CCWMP was a planning activity funded by RESTORE grant RDCGR080046. The CCWMP ranked Site 16 Olive Road Headwaters as #2 for water quality, wildlife habitat, community resiliency improvements and constructability. Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) grants have been received for

design, permitting and construction to improve water quality and park amenities. This project is requesting to use the returned funds \$264,843 from RDCGR080046 for construction. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding construction of a stormwater treatment facility and associated park amenities to improve water quality and community resiliency and protection of natural resources in Escambia County, FL

DESCRIPTION: Project will provide construction funds to capture untreated stormwater which flows off Olive Road into Carpenter Creek and ultimately Bayou Texar, construct stormwater treatment facilities, and construct park amenities to improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, improve community resiliency, and provide recreational opportunity to the community.

NEED: Carpenter Creek has experienced environmental degradation since the 1950s and currently has verified 303(d) listed impairments for bacteria (fecal coliform) in addition to mercury impairments in fish tissue in Bayou Texar. This project was identified in the Carpenter Creek Watershed Management plan and ranked #2 for water quality, wildlife habitat, community resiliency improvements and constructability.

PURPOSE: To construct a stormwater treatment facility, associated infrastructure, and park amenities to improve water quality, enhance wildlife habitat, improve community resiliency, and provide recreational opportunities to the community.

OBJECTIVE: Construction activities that will lead to infrastructure benefitting the economy and environment

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor; 2) Construction; 3) Final closeout documentation.

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by the completion of the construction of a stormwater pond and park amenities.

Escambia County Workforce Development (FKA SOAR with RESTORE Workforce Development) Program

This MYIP formally requests a name and scope change for this project. The new name will be Escambia County Workforce Development Program. Scope will be modified to offer scholarships to eligible residents. \$899,800 in funding will be allocated for the Workforce Development Program. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity IV: Workforce development and job creation, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding a workforce development program in Escambia County, FL.

DESCRIPTION: This project will establish a scholarship program for occupational training needs in Escambia County. Eligible training programs include, but are not limited to, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, welding, carpentry, masonry, and cybersecurity. The program will provide scholarships and stipends for transportation to eligible residents. Enrollment into training programs at facilities such as Pensacola State College and George Stone Vocational Technical School will be utilized. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) releases an annual Workforce Statistics Report, which highlights regionally specific workforce demand data. As such, specific training programs will be identified in the Direct Component Application Form based on the Florida DEO's Regional Demand Occupation List, with concurrence from Escambia County, and be consistent with the RESTORE Act and Treasury guidance.

NEED: Workforce training opportunities where eligible applicants will receive scholarships and stipends and be trained, certified, and/or licensed in market-demanded occupations.

PURPOSE: To provide market-demanded occupation training necessary for Escambia County eligible residents to become career ready and obtain employment by providing scholarships and stipends.

OBJECTIVE: Provide eligible applicants scholarships and stipends to enter market-demanded occupation training programs such as electrical, HVAC, plumbing, welding, carpentry, masonry, and cybersecurity to develop Escambia County's workforce.

MILESTONES: 1) Develop scholarship & stipend eligibility criteria; 2) Award scholarships; 3) Training and certification.

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by student enrollment, number of students completing the program, and post-training job placement.

Little Sabine Bay Restoration Program

The scope for this project has been increased to allow an investigation of adjacent areas such as the Quietwater Beach to determine if any feasible water quality improvements can be made. Currently, untreated stormwater outfalls into Little Sabine Bay and Quietwater Beach. The objective of the Little Sabine Bay Restoration project is to enhance water quality and habitats in Little Sabine Bay and nearby water bodies. The funding allocated to this project is \$2 million for design, construction, and construction oversight activities. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity I: Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region and eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding planning, design, permitting, construction, and post construction monitoring of a suite of water quality improvement and submerged aquatic habitat restoration projects in Little Sabine Bay, Escambia County, FL.

DESCRIPTION: Project will fund the planning, design, and construction of improvements to Little Sabine Bay and Quietwater Beach. Potential improvements could include implementation of stormwater treatment, increasing circulation and dissolved oxygen within the bay, reduction of scarring and damage to submerged aquatic vegetation, reduction of fecal coliform bacterial levels, and remediation of areas of contaminated sediment and muck.

NEED: Little Sabine Bay is a waterbody that has historically been impacted by untreated stormwater runoff, mismanagement of vessel holding tanks, oily bilge discharges, prop-scarring of submerged aquatic vegetation, and lack of water circulation because of a narrow-restricted inlet.

PURPOSE: Plan, design, and construct water quality and submerged aquatic vegetation habitat improvements in Little Sabine Bay and Quietwater Beach.

OBJECTIVE: Planning assistance, restoration and protection of natural resources, and infrastructure benefitting economy and environment in Little Sabine Bay.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor; 2) Stakeholder meeting; 3) Design; 4) Permitting; 5) Implementation.

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by the completion of design and implementation of restoration projects for Little Sabine and possibly Quietwater Beach.

O.C. Phillips Bridge Replacement

This is a new MYIP activity. The funding allocation is \$2 million for the construction of the O.C. Phillips Bridge Replacement. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding construction of a bridge to support economic redevelopment and protection of natural resources in Escambia County, FL.

DESCRIPTION: This project will fund the construction of a replacement bridge on O.C. Phillips Road over Brushy Creek. To maintain traffic on O.C. Phillips Road, a temporary bridge will be constructed to the south of the existing bridge. The existing bridge will then be

demolished, and a replacement bridge will be constructed in the same location as the existing permanent bridge. This replacement bridge will accommodate two-travel lanes (one in each direction) and include shoulders on each side. The new bridge will be wider than the existing bridge to meet current design criteria. The bridge low member and west approach will be raised to prevent over-topping during 100-year storm events. Bridge abutment stabilization will be constructed to protect the replacement bridge from damage during storm events and reduce roadway overtopping. The existing dirt roadway will be paved east and west of the replacement bridge, and a new drainage system with armored ditches will be built to remove current sedimentation loading into the creek. The funding allocation requested is \$2 million for bridge replacement and oversight activities.

NEED: The O. C. Phillips bridge over Brushy Creek is an old bridge with a wooden substructure. Built in 1968, this bridge has exceeded its useful life, and recent inspections have resulted in a Structurally Deficient finding with a poor rating for its substructure.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bridge replacement is to reduce flooding impacts, improve creek benthic habitat, as well as maintain safety, emergency, and residential access.

OBJECTIVE: Construction activities that will lead to infrastructure benefitting the economy and environment

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor; 2) Construction; 3) Final closeout documentation.

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by the design and construction of the O.C. Phillips bridge.

Palafox Complete Street - Construction

This is a new MYIP activity. The scope of work is for the construction of the CRA Infrastructure Economic Development Program complete street on Palafox Street. The design and permitting will be completed under the RESTORE Direct Component agreement RDCGR080412-01-00. This project will construct a complete street in the Palafox Community Redevelopment Area. Construction includes an approximately 4-5 mile traffic corridor, or as much as the funding allows, on Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida to enhance community resilience and connectivity. The funding allocation requested is \$1.1 million for construction and construction oversight activities. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding the construction of a complete street infrastructure project to support economic redevelopment in one of Escambia County's Community Redevelopment Areas, Escambia County, FL.

DESCRIPTION: This project will construct a "Complete Street" retrofit of the North Palafox corridor within the Oakfield and Ensley Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs) of Escambia County, Florida. North Palafox Street (CR 95A) is a north-south roadway that is functionally classified as an urban collector and is approximately 4.8 miles long. The North Palafox Street Corridor consists of a two-lane roadway that serves both residential and commercial development. Major intersections along the corridor include Airport Boulevard, Burgess Road, Olive Road, Johnson Avenue and Nine Mile Road. The design will include several elements of a "Complete Streets" retrofit. The construction will focus on the installation of pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks/multi-use paths and enhanced crosswalks.

NEED: Both the Oakfield and Ensley CRA districts experience inadequate roadway corridor infrastructure to help spur needed economic development and improve quality of life. Under Florida Law, Escambia County has established a Finding of Necessity for each designated Redevelopment District identifying pervasive conditions of blight which may include the presence of substandard or inadequate structures, a shortage of affordable housing and/or inadequate infrastructure, and other substandard conditions.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Complete Streets corridor infrastructure project is to enhance and safely increase pedestrian and bicycle activity as well as provide infrastructure needed to help stimulate the local economy. The specific purpose of this project is to construct pedestrian and bicycle improvements to the North Palafox Roadway Corridor in the CRA districts of Ensley and Oakfield.

OBJECTIVE: Construction activities that will lead to infrastructure benefitting the economy and environment.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Construction; 3) Final closeout documentation.

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by the design and construction of the complete street.

Pensacola Beach Bob Sikes Fishing Pier Rehabilitation

This is a new MYIP activity. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity I: Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(ii) of the RESTORE Act, by funding rehabilitation of the Bob Sikes Fishing Pier in Escambia County, FL.

DESCRIPTION: Fishing piers offer enhanced recreational fishing opportunities to the public beyond fishing from the shore. Escambia County maintains three public fishing piers that offer access to the Gulf of Mexico and Pensacola Bay. The Pensacola Bay Fishing Pier was damaged during Hurricane Sally and is expected to remain closed for the foreseeable future. Through the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA) program, Escambia County has received a grant to enhance the Bob Sikes Fishing Pier to improve functionality and safety (\$900,000). Direct Component funds will be used on rehabilitation of the ageing pier to ensure a long and useful lifespan. The project activities include utilizing epoxy to inject and seal pile cracks, restore spalled areas, and alkali activated anodes for protection of concrete piles in a marine environment. The funding allocation requested is \$2.75 million for fishing pier rehabilitation.

NEED: Rehabilitation of the pier needs to be performed to ensure public safety, resilience, and long lifespan. The rehabilitation construction will attract more tourism to Escambia County, promote recreational fishing, and provide public sector enhancements.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rehabilitation project is to improve the functionality, safety, and longevity of the Bob Sikes Fishing Pier, as well as enhance local recreational fishing opportunities.

OBJECTIVE: Construction activities that will lead to infrastructure benefitting the economy, promote tourism and recreational fishing.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Construction; 3) Final closeout documentation.

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by the rehabilitation of the Bob Sikes Fishing Pier.

Pensacola International Airport MRO Campus Expansion

This activity has been deleted as the project has been funded through other sources.

Perdido Key Beach Public Access – Property Acquisition & Construction

This is a new MYIP activity. The scope of work is for design, acquisition of property, and construction implementation to be used for future public infrastructure improvements to facilitate public access to the Gulf of Mexico, attract additional people to the community,

and enhance the economy. The design and permitting will be completed under the RESTORE Direct Component agreement RDCGR080411-01-00. The funding allocation requested is \$3.6 million for Property acquisition, construction, and construction oversight activities. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding acquisition of property for public beach access in Escambia County, FL.

DESCRIPTION: Direct Component funds will be utilized to acquire property and implement construction as part of future efforts to increase public access to the Gulf of Mexico. Amenities may include public parking and a dune walkover with observation platform. Undeveloped areas may be enhanced through habitat restoration to maximize benefits to the endangered Perdido Key beach mouse. A near-shore artificial reef may be designed and permitted for improved fisheries habitat, increased recreational opportunities, and to attract additional people for snorkeling, diving, or fishing. Public access infrastructure would provide connectivity and access to the artificial reef, allowing for the resources to be enjoyed by the public.

NEED: Escambia County has prioritized enhancing public access to the Gulf of Mexico and preservation of Perdido Key beach mouse critical habitat. The Perdido Key beach mouse was federally listed as an endangered species in 1985 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Critical habitat was concurrently designated for the subspecies and was revised in 2006. Habitat loss and fragmentation are the primary threats to their continued existence. The Perdido Key Habitat Conservation Plan, approved by U.S. Fish and Wildlife in 2015, stipulates conservation, preservation, and mitigation requirements to impacts sustained to Perdido Key beach mice and other listed species on Perdido Key. Currently, there is one near-shore artificial reef off Perdido Key, Florida waters in the Gulf of Mexico. The addition of a second near-shore artificial reef at this public access site will stimulate recreational opportunities, such as snorkeling or fishing, by providing substrate for habitat colonization and utilization by sport fish, reef fish, and marine mammals.

PURPOSE: The project purpose is acquiring property and implement construction for public access to the Gulf of Mexico which will attract more tourism to Escambia County and encourage private sector reinvestment, promote economic development, and provide public sector enhancements.

OBJECTIVE: Acquire property and implement construction that will lead to infrastructure benefitting the economy and environment as well as coastal flood protection.

MILESTONES: 1) Property acquisition, 2) Construction, 3) Final closeout documentation

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by property acquisition and construction for public infrastructure improvements to facilitate public access to the Gulf of Mexico.

South Navy Boulevard Improvements

This is a new MYIP activity. The activities of this project are eligible per eligible activity VIII: Planning Assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding a corridor management study leading to the front gate of Pensacola NAS, Escambia County, FL.

DESCRIPTION:

In public meetings for the ongoing Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Compatible Use Study, representatives from the Warrington Revitalization Committee have recommended the need to improve the safety and aesthetics of the area and improve tourism. Escambia County Traffic and Transportation has been working together with the NAS Pensacola Community Planning & Liaison Officer for ways to improve access to the facility, resulting in installation of traffic cameras to monitor traffic flow along the corridors leading to both installation gates so that signals can be manipulated to best support the needs of the installation. This grant will provide funding for a

Corridor Management Study of the roadway leading to the front gate of Pensacola NAS and a streetlighting and sidewalks project. This is the first step in analyzing traffic counts and patterns to provide a safer and aesthetically pleasing corridor into the military base. The lighting aspect of the project will provide an immediate improvement to the surrounding neighborhoods by increasing nighttime safety and pride in the neighborhood. The funding allocation requested is \$550,000 for corridor management study development.

NEED: The Corridor Management Study is needed to analyze the traffic patterns to develop strategies to provide a safer and more aesthetically pleasing corridor into the military base. Safety, tourism promotion, and water quality strategies will be investigated.

PURPOSE: To develop a comprehensive Corridor Management Plan for Naval Air Station in Pensacola Florida. The Corridor Management Plan will be used by Escambia County to understand traffic patterns and develop safety protocols to promote tourism.

OBJECTIVE: Create a Corridor Management Plan which will identify traffic patterns, safety upgrades, and aesthetically pleasing updates for the front gate of Pensacola NAS.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor; 2) Public stakeholder meeting; 3) Traffic assessment; 4) Draft Corridor Management Plan; 5) Final Corridor Management Plan.

SUCCESS CRITERIA: Success will be measured by the completion of the Corridor Management Study leading to the front gate of Pensacola NAS and a streetlighting and sidewalks project.

A map containing all projects in MYIP Amendment 3 can be found on page 17 of this document.

2. Please summarize the process for developing the draft multiyear implementation plan, including how projects were initially evaluated and prioritized, and how the entity made the draft multiyear implementation plan available for a minimum of 45 days for public review and comment, in a manner calculated to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations, such as through public meetings, presentations in languages other than English, and postings on the Internet.
Attach:
 - Documentation (e.g., a copy of public notices) to demonstrate that the entity made its multiyear implementation plan available to the public for at least 45 days;
 - A copy of all meaningful public comments received (OGCR defines “meaningful” as all comments pertaining to the selection of each activity (projects and programs) or the approach to or design of any proposed activities (projects and program));
 - Any responses provided to meaningful public comments;
 - A list of changes made as a result of meaningful public comments. If critical comments were received but no changes were made, the entity should explain why incorporating these comments is infeasible or not in keeping with the public interest; and
 - A letter from the applicant's leadership approving submission of the multiyear implementation plan to Treasury or a resolution approving the applicant's multiyear implementation plan.

The projects selected for the third amendment to the Multi-Year Implementation Plan were approved and vetted by Escambia County staff, County Administrator, and County Commissioners. The selected projects were publicly chosen and approved at an official regular Board of County Commissioners meeting on July 18, 2023.

The draft MYIP Amendment 3 was made available for public review and comment from October 16, 2023, through December 1, 2023. The County obtained broad-based participation through the County's website (myescambia.com/MYIP), email, and mail. The County issued the following press release announcing and encouraging the public to review and comment on MYIP Amendment 3.

Press Release

- On October 16, 2023: <https://myescambia.com/news/news-article/2023/10/16/restore-myip-amendment-3-public-comment-period-open-now>

County Website

- On October 16, 2023: <https://myescambia.com/our-services/natural-resources-management/restore/multi-year-implementation-plan>

In addition, the MYIP 3 public announcement was published by NorthEscambia.com on October 17, 2023.

NorthEscambia.com Press Release

- October 17, 2023: <https://www.northescambia.com/2023/10/comment-period-open-on-proposed-escambia-restore-act-plans>

A reminder to participate in the MYIP 3 comment period was made available on the County's Webpage November 15, 2023, and NorthEscambia.com on November 25, 2023.

Press Release

- November 15, 2023: <https://myescambia.com/news/news-article/2023/11/15/reminder-restore-myip-amendment-3-public-comment-period-open-now>

NorthEscambia.com Press Release

- November 25, 2023: <https://www.northescambia.com/2023/11/comments-open-escambia-restore-myip-potential-projects-includ-cantonment-community-center-o-c-phillips-bridge>

The public was encouraged to review and comment on the MYIP Amendment 3 via email or mail from October 16, 2023 through December 1, 2023. A total of 46 comments were received. Users had the option of indicating their level of support (support, neutral, do not support, unsure) in addition to providing written comments for each proposed project. All received comments were made available during the January 23, 2024 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Individual responses were emailed or certified mailed on January 18, 2024. Summary of the responses are available for review in the Public Comment Summary section of the MYIP Amendment 3. One of the comments received responded to all the projects and was counted as one response.

Bayou Grande Watershed Management Plan

Comment Summary: Twenty-six supportive comments were received.

Response: The purpose of this project is to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan for the Bayou Grande area. The management plan will be used as a roadmap for Escambia County to prioritize projects within the watershed. Goals of the management plan include water quality improvements, reduce flooding and erosion, increase habitat, promote recreation, and improve public access. A Scope of Work (SOW) will be developed to require the consultant to hold stakeholder meetings, develop ranking criteria for projects, and recommend projects for the watershed.

Cantonment Community Center – Construction

Comment Summary: One supportive comment was received.

Response: This project will construct a new community center in the town of Cantonment, an unincorporated area in Escambia County. The community center will be used for workforce development and training, adult education, tutoring, senior citizens, recreation, and housing assistance.

Carpenter Creek Headwaters – CCWMP Site 16

Comment Summary: One supportive comment was received.

Response: Carpenter Creek has experienced environmental degradation since the 1950s and currently has verified 303(d) listed impairments for bacteria (fecal coliform) in addition to mercury impairments in fish tissue in Bayou Texar. This site was identified and ranked second in the Carpenter Creek Watershed Management Plan for water quality improvements and recreational activities. Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) grants have been received for design and construction for the project. A public outreach meeting was held to give details about design concepts and receive stakeholder feedback.

Little Sabine Bay Restoration Program

Comment Summary: One supportive comment was received.

Response: Little Sabine Bay is a waterbody that has historically been impacted by untreated stormwater runoff, mismanagement of vessel holding tanks, oily bilge discharges, prop-scarring of submerged aquatic vegetation, and lack of water circulation because of a narrow-restricted inlet. This project will plan, design, and construct improvements to the Little Sabine Bay and Quiet Water Beach areas. Goals of the project include investigating the implementation of stormwater treatment, increasing circulation and dissolved oxygen within the bay, reduction of scarring and damage to submerged aquatic vegetation, reduction of fecal coliform bacterial levels, and remediation of areas of contaminated sediment and muck. A Scope of Work (SOW) will be developed to require the consultant to hold stakeholder meetings to collect information from the residents to help guide the design process.

O.C. Phillips Bridge Replacement

Comment Summary: One supportive comment was received.

Response: The O. C. Phillips bridge over Brushy Creek is a wooden substructure built in 1968. The bridge has exceeded its useful life, and recent inspections found the bridge to be structurally deficient. The bridge replacement will reduce flooding impacts, improve stream benthic habitat, and provide safety for emergency and residential access.

Palafox Complete Street – Construction

Comment Summary: One non-supportive comment was received.

Response: Under Florida Law, Escambia County has established a Finding of Necessity for each designated Redevelopment District identifying pervasive conditions of blight which may include the presence of substandard or inadequate structures, a shortage of affordable housing and/or inadequate infrastructure, and other substandard conditions. The goal of this Complete Streets project is to enhance and safely increase pedestrian activity and stimulate the local economy.

Pensacola Beach Bob Sikes Fishing Pier Rehabilitation

Comment Summary: One supportive comment received.

Response: Fishing piers offer enhanced recreational fishing opportunities to the public beyond fishing from the shore. Rehabilitation of the pier will ensure public safety, resilience, and long lifespan. The rehabilitation construction will attract more tourism to Escambia County, promote recreational fishing, and provide public sector enhancements.

Perdido Key Beach Public Access – Property Acquisition & Construction

Comment Summary: Ten supportive comments and three non-supportive comments were received.

Response: Escambia County has prioritized enhancing public access to the Gulf of Mexico and preservation of Perdido Key beach mouse critical habitat. This prioritization is memorialized in the 2030 Escambia County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 11, "Escambia County will seek all available federal and state financial assistance to increase public access to the shoreline...". Several comments received objected to extending beach access from Portico to Perdido Skye. The parcel the county is attempting to purchase is not between Portico and Perdido Skye and is west of Portico. A parking lot will be constructed on the acquired property. A construction milestone has been added to this project. In addition, the County has approached and will continue to work with the State of Florida to develop a partnership for the purpose of state park improvements. A Scope of Work (SOW) will be developed to require the consultant to hold stakeholder meetings to collect information from the residents to take into consideration during the design, property acquisition and construction phases.

South Navy Boulevard Improvements

Comment Summary: Seven supportive comments were received.

Response: The Corridor Management Study will analyze the traffic patterns to develop strategies to provide a safer and more aesthetically pleasing corridor into the military base while improving water quality. Safety, tourism promotion, and water quality strategies will be investigated. A Scope of Work (SOW) will be developed to require the consultant to hold stakeholder meetings, develop ranking criteria for projects and recommend projects for the corridor.

