



RANK: INFRASTRUCTURE- 2, OVERALL- 4

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Escambia County owns and maintains three beach access areas on Perdido Key. All three accesses are east of Perdido Key State Park. There are no county public beach access areas west of Perdido Key State Park. Existing county beach access includes approximately 2.2 acres of real estate, 245 feet of gulf-front shoreline, and 86 parking spaces. This project will provide for public infrastructure improvements to facilitate public access inclusive with standards as set forth with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Amenities to be included are as follows: public parking, restroom facilities, covered picnic facilities, and a dune walkover with observation platform. Areas not developed will be enhanced through dune restoration to maximize benefits to the Perdido Key beach mouse and nesting sea turtles. Additionally, a near-shore artificial reef is proposed to be constructed as both a recreational amenity and to provide marine habitat functions. Through the addition of 50 parking spaces, this will increase county beach access by 37% and provide the only public access west of Perdido Key State Park.

**PROJECT DETAILS**

**Phase 1 (MYIP activities) - \$123,000**  
*Planning & Design*

- Restroom Design/Features
- Dune Walkover/Pavilion Design
- ADA Compatibility/Features
- Parking Improvements
- Educational Kiosk
- Beach Mouse Habitat Improvement Planning
- Near-shore Reef Design/Permitting

**Future Phases - \$1,525,000**  
*Construction & Monitoring*

- Dune Walkover
- Restroom Facilities
- Pavilion
- Parking Lot
- Beach Mouse Habitat Restoration/Preservation
- Educational Kiosk Installation
- Near-shore Reef Deployment
- Monitoring

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,648,000

**Leverage:** \$3,100,000 (property acquisition)

**Primary Eligible Activity:** Planning Assistance





## Project Benefits

- Habitat Restoration & Conservation (Dune Habitat)
- Habitat Creation (Snorkel Reef)
- Enhance Natural System Resiliency
- Connecting Trail/ Greenway
- Provides ADA Access to Gulf of Mexico
- Tourism Destination/ Activity
- Fishing Opportunities through Enhanced Access
- Enhances Tourism Industry & Ecotourism Opportunities

## Key Facts

- Limited public access
- The Perdido Key Beach Mouse is listed as an Endangered Species and has limited habitat

