

RESTORE MYIP Public Comment Period Opens June 5

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To learn more about Escambia County's Multi-Year Implementation Plan or submit a comment about the plan, please click [here](#).

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Escambia County wants comments on RESTORE Act projects

Jim Little, jwlittle@pnj.com Published 6:52 p.m. CT June 7, 2017 | Updated 7:46 p.m. CT June 7, 2017

Escambia County has developed a multi-year plan to receive RESTORE Act funds. (Jim Little/jwlittle@pnj.com) Wochit



(Photo: News Journal file photo)

A 45-day period for public comments on Escambia County's more than \$8 million RESTORE Act multi-year implementation plan has started.

The plan is the county's first direct request for RESTORE Act funds. Under U.S. Treasury Department rules, the county must take public comments for 45 days before submitting the plan.

Congress passed the RESTORE Act to ensure all fees and fines BP paid the federal government for the 2010 oil spill would go to help the Gulf coast region.

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Under the federal government's formula, Escambia County could receive up to \$70 million over the next 15 years, according to Chips Kirschenfeld, senior scientist and director of the Escambia County Natural Resources Management Department.

Kirschenfeld said the multi-year plan can be amended to add more projects over the 15-year period.

The county formed a RESTORE Act advisory committee in 2013 and reviewed and ranked 124 project proposals. Each county commissioner then selected two projects to be included in the first draft of the plan. Commissioners [approved the plan in May](#).

The public will have until July 19 to comment on the proposals. People can comment by visiting the county's website at MyEscambia.com/Restore, emailing restore@myescambia.com or calling Escambia County Natural Resources Management Department at 595-3460.

The 10 projects approved by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners are:

Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan: a request for \$1.3 million to develop a master plan for the restoration Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar.

Project Universal Access: a request for \$360,000 to evaluate and plan public beach access that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Public Access: a request for \$147,600 to plan and design new public access improvements on Perdido Key.

Perdido Key Multi-Use Path: a request for \$960,000 to construct 1 mile of the eastern portion of a bicycle and pedestrian path on Perdido Key. The Florida Department of Transportation is funding \$2.24 million for the construction of 2.44 miles of the western portion.

OLF8 Commerce Park Improvements: a request to fund \$1.5 million of master planning and design for a new commerce park that will be located at Outlying Field Site 8 if the county and Navy can agree on a land-swap deal.

South Dogtrack Drainage Project: a request to fund \$240,000 for planning and design to improve the drainage near Blue Angel Parkway and Dog Track Road.

Eleven Mile Creek Restoration: a request for \$1.33 million to plan the restoration and floodplain expansion.

Eleven Mile Creek Basin: a request for \$269,800 to plan and design stormwater improvement for the Eleven Mile Creek basin.

Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park: a request for \$1.6 million for design and permitting for a dual-use stormwater basin and recreation park under Interstate 110.

SOAR with RESTORE: a request for \$900,000 to begin a workforce development program aimed at training underserved communities in environmental hazard remediation and cybersecurity.



Escambia County Gathering Input On Spending RESTORE Funds

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Escambia County residents have until July 19 to weigh in on how the more than \$8 million in RESTORE Act money should be spent.

The 45-day public comment period is mandated under U.S. Treasury Department rules, in regard to ten projects that have been culled from the 124 submitted to the County Commission.

“There were great projects; I mean there was not a single bad project. Some of them were simply better than others,” said Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson who has been the county’s point man on the Deepwater Horizon disaster since the explosion and spill in 2010.

“Some of them impacted more things; some of them were more tied, had a nexus to the oil spill than others,” said Robinson.

An Escambia County advisory committee was set up in 2013 to review and rank the proposals. The five commissioners then selected two projects each for their districts, and the plan was approved last month.

One of Robinson’s District-4 projects is the cleanup and restoration of Carpenter’s Creek.

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Escambia Co. Commissioner Grover Robinson
Credit Dave Dunwoody, WUWF Public Media

“[Carpenter’s Creek] certainly goes in both the county and city [of Pensacola],” Robinson said. “I think it’s a fairly important project overall, also to the environmental health of Bayou Texar as we move forward.”

The other project from District-4 is developing access for handicapped visitors to the water front at Pensacola Beach, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Robinson came up with that idea while visiting Park City, Utah.

“Park City is a leader in dealing with disabilities and skiing, and people come from all over the world to ski at Park City,” said Robinson. “Because someone in their family may have some disability. And I think the same thing happens with seashore visits.”

Other projects in this round of ten include: Eleven Mile Creek Restoration, and \$900,000 for “SOAR with RESTORE” -- a workforce development program to train underserved communities in environmental hazard remediation and cybersecurity.

Elsewhere, the National Wildlife Federation released its report in April, listing 50 priority projects for Gulf Restoration.

Ryan Fikes, a biologist with the Federation, says two involve Pensacola Bay, and Apalachicola Bay.

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“In Pensacola Bay, we really focused on projects that target stream restoration and shoreline marsh restoration,” said Fikes. “In Apalachicola Bay, projects that look at fresh water influx, getting water circulating adequately, as well as oyster restoration.”

In the case of Apalachicola Bay’s oyster beds, and the seafood industry they provide, the projects can be both environmental, and economic.

“As we restore and enhance natural coaster resources, and rebuild the natural coastal environment, our Gulf Coast really depends on so highly upon that for recreation, tourism, and just for our way of life in the Gulf Coast region,” said Fikes.

The Wildlife Federation has been active in restoring the Gulf of Mexico since Hurricane Katrina decimated much of the wetlands in Louisiana. But Fikes says they do not directly tout projects for funding out of the numerous pots of money the oil spill has produced.

“We’ve really helped work initially to do things like pass the RESTORE Act via those funds, and a few other sources,” Fikes said. “We’ve really tried to champion the best restoration project that actually help us to address the restoration needs in our five Gulf states.”

Escambia County could receive up to \$70 million over the next 15 years from RESTORE. But Escambia County’s Grover Robinson is thinking about higher numbers.

“I would like to see us only spend Phase-I monies on those projects, and be able to leverage additional monies from outside the area,” said Robinson. “So that we can come back and pick additional projects for Phase-I. If we simply use that 70 million, then we didn’t do a good enough job. We need to take that 70 million and turn it into \$350 million.”

Comments can be submitted to www.MyEscambia.com/Restore; emailing restore@myescambia.com, or by calling the county’s Natural Resources Management Department at 595-3460.



10 oil spill RESTORE projects in Pensacola seek \$8.6M approval

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More than \$8 million worth of public infrastructure projects in Pensacola could soon be ready to move forward as they seek approval from the federal government.

The 10 projects, which vary from a 1.3-mile greenway park beneath Interstate 110 near downtown Pensacola to planning for a massive commerce park adjacent to the \$1 billion Navy Federal Credit Union campus, are set to be funded from fines resulting from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Escambia County residents have until July 19 to provide public comment on the proposed projects. The 45-day public comment period that began this month is mandated by the rules of the Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast Act (RESTORE Act) passed in the wake of the spill in 2012. The RESTORE Act allocates 80 percent of the Clean

Water Act penalties resulting from the oil spill to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund, which is comprised of five funding components including the Direct Component which provides funds directly to each of 23 Gulf Coast Florida counties.



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One of the proposed projects set to receive funding is the Hollice T. Williams Greenway and Stormwater Park, which is estimated to cost more than \$4 million. (City of Pensacola/Special to The Pulse)

As part of the established funding agreement, each of the 23 eligible Florida counties must submit a Multi-year Implementation Plan (MYIP) with proposed projects to the U.S. Treasury, where they will face final approval.

Officials said this month that the \$8.6 million in projects facing approval are just the beginning of nearly \$71 million that's expected to come to Escambia County over the next 14 years.

In 2012, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners established the citizens RESTORE Advisory Committee to establish criteria, review, and rank 124 separate project proposals. Last year, the five commissioners chose two projects each for their districts to be included in the multi-year implementation plan.

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The projects to be included in the first round of funding include:

- 1. The Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Economic and Environmental Revitalization Plan**
- 2. Project Universal Access**
- 3. Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Beach Access**
- 4. Perdido Key Multi-Use Path**
- 5. OLF-8 Commerce Park Improvements**
- 6. South Dogtrack Drainage Project**
- 7. Eleven Mile Creek Restoration**
- 8. Eleven Mile Creek Basin**
- 9. Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park and Greenway**
- 10. SOAR with RESTORE**

RESTORE MYIP Public Comment Period Closes Wednesday

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The public comment period for Escambia County's RESTORE Act Direct Component Multi-Year Implementation Plan closes Wednesday, July 19. Public comments can be submitted in the following ways:

- **Online:** Read the MYIP and submit comments on the [MYIP webpage](#)
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About the MYIP

The MYIP prioritizes eligible activities for Direct Component (Pot 1) funds awarded to the county through the Deepwater Horizon Settlement and RESTORE Act, or the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012. The Multi-Year Implementation Plan also seeks to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes and non-profit organizations.

To view Escambia County's draft MYIP with a list of projects, [click here](#).

Written Comments

Carpenter Creek Revitalization Plan

Comment	Name
<p>Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization: Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar are a local treasure in an urban watershed. Although portions of the creek and bayou remain in a relatively natural state, they are heavily impacted by the adjacent developed areas and have experienced environmental degradation over the past 70+ years. Urban encroachment around Carpenter Creek has reduced riparian buffers leading to increased erosion rates and flooding, increased stormwater runoff, and reduced water quality and clarity. However, these past impacts make Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar the ideal candidate for restoration. By developing a Master Plan, Escambia County will be able to identify priority actions to improve water quality and wildlife habitat while enhancing public greenspaces right in the heart of Pensacola. Natural resource restoration projects in Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar will provide critical buffers for streams and waterways, enhance riparian areas, improve water quality, and restore wildlife habitat. Such actions will improve ecological functions and provide long-term benefits to the creek itself, as well as to Pensacola Bay. Once the MYIP is finalized and approved, NWF encourages Escambia County to move forward quickly with the Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar project application. We also encourage Escambia County to invest future funds in implementing key restoration activities in Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar. (See General Comment Section for full letter)</p>	<p>The National Wildlife Foundation</p>
<p>We are pleased to see Escambia County address environmental impacts in its proposed projects, especially Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization and Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration, as well as South Dogtrack Drainage Project, Eleven Mile Creek Basin, and Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park. (See General Comment Section for full letter)</p>	<p>Audubon Florida, Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation, Ocean Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy</p>
<p>I support both the Carpenters Creek and beach access projects. Beach access has been denied to the disabled by a failure of understanding the importance of the built environment.</p>	<p>Kathleen A Wilks</p>
<p>I agree that Carpenter creek should be turned into a green zone to the bayou. I'd like to see a park like strip with walking/biking paths on either side with plantings on either side that naturally helps to filter water runoff that ultimately ends up in bayou Texar. I feel that it would be advantageous for as many green zone property owners to have access to the corridor as possible. I do understand its not that simple but thats what I'd like to see. I am a resident living in a Carpenter Creek neighborhood</p>	<p>Oliver Quack</p>
<p>I am in favor of funds being put toward the Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization</p>	<p>Patricia</p>

Written Comments

Plan. Thank you,	Maxwell
As an Escambia County resident, I would love to be able to explore Carpenter Creek, hike and exercise in a natural setting right next to an urban environment.	Beverly Perry
Carpenter creek runs through the middle of town and urgently needs our help	Dennis Braxton
Clean is better than not.	David
Cleaning up and restoring Carpenter Creek should be a priority. How did we let this happen in the first place? The stories I have heard from locals that grew up in the area, and the wonderful memories they have of Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar makes me want to cry to see it now. What an amazing beautiful asset it could be and an example of what can be done when people take responsibility.	Lila Davidson
Critical to the sustainability of the bay and creek, itself.	N/A
Highest priority! This is a great project that has the potential to restore an urban waterway to a natural state, creating a wonderful oasis in an otherwise developed area	Todd Bibza
I fully support anything to do with Carpenters Creek being it runs the center of our city.	Michael Samaras II
I live on Carpenter Creek in Pineglades and it has become more and more of a mess since I moved here 5 years ago. It effects too many Escambia county citizens not to be made the highest priority.	Michael Brinkley
I LIVE ON CARPENTER CREEK,DURING THE APRIL FLOOD IT FLOODED MY BASEMENT WHICH IS @ 18 HIGHER THAN THE CREEK. IT WAS A RAGING RIVER.IT HAS HELPED SOME SINCE WE HAVE BEEN CLEANING OUT, BUT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE.THE POLLUTION IN IT IS TERRIBLE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ENJOY IT FOR YEARS TO COME, FOR THE CITIZENS AND THE WILDLIFE THAT WAS THERE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. WHEN THIS IS DONE MAYBE WE CAN SWIM, FISH ; ENJOY BAYOU TEXAR AND CARPENTER CREEK AGAIN BEFORE ITS TO LATE ; GETS MUCH WORSE THAN IT IS NOW! THIS PROJECT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND ESCAMBIA COUNTY. THANK YOU!	Brenda Kenimer
I love this project and hope the county will hire Barbara Albrecht to oversee the effort.	Barbara Albrecht
I support, but the City of Pensacola continues to allow near clear-cutting of land on the downward slopes of the creek. I doubt this will slow or stop, even with a new emphasis on remediating the environment there. There is a strong need for this project, and I do support it, but in my opinion it should not be a high priority. Remediation of Eleven Mile Creek ; the Perdido Bay, which it drains into, is a more important need, I feel, than Carpenters Creek ; Bayou Texar. Pollution of 11 Mile Creek ; Perdido Bay is greater and continues and a higher level. This need has been around longer and Perdido Bay is a larger water body. Carpenters Creek clean up is worth doing, but if the City is going to continue to clear woods to put in retail businesses with large impervious parking lots directly adjacent to the creek, in environmental terms its akin to shooting oneself in the foot. It would be like trying to address a wound while continuing to injure oneself. Also, did the Deep Water Oil Spill directly hit Carpenters Creek? Not as far as Im aware.	Laura Buchinger

Written Comments

<p>I would love to see Carpenters Creek revitalized. I envision a Greenway where are local citizens can enjoy the natural beauty of nature while within the city limits of Pensacola</p>	<p>Tisha Clary</p>
<p>I would love to see the citizens be able to enjoy the beauty of nature right here in the center of Pensacola and Escambia Co. Establishing a greenway providing recreation opportunity for all citizens.</p>	<p>Steven Lawhon</p>
<p>It will look gorgeous next to the new Outback!</p>	<p>Casey</p>
<p>So very critical to get the eco system back to what it needs to be, and its been neglected for so long. Very very critical for our nature, for our wild life, and of course for its natural beauty.</p>	<p>Heather Roche</p>
<p>The Carpenter Creek Revitalization project is instrumental in the protection and conservation of the riparian zone. The wildlife habitat and recreational value has diminished or completely disappeared along this watershed. I feel that this project will add a vital environmental, recreational and educational component to our community through the inclusion of walking and biking trails, canoe/kayak launches, parks, educational centers and archeological artifacts to showcase the history of Pensacola and to increase the allotment of healthy recreation, while restoring the watershed to its previous condition, free of bacteria, flooding issues and will provide a healthy wildlife habitat for all to enjoy.</p>	<p>Laurie Murphy</p>
<p>The Carpenter Creek watershed affects Bayou Texar, Pensacola Bay, Escambia Bay, and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico. Of all the proposed projects, this one may have the greatest impact on the environment and the people of Escambia County and the greatest probability of actually coming to fruition. I hope.</p>	<p>Gena Buchanan</p>
<p>This is a very important community project. A dedicated group of volunteers is in the process of cleaning up the trash from the creek area. It is very important that the next phase of clearing out the brush and vegetation, dredging etc. along the creek.</p>	<p>Patrick Murphy</p>
<p>Once this is complete, the positive aspects of the project will begin. People will get even more excited once they see major changes in Carpenters Creek.</p>	
<p>This is a vital waterway through the county and city and is polluted with chemicals and lots of trash. It needs to be restored and used as a greenway and recreational facility.</p>	<p>Sherri Myers</p>



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I am very interested in
seeing wildlife corridors
and better engineering for stream
channel erosion.

Wetland engineering is extremely
important for retention ponds
and ~~areas~~ ^{areas} around carpenters creek.

I also think a
water reclamation park like
Cascade Park in Tallahassee
will be beneficial to the
community and environment.



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Community Center?

low socio-economic area will lift up ~~and~~ surrounding areas.

Is Grover Robinson "really" in support of this? his godson didn't leave me with that impression.

-Cory Hirsch



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It would be wonderful to clean,
beautify and make nature trails
and a County/City Park out of
the Carpenter's Creek Trail.

W. Dale Perkins
3722 Dunwoody Dr.
Pensacola, FL 32503



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The Carpenter Creek restoration and revitalization is absolutely the top priority for this community. It MUST be #1 for RESTORE dollars, which are just the starting point for the multi-year project. I understand the starting point is a master plan, and I support this wholeheartedly.

Leon Mack

121 Mango Street



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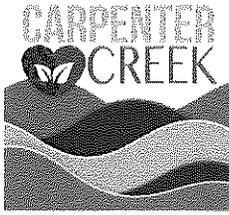
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I would like to see staffing & schedules in place for constant monitoring of the entire creek. How often are people physically going up & down the creek? Clean up efforts & legislation will be very inefficient until it is constantly clear where the pollution ~~from~~ is coming from. Study's will help, but these pollution points need to be addressed as they happen. That can only happen with constant monitoring.



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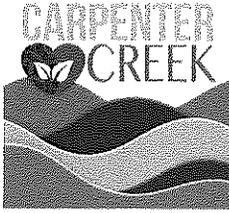
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Restore the west side of the 12th Ave Bridge to previous depth and width. Vegetation needs clearing.

Consider a dredging project again as was done several years ago.

Now that the 12th Ave Bridge has been raised, it offers many more recreational opportunities.



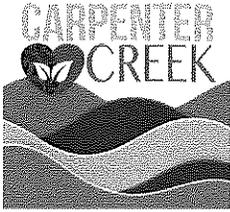
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- Plant Native vegetation / invasive species removal
- Establish trails for family outings & exercise opportunities
- Bring a bit of nature into the city
- public officials ^{demand} ~~depend~~ DOT address bridges over the creek
- City officials need to get behind the public
- connect neighborhoods
- bike, ~~land~~ trails
- education on past creek history
- establish development code
- NO development within 350 ft of creek
- community service clean up opportunities



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For Water Drainage
Plant Weeping Willows, Add Water Vegetation to promote
repopulation of fish, Fines for People undermining
Foundations of Building by removing the Sand
Hold those Building along the Creek Illegally

Add Spaces for Handicap for Fishing
as well as access for Walking path

Misquito eating fish which go down into mud
when land is dry.



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- * 1) We need stronger city ordinances
to have businesses who develop or build
along Carpenter's Creek to 1) place mesh
over or straw, etc. To control Runoff during
development (Control erosion, silting)
- * 2) Have businesses to replace any/all
native species (Black Tit, Southern Magnolia,
River Birch, Sweet bay Magnolia, Yucca, etc.)
removed! Plant along banks, watershed - restored,
grasses
- * 3) Clear/remove debris in Creek (Regularly)
- * 4) Reduce - Plastic bags, wrapping, Paper wastes, et
down into creek
- * 5) Marian Williams, Ph.D. (850) 434-5906
Pinelades Resident (We live in back
of Carpenter's Creek near Bayou)



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CLEAN ALL DEBRIS FROM ENTIRE LENGTH OF CREEK.

DREG AS NECESSARY TO RESTORE NATURAL FLOW &
DRAINAGE.

PLANT NATIVE VEGETATION TO STABILIZE BANKS.

PROVIDE WALKWAYS & PATHWAYS.



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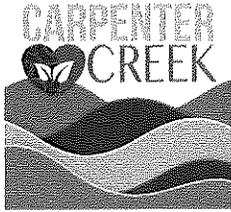
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Please stop making it easy for large corporations to use and abuse our land. We don't need THOSE jobs... we need local businesses who invest here!

Thank you, a young small-business owner and native Pensacolian.



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Stop yard debris from being blown into street from
homeowners as well as Landscaping
Pottery will -
County Review clean up - on all creeks - Carpenter
Creek



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All of the cleanups & Storm Water washouts
are a great help, but until the homeless
camps along the creek are removed it
will be alot of work for not alot of
progress. Stop allowing homeless to trash
our creek.



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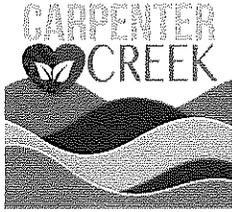
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Carpenter Creek is very important because
it feeds into the other waterways. It's
important to clean it and keep it clean.

It's also important that nothing done with
this project adversely affects the environment.

I would love to see this creek restored to
a ~~nature~~ beautiful nature place to explore.



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Repair of Riparian zone - removal of trash & invasive species, replanting with native species. This will hinder flooding (saving destruction of property) and enhance public utilization of area (both for citizens and tourists).

Also removal of rip rap under bridges so creek can (and animals) can go unimpeded.



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"Runoff" at Davis + Airport southeast corner
behind mattress store - New Construction
Bare red sand + clay right on the
Carpenters creek



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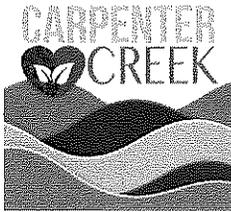
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Restoring vegetation along banks

Building ordinance addressed

Bridge issues

address clear cutting issues



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Dredge the creek @ 4201 N 12th Ave
where superior construction
while constructing the bridge
filled ~~the~~ up the creek with dirt

~~But~~

Continue to improve water
quality in Creek.



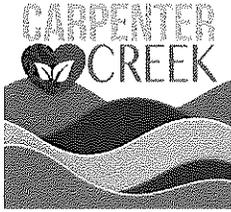
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- ① Replacement of creek crossing bridge/culverts at 9th Ave & Bayou Blvd. to allow for natural flow as well as improve access and travelability for hikers, kayakers etc. without the need for road crossings.
- ② City & County acquisition of property along the Carpenter Creek watershed.
- ③ A concerted effort to remove invasive species & replace with native species to restore habitats and ecosystems
- ④ Vigorous enforcement of existing codes & ordinances with updating & replacement as necessary



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*The City of Pensacola needs to get back of
its people and clean up Carpenters Creek
Our politicians are responsible for the
major movement that "we the people"
went.*

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February 21, 2017

Name: MARILYN WOLFE

Address: 5156 SPRINGHILL DR

Contact Information: Phone 434 5526 Cell: 850 723 4021 (off during work hours)

E-Mail Address: marilyn@underwoodanderson.com

Comments: WORK

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek? clean natural habitat area with trail

What do you think are the major issues facing Carpenter Creek? Politics

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?
remove transients and invasion vegetation
restore flow

Other:
People living in woods is bad as unapproved plumbing dumping

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February 21, 2017

Name: Tammy Vander Hey

Address: 1150 Fort Pickens Rd G7

Contact Information: Phone 850-390-0842 Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: tjvanderhey@yahoo.com

Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

What do you think are the major issues facing Carpenter Creek?

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Carpenter Creek feeds into the other waterways so it is essential to keep it clean.

Other:

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Name: Andy Lynn

Address: 1150 Fort Pickens Rd. G7 Penacole Beach
FL 32561

Contact Information: Phone 404-769-79 Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: ascottlynn@⁶⁵yahoo.com

Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek? A clean, healthy, restored
natural waterway with ~~no~~ access

What do you think are the major issues facing Carpenter Creek?

Polution, Over development, invasive species

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

- ① Acquisition of properties along the watershed, especially the
head waters property.
- ② Boardwalk / Trail system to provide access.

Other:

We need to involve various local groups -
schools, churches, businesses, scouts, etc.

Develop partnerships / sponsorships with local businesses &
national corporations

Enforce existing codes / ordinances / laws, and develop
new ones as needed.

Convince city & county governments that this creek is
an ASSET and makes this area a desirable place to live
+ make inst like our beaches.

- linear park w/ trails
- attractive dual-use stormwater features that also provide park space
- Use natural methods of stream restoration

HIKING

Carpenter Creek/Bayou Texar Town Hall Meeting

February 21, 2017

Name: Lana Weathers

Address: 519 Palisades

Contact Information: Phone 476-9960 Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: Lgweathers@juno.com

Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

Restoration of quality of water + surronds to have
a sustainable greenway,

What do you think are the major issues facing Carpenter Creek?

encroachment of buildings into creek plain,
invasive plants, litter/trash

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Using native plants, landscaps for erosion control
instead of hardscaping, removal of invasive species

Other:

put up bird / bat house along creek

Carpenter Creek/Bayou Texar Town Hall Meeting

November 1, 2016

received
11/9/2016

Name: Dee Renfro

Address: 4200 Karmich Pl

Contact Information: Phone: ⁸⁵⁰⁻449-1779 Cell: 432-2083(w)

E-Mail Address: dee4200@gmail.com

Comments:

We live at the end of the bayou where Carpenter Creek feeds into the bayou. I also grew up in Bayou Texar and have great interest in anything we can do to restore both the bayou and the creek.
I will send Sherry Meyers and Laurie Murphy an email of what I have seen as ongoing issues

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

restore

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

yes

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

yes, in January

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Stop direct storm water run off and new construction on bridges without environmental guidance

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

yes all

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

yes

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Name: Ryan & Valerie Bolster

Address: 4948 Springhill Drive

Contact Information: Phone _____ Cell: 850-525-3002
850-346-5695

E-Mail Address: Vem522@gmail.com

Comments:

We love the creek! We also didn't realize it was
in that bad of condition. There is trash behind
where we live, but it is still enjoyable and beautiful.

We are glad these concerns were brought to our attention!

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

We live on the creek and enjoy it, especially during
the wintertime. It would be a good start to begin
picking up garbage in the creek.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Address the Homeless Area (tent city & the Abandoned house
at the end of Springhill Dr.) I Believe Most of the Beer cans
and plastic containers come from them.

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Yes

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

whatever it takes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

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yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

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Name: Elizabeth Benchley

Address: 2910 Magnolia Ave

Contact Information: Phone _____ Cell: 850 449-1601

E-Mail Address: ebenchle@uwf.edu

Comments:

There are prehistoric + historic archaeological sites along Carpenter Creek that should be protected, and some could be developed for heritage tourism, such as the mill dam of James Bruce, the first waterpowered mill built by the British in Escambia County in 1763.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Sure

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Using federal funds, which Restore funds are, will require doing archaeology. Let's get ahead of the ball + build archaeological resources into our plan.

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

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Yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Emerald Coast Keepers

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

Yes.

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Name: Nic Schellin

Address: 4886 Francisco

Contact Information: Phone 426-1832 Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: Swordfish2504@gmail.com

Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek?

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

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Name: JEREMY MOTT

Address: 5170 SPRINGHILL DR.

Contact Information: Phone (850) 479-0992 Cell: (850) 261-0034

E-Mail Address: brewmott@cox.net

Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek? I WOULD WANT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE DONE TO THE CREEK TO BE STOPPED, AND IF POSSIBLE, REVERSED SO IT CAN BECOME SAFE AGAIN.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FLOODING PROBLEMS AND OTHER HOMEOWNER ISSUES RESOLVED IN A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY MANNER.

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek? YES.

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar? YES.

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

CLEAR OUT DEBRIS
STRICTER DEVELOPMENT LAWS

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight? YES.

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones? No.

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

YES, IT WAS INFORMATIVE.

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Name: CAROLÉ MOTT

Address: 5170 SPRINGHILL DR.

Contact Information: Phone 479-0992 Cell: 384-7286

E-Mail Address: brewmott@cox.net

Comments:

I discovered that the problem is much worse than I had previously thought. I was horrified! We must all work together and see that the conditions are improved or we will lose more than clean water and natural wildlife habitats!

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

I would love to see the creek clean and once again the natural habitat for wildlife.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

1. Find those who are clearly in violation of environmental regulations and require their assistance to resolve the issues.
2. Fine the guilty to the fullest extent of the law.

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Yes.

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Absolutely

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

1. Clear out debris.
2. Protect the areas that ~~are~~ have been designated as "protected" & make space for a "green" area with a board walk.

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

Yes.

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

1. Laurie Murphy
2. Barbara Albright

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

Yes, very. We, the people affected most by the desecration of the creek, should be kept informed of the progress of projects for improvements & especially of plans for further development which can be detrimental.

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Name: Brenda Kenner

Address: 760 Valley Dr. #202 32503

Contact Information: Phone 474-4977 Cell: 501-2398

E-Mail Address: bivite@bellsouth.net

Comments:

Great meeting - lets get started !!

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek? to be clean again + the embankment to be restored

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight? YES All need to address this -

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek? yes, when I'm available

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar? YES, YES, YES!

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

CLEANED + ALL PARTIES, TO KEEP AN EYE ON IT
SO IT DON'T GET THIS BAD AGAIN.

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

YES

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

NO

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

yes.

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Name: DONALD R. GIVEHAND

Address: 5198 SPRING HILL DRIVE

Contact Information: Phone 850 512-0832 Cell: 850 512-0834

E-Mail Address: DONALD.GIVEHAND@GMAIL.COM

Comments:

WE CAN MAKE PERSONAL CLEAN UPS AS WE HAVE VARIOUS WEEKS WHERE NEIGHBORS CAN HELP CLEAR WHERE WE CAN IN VARIOUS SECTIONS. FROM THE LAST MAJOR FLOOD I HAVE TONS OF TREES & TREES THAT FLOATED & LANDED IN MY BACKYARD AND STILL ALONG THE AREA.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek? OPEN UP & LET THE WATER FLOW. BUILD "A WALKWAY ALONG" LIKE THE PARK ON THE BLUFFS. BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE - BRING BACK THE DEER, FOXES, WILD SQUIRELS - ~~OWLS~~ OWLS & RED HAWKS.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight? SLOW THE BUILDING GROWTH. WE HAVE MANY OTHER BLIGHTED AREAS

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek? YES

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar? YES

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

CLEAN THE AREA SO WE CAN ENJOY IT,

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight? OF COURSE,

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

LAURIE MURPHY
SHERRI } COUNCILWOMAN
MEYERS }

Was this town hall meeting informative?

YES-

How can future meetings be improved?

KEEP HAVING THEM
WE'LL GET BETTER AS
WE GO ALONG.

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Name: Lana Weathers

Address: 519 Palisades Road

Contact Information: Phone 476-9960 Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: L G W e a t h e r s @ j u n o . c o m

Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

To make it restored for fish + wild life
+ recreation

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

erosion control in an environmentally-friendly way,
not rip-rap a day

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

yes

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

remove log jams and restore wildlife
habitat

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

Yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Yes

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

Yes

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Name: Jeannette Norman

Address: 6085 Drexel Rd.

Contact Information: Phone ⁸⁵⁰⁻384-3374 Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: Normanjoel@Cd.net

Comments:

Very informative meeting

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

Restoration
Reduce flood
Safe public access

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Hold homeowners & businesses accountable
for runoff in Carpenter Creek

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Clean up

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

*Elimination
implementation of public access*

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

*yes - GP funding
funds for resurfacing Carpenter Creek*

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

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yes

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Name: Randee Hartley
Address: 5981 Hermitage Dr 32504
Contact Information: Phone 479-2056 Cell: _____
E-Mail Address: randeewilsis2@cox.net

Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

See it cleaned up as much as possible & restored so it can be enjoyed by property owners on the Creek.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Educate the public regarding polluting our waterways, start w/ school children.

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

no

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

stabilizing the creek beds, cleaning garbage & contaminants out of the water.

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

yes,

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Name: Tim Jones

Address: 5072 + 5068 SPRINGHILL DR

Contact Information: Phone _____ Cell: 850 572-9569

E-Mail Address: TJ9569@GMAIL.COM

Comments:

POTATO VINES R KILLIN EVERY
TRASH
TREES BLOCKING WATER FLOW

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

CLEAN + TRASH FREE

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

YES

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

YES

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

YES

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

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Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

YES

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November 1, 2016

Name: MARSHALL L. MOTT

Address: 5170 SPRING HILL DR.

Contact Information: Phone 384-7787 Cell: SAME

E-Mail Address: BREWMOTT@COX.NET

Comments:

I LOST MY LARGE HERITAGE OAK TREE
DUE TO THE 2014 FLOOD. I HIRED AN ARBORIST,
WHO CONFIRMED THIS. IT WAS BECAUSE THE
STORM WATER DRAIN RUNNING DOWN OUR PROPERTY
WAS NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

NO HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING BEHIND MY
HOUSE. WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

CLEAN CREEK, WATER QUALITY
REMOVE HOMELESS RESIDENTS.

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek?

YES.

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

YES.

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

STORM WATER DRAIN ISSUES.
FLOODING OCCURS DUE TO NON

MAINTENANCE OF STORM DRAINS
BRIDGES OVER THE BAYOU BLVD GET BLOCKED BECAUSE TRUCKS TRASH & LIMBS
ARE NOT CLEARED

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

YES.

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Was this town hall meeting informative?

How can future meetings be improved?

YES.

DO WHAT YOU SAY.

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E-Mail Address: ~~AAAE~~

Comments:

Concerns on drainage costing thousands
on damage and change in flood rating

EPA concerns on homeless

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

Natural flowing Creek

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

We need their attention to growth &
repairing infra now

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

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Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

I would like it to be restored to a healthy watershed ecosystem

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Select the Restore project, fund the master plan, and not allow further environmental destruction such as clear cutting

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Yes

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

Yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Yes, all

Was this town hall meeting informative?

Yes

How can future meetings be improved?

More focus on what can actually be done by us individually and as a group

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Comments:

I am a part of SEAS and we are able to volunteer with anything needed (cleanups, invasive species removal)

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

have businesses accounted for the damages/pollution they have caused, cleanup of the creek, restoration of creek (water quality & erosion), new storm water management (better runoff capture), educate public of issues for the future

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

- Contamination (trash, ^{- erosion of soils} non biodegradable etc.)
- stormwater control (pipes, drainage) - businesses near creek (proper)
- management (wasteland city own property waste ^{- invasive species removal})

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

- yes I am

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

- yes I would

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Contamination cleanup and proper stormwater management (possible new stormwater management systems)

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

- yes I would

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Barbara Aebrecht*

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

yes it was,

ISSUES:

pollution
→ public
→ businesses

stormwater management
→ runoff

invasive species removal
erosion of sediment of bank (half natural / half
water quality
prevention of pollution at creek
more awareness (education)

where did B go? (City council?) * GRANT from blood *
→ dismissal, doesn't know (uninformative)

sediment buildup (bridge)

RESTORE: (Panhandle watershed alliance)
Barbara Albrecht
VFL region council →

rural → suburban → urban watershed
unavoided by population (urbanized → prone to
increased pollution)

GI (green infrastructure) **?

* {
- safety when volunteering
- businesses must be assessed
when considering a permit (impact at
creek)
- quality of creek
- "wasteland" management
- stormwater management (run;
GI; proper management)
* }

accelerated
from improper
storm runoff
management)

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Name: Elizabeth Gilbert - UWF SEAS

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Comments:

SEAS has experience removing trash,
and invasive species. we are also good
advocates. in my opinion natural flow
to the creek MUST be restored. this
will lessen erosion, blockage and contaminants.
Businesses must be held accountable.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

Completely cleaned and naturally
flow to creek restored

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Hold the violators accountable. Check ups
to make sure violators are complying.
Fund the cleanup

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek?

yes

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

1 yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

- ① Clean up water contaminants and trash
- ② Restore Natural Flow

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Yes, Barbara ~~and~~
Albrecht

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

yes,

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Name: Ocean Hour

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E-Mail Address: oceanhourfl@gmail.com

Comments:

Ocean Hour would like to help & participate in clean up efforts. We have a volunteer base + clean up supplies.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

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Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Maybe

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Sediment build up + iron bacteria → erosion
stabilization the creek; Clear the drain
of asphalt; old pipes; polluted pond;
oil; invasive species; trash + food in storm
water drain + grease; dumpster violation,
homeless campsite; old stormwater system

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Name: Johnnie Odom

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Comments:

Thank you for holding this meeting and bringing all of these organizations together.

Get more public access to the creek early to increase support.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

I would like not only to see the Creek cleaned up, but also to see greater organized public access to it - trails, boardwalks etc.

If efforts can be made to improve the flow of the creek as well - to make it a nicer feature of the city - that would also be fantastic.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Work together to improve zoning, code enforcement, management of "waste land", and provide a coherent and continuous plan to care for and provide access to the creek.

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

It would depend on the group and the issue.

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Yes.

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

1. Stop the pollution.
2. Provide better public access.

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

yes.

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Only regarding the Creek.

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

This was excellent, thank you.

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Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

Clean and debris free

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Yes

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

yes!

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

yes! all

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Name: Carole Tebay

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Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

no hardening; a creek that is able to support insect larvae, fish & wildlife; native plants & trees to hold soil in place & support birds
stop developing in the riparian zone
love the boardwalk idea

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

oversight & correction

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

yes

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Riparian zone restoration
storm water mgmt improved

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

Yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Planning Council

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

Yes

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Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

Greenways in buffer zones

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

help find funding, & develop ordinances supporting greenways

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Emerald Coast Keepers

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Awareness & funding

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

ECK

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

yes

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Comments:

Thank you Sherrie for all your work.
Can we get oil spill money?
We are talking about a LOT of funds.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

Can parts of land owned by City-County
That can be used for a park? Historic Signif
any part of creek been used by Indian Trib
seas

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Yes I would! Been a long time coming!

Damage going on! Need attention ASAP

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

write letters to state -
willing but "old"

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Good idea if properly used according
to court use of these funds -

Lots of competition from downtown!

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Build banks to resist ~~erosion~~ erosion!
Eliminate storm water draining into creek
Code enforcement - Trash - chemicals - garbage
contamination by adjacent businesses

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

Of course

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Just Sherrie

Was this town hall meeting informative?

How can future meetings be improved?

- Very -

where was Grover?

Sherrie - Use our own experts
at UWF - city - State - Citizen
Volunteers -

Please Do not pay big bucks
for a so called study -
by Engineers etc!

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Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

yes

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

yes

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

yes

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Name: Patsy Roark

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E-Mail Address: /

Comments: need to ban fertilizers around the Bayou
need new ordinances for trash & liquids
STOP the use of pesticides around the Bayou
to protect water ways + honey bees
You! Grover - to clean up Carpenter's Creek
my property is eroding - 1780 Yates Ave.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

- 1) not to be clogged up with brick/brick (rocks)
- 2) cleaned up from super fund site
- 3) NO natural attenuation → which would eventually go into bay & poison our fish.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

get experts on clean-up
Dr. Hildegard Staninger (?) - QA
she is used by the govt. for clean-ups

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek?

I would be interested in accompanying fact finding trips into the areas of Carpenter's Creek.
I'm a photographer w/ cell phone.

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

would like Bayou Texar to be tested for
Corexit + oil coming in from bay.
Need explanation: why the water in the
test lake used to test water is HOT - near
BT meet @ 12th ave.

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

pollution

flow of water to Bayou Texar

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

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Does the pollution in Carpenter's Creek go down into the groundwater ???

want to know why Pensacola has so many bone issues. The ~~majority~~ majority I see have broken arms, legs, knee replacements, shoulder surgery, sprained ankles, bent over backs and much more

what is in our groundwater?

why is there so much cancer around Bayou Texar? if you go down to doo all the way around the Bayou I think you would be shocked at the numbers.

my back yard is eroding - is it because of the pesticides they spray at Bayview?

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Name: Don Richards

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Comments:

Good overview

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

proper retention ponds for the basin

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

- 1) Enforce ordinances on drainage & storm water retention
- 2) Stop effluent (run) into stormwater drains

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Yes

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Absolutely!
This is what BP funds should be used for - cleaning up Carpenter Creek will dramatically improve bayou Texar

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

- 1) Storm water retention ponds
- 2) Code enforcement

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

Yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Yes Laurie Murphy

Was this town hall meeting informative?

Yes

How can future meetings be improved?

Shorter / more specific

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Comments:

HOME OWNERS ON THE CREEK SHOULD LEAVE THE
NATURAL HABITAT, AND NOT CLEAR CUT THEIR
BACKYARDS.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

LISTEN TO WHAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED
TONIGHT. UNTIL IT IS VIEWED AS MORE
THAN A DRAINAGE DITCH IT'S NOT
SERIOUS TO THEM.

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek? YES

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar? YES

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

MAKE THE CITY AWARE OF HOW IMPORTANT
THE CREEK IS TO THE AREA.
STOP THE ILLEGAL DUMPING.

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight? YES

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

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Name: Elizabeth Major

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Comments:

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek? *As a Florida Master Naturalist I fully support Barbara Albrecht's vision - Parkland Watershed Alliance, FFW Audubon, Ocean Fishermen Rick Hartar's master plan is exciting!*

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek?

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar? *yes*

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Comments:

The creek has changed so much since 1965. This creek is no longer a clean place for our community. The city has closed their ears to the problems of our creek community. The council acts like a flood of the 2014 magnitude is the first on Carpenter Creek not so, in the late 60's the creek flooded to the same heights. Why all of a sudden is this just becoming a source to do something.

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Listen to the voices of the community along the entire creek not just a certain area along the creek.

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek?

Absolutely.

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

The BP Oil funds should be used to help the efforts to restore the natural habitats.

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

1. Cleaning the creek from Brent Lane to Davis Highway.

2. Removing the trees and debris from the creek bed (last time after Ivan the debris was not removed)

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

Yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Laurie
Sherri

Was this town hall meeting informative?

Yes

How can future meetings be improved?

Provide an agenda upon entering.

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Name: Dean Wallace

Address: 720 Bayou Blvd.

Contact Information: Phone 438-5855 Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Comments:

Cleaning up so the water that flows into Bayou Texar
is cleaner
I feel the residents that live along the creek need to help
keep it clean once this project is ~~over~~ done

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

Back to its former glory

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Enforcement the codes

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised tonight regarding Carpenter Creek?

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Yes

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

Yes

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Name: Gena Buckman

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E-Mail Address: ginger.lily@cox.net

Comments:

My father bought a lot on Texar Dr. when it was a dirt road in 1956. The bayou means a lot to me. It was swimmable & fishable at one time. Make it so again.

Question - is dredging appropriate?

What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

Free to run strongly enough to improve the Bayou. Cleared of brush & debris regularly. Lots of wildlife. Ultimately to be swimmable & fishable again.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight?

Stormwater abatement, removal of septic tanks. See if LDC needs amending. Enforce the LDC provisions. Educate folks who live on the Creek.

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek?

Scenic Hwy Foundation & Pensacola Historic Preservation Society take up all my time.

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Absolutely.

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

1. Identify what can be done independent of Restore money.
 - Organize cleanups • Enlist City, County & ECUH • Create a list of the types of information you need - all grease collection dumpsters, stormwater & septic tanks. • Assess enforcement of existing regs, • List regulatory changes needed & enlist support • Keep the public educated & updated on progress.

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight? Yes.

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

I'm on many email distribution lists including Emerald Coastkeeper, Panhandle Watershed Alliance,

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

I got out of this meeting what I wanted, that is, I see a lot of concerned citizens.

There seems to be a lot of interest in taking action.

2. Be ready to go when RESTORE money is available.

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Name: Pat McCray

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Comments:

We should all be ashamed of the demise of both waterways. The Red Cross taught me to swim in the Bayou & I have fondly enjoyed Carpenter Creek with picnic, horseback, canoe & run City & County permit allow the DEP & other agencies to destroy waterways precious.

I grew up on Davis Hwy & watch the creek destroyed by Neglect and ignorance by officials of both city & county -
What is your vision for Carpenter Creek?

To see it restored to a environmentally safe and flowing water way as it was in my youth, many, many year ago.

What would you like to see the City, County, EPA, DEP, and other agencies do to address the issues raised tonight? Work out a plan to clean the pay pathways of the creek & to salt the means off from properties along it's path, lot of work needed!

Are you interested in working with other groups to address the issues that have been raised to night regarding Carpenter Creek? Yes - Anyways I can!

Would you like to see BP oil funds used to address environmental issues that impact Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

Yes, very much so!!

What are your top 2 priorities for improving Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar?

To make them whole again!

Would you like future updates from Council woman Sherri Myers regarding the issues raised tonight?

yes

Would you like future updates from any of the groups or representatives of groups that have spoken tonight? If so, which ones?

*yes - Would like to help walk the Creek
and help with the clean-up. Emerald Coast
Sub Keepers in particular.*

Was this town hall meeting informative? How can future meetings be improved?

Very much so!

Written Comments

Eleven Mile Creek Basin

Comment	Name
<p>We are pleased to see Escambia County address environmental impacts in its proposed projects, especially Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization and Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration, as well as South Dogtrack Drainage Project, Eleven Mile Creek Basin, and Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park. (See General Comment Section for full letter)</p>	<p>Audubon Florida, Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation, Ocean Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy</p>
<p>Any project that shows that humans can coexist with the natural environment, even when we build close to natural habitats, is a step in the right direction. Such projects are appropriate when the funds come from a manmade environmental disaster.</p>	<p>Beverly Perry</p>
<p>I support this project and also support a moratorium on any new development in this region until we can address the impacts to this watershed.</p>	<p>Barbara Albrecht</p>
<p>The money is only for planning. A stormwater project may never be implemented because it affects so few people.</p>	<p>Gena Buchanan</p>
<p>The pollution from the Cantonment paper mill, along with the overuse of nitrogen-based fertilizers by residents and businesses, have been damaging this creek and the Perdido Bay for decades. Anything additional that can be done to help the creek basin ; the creek itself would be worth doing.</p>	<p>Laura Buchinger</p>

Written Comments

Eleven Mile Creek Restoration

Comment	Name
Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration: A project in the neighboring Perdido Bay watershed, the Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration will restore wetlands, remove invasive species, and establish riparian buffers that provide wildlife habitat as well as flood protection. Water quality improvements are also needed to address the degradation of Eleven Mile Creek, which is a 303(d) listed impaired waterbody with Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for numerous impairments such as fecal coliform bacteria, low dissolved oxygen, excess nutrients and other contaminants. NWF supports the restoration of approximately 3,500 linear feet of stream and 40 acres of wetland floodplain. (See General Comment Section for full letter)	The National Wildlife Foundation
We are pleased to see Escambia County address environmental impacts in its proposed projects, especially Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization and Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration, as well as South Dogtrack Drainage Project, Eleven Mile Creek Basin, and Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park. (See General Comment Section for full letter)	Audubon Florida, Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation, Ocean Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy
I vote to restore Eleven Mile Creek.	Beth Lucas
2nd highest priority. Support restoring stream habitat, having buffers, and enhancing the floodplain.	Todd Bibza
I support this project but only if a true Environmental Engineer is part of the design team. The previous hardening, stabilization, and stormwater conveyance projects that utilize FEMA rock are not restoration, rather they are impairments to the ecosystem.	Barbara Albrecht
It is a waste of money to plan and design things that the County will never implement.	Gena Buchanan
This is just a copy of my comments for the 11 Mile Creek Basin project: The pollution from the Cantonment paper mill, along with the overuse of nitrogen-based fertilizers by residents and businesses, have been damaging this creek and the Perdido Bay for decades. Anything additional that can be done to help the creek basin ; the creek itself would be worth doing.	Laura Buchinger

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Hollice T. Williams Stormwater & Recreational Park

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A community connection bringing east and west sides of the interstate together would not only improve the aesthetics of Pensacola but also encourage community unity. I highly support this project.	Brad Alexander
▲ Skatepark would be great for kids adults, everyone. Please build it, ; they will come 🙌👉	Craig Rasmussen
Downtown area stormwater management will affect residents and businesses. Will save millions in property damage in the future.	Gena Buchanan
Get that radio antenna out of the way, open up the water.	Ryan Savage
Great idea and good use of otherwise dormant property	Bob Palmer
I am the least familiar with this project, compared with the others. I dont think I should comment on it, therefore.	Laura Buchinger
I believe this park will be a great addition to the community. There is no reason not to have a park like this in the community.	Amanda
I strongly support this project.	Bryce Jones
I support this urban stormwater retrofit for this underutilized and frequently flooded area.	Barbara Albrecht
Invest in this.... its for the children...	Rob Witt
Much needed and great use of the lands	Alfredo W Villamor
Our community needs this park!!	Robert Stephens
Pensacola needs a skatepark!!	Allen
Please build the skatepark for the community and our kids	Albert Merza

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Skate park!!!	Steven
So needed!	Tommy Hans
Stormwater management and flood control that also makes appropriate use of the land as a recreational area is good urban design. The use of a large stretch of green space under a major highway will help Pensacola residents, including me and my grandchildren.	Beverly Perry
Strongly support this project. Skateparks like this saved me from a very dark place as a teenager.	Jared Wright
Super excited about the skate park and being able to use the empty space under the interstate to unite both sides of the interstate	Paul Holmes
Support very strongly. This is a central Inner city resource, enhance it. The park is an asset that needs upgrades - more landscaping, access points, features. The expanded storm water is badly needed - enhance on the level of 9th Ave, and Corrine Jones.	Eddie Todd
The City fully supports this project and its additional community amenities consistent with the Hollice T Williams Master Park Plan that includes public and neighborhood amenities as well as stormwater management solutions for the area.	Keith Wilkins
The city needs this	Aron Khorram
This area definitely needs a facility/park like this.	Jeannine Van Reeth
This is a very valuable project for the inner city community in terms of flood mitigation and recreation. Including the Skate Park in this project will help restore social and economic vitality ripped from the neighborhoods by construction of the elevated highway.	Helen Gibson
This is a wonderful opportunity for our young folks, to give them something to do and to help keep them out of trouble. Please, please consider your strong support for this endeavor. Thank you. Dennis R. Tackett	Dennis
This is an incredible project that will benefit the community tremendously.	Jon Shell
This needs to happen! Its a fantastic use of space and a great addition to our community.	Sarah Porto
This park is much needed green space connection communities regardless of the ill conceived decision to build an interstate highway through an urban area creating a divide.	Zachary Lane
This park will do wonderful things for the community	Thomas Giesey
This project would be Great for our community, Please support it!	Dina Doyle
This will be a great opportunity to combine environmental care with much needed form of recreation and a park. This is much needed for this area which will improve the neighborhood.	Robert Krasnosky
This would be a great venue for our young people and an asset to the community. PLEASE FUND THIS PARK!	Sue Straughn
very excited to see this project come to pass! our children need this!	Tom Curley
We need this skatepark.	Jonathan Doman

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What a welcome addition to Pensacola this skate park will be! Certainly do hope that we can do all that is possible to see the worthwhile project come to fruition.	Suzanne Olvany
Would be a wonderful addition for the kids	Tiffanie G.
Would be great for the community!	Andrew Hunt
Yes to the Blake Doyle Community Park. Time to heal the divide within our city and bring some great outdoor recreation for people of all ages and abilities.	Kyle
Yes! please, we and the entire community are in support of this proposal. We encourage this for the benefit our community as whole. It will be beneficial to our city and our childrens childrens in the future. Thank you in advance.	Jeannie Rhoden

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OLF8 Commerce Park Improvements

Comment	Name
Please don't move forward with the OLF8 project. There are already multiple commerce/industrial parks that aren't successful. In addition, The infrastructure on 9 mile Rd will not be able to handle the extra traffic.	Amber Wise
The vast majority of Beulah residents do not wish to see the OLF8 deal go through. The amount of traffic navy federal has produced has not even been accommodate yet and there are huge plans to build on this land to make matters worse? Please leave this land as it is. Cities do NOT have to build over every inch of land.	Colleen Harris
I am a 21 year resident of Beulah and I accept that growth and change will continue to happen in our community. However I do not believe we have the infrastructure to support the development of OLF 8. Just 4 laning Nine Mile Road is not enough. The impact to Beulah in pushing ahead may well prove to be a disaster and a very costly one.	Angela Tinker
I feel very strongly on the topic of OLF8 so will keep my comment very short. NO! The swap is not acceptable. The Commissioners of this county had no right to spend our tax funds on such a poorly thought out project. Again NO to the swap.	Tammy Matcke
I'd like to see these studies that have supposedly been done on the OLF8 project area. We have been asking for them for months and no one has provided them. We had funding approved for the widening of 9 Mile Rd and the state put it on the backburner to fund other projects, meanwhile Navy Federal has grown exponentially, new developments are popping up faster than rabbits procreate and the number of accidents and traffic incidents in the Beulah community have skyrocketed. We are NOT prepared to handle a commerce park on top of everything else that's already been started before the 9 Mile Rd project is finished. There are members of our community that have held many meetings to discuss developing a Master Plan to incorporate into these development plans so that Beulah residents and the county will be happy but it keeps getting blown off. Beulah CAN NOT handle all this development. We do not have the resources here to be able to sustain this type of growth this fast. Resources like stop lights, a full time fire station, medical access, updated sewage and drainage infrastructures, & upgraded roads are just a few to name. Putting the cart before the horse is what got us in the mess we are in currently. Don't continue to make bad decisions and mess up a nice country community even more than you already have. People moved here to get away from the high-traffic, high stress areas that are prevalent in areas like Warrington & Ensley. Soon we will be just like them.	Tara Allsop
Please do not proceed with the OLF8 land swap to build another industrial park/site. If the swap does commence, use that land for Beulah community development (shopping, dining, entertainment, medical, auto repair, etc). I vote, I'm vocal, and I'm anxiously watching to see if our representatives really represent 'we the people', or the few wealthy who fund campaigns and couldn't care any less how their greed and self-interest negatively affects the community at large.	Kathryn Trinkle
I am a Beulah resident and I am against the olf8 projects. The county doesn't need this project when others alike have failed, and other more important thinks need to be done for citizens living here. Beulah residents are not in agreement and do not want this land swap. It is being reported that we do.	Jayleen Fretwell

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<p>I am against using the Restore Money to for the OLF8/OLFX Land swap for several reasons. 1) First and foremost the deal for this was done many years ago in the dark where no community input was asked or received. No studies for return of investments, feasibility nothing was done. It was and still an attitude of "build it and they will come." 2) We have several other commerce parks already in Pensacola that is sitting completely or partially empty. I'm not sure we could justify the need for another one. 3) The budget for this swap continues to grow and the county is already in debt to the tune of 9 million dollars. As illustrated earlier in the month before Navy concessions the OLFX project alone would be close to 6 million over budget. Once again there is nothing to show the county or the tax payers that going that far in debt on this project will pay off in the long term. 4) The infrastructure in the Beulah community does not support any more growth. The fire station is out dated and can't be brought to code so a new building would have to be built. At it's current state if a fire was to happen at Navy Fed the station that is less than 3 miles from that business could not respond as it does not have the proper equipment. The roads are now being updated, however that was a project 10 years in the making so once the road are finished they will still be outdated and need improvement. There is a new school being built on 9 mile that along with a commerce park and Navy Federal and many new subdivisions there is just not suitable roads to travel on that traffic would not be a hazard much less a hassle. It's just not feasible for the county to waste money to put in a commerce park at this time. The community of Beulah needs emergency services, amenities, improved roads and a community center that could better suit that acreage of land if anything at all needs to go in there.</p>	<p>Dorrian Vance</p>
<p>I do NOT support another ind park to be built on olf8! You the BOCC have wasted enough money on this failed project. You think that the people wants this No! This county is behind 10 years compare to other counties that has move to entertainment still parks. But you contuine to put a indurstal park on us. We want our roads to be fix. We want storm water drainage to be done. We have more important issue then another indurstal park. Why don't you fill the tech park downtown and the one on hwy 29!</p>	<p>Tony Vance</p>
<p>I am a 31+ year Beulah resident and i am disheartened to see how the OLF8 swap has carried on. It seems like maybe it started with good intentions years ago but now its a disaster...an expensive disaster. Olf8 is really all we have left of old country Beulah, a virgin...unmolested tract of beautiful land...trees. Historically...commerce parks in this county fail, most are sitting no where near capacity year round..some have fallen apart. It also bothers me that now i see the idea kicking around of letting nfcu buy it. Are we now doing this just for the sake of doing it? Its a complete waste of funds...totally unnecessary. Our water quality is garbage, roads are broken up, drainage is a problem everywhere...and they want to dump 20 million into a land swap that may...maybe...at its very best..break even, and only serves to ruin a beautiful peice of property and line a developers pockets. I say no to olf8/olfX...lose as little as possible, chalk it up to good intentions gone awry.</p>	<p>Thomas Hagren</p>
<p>Commerce Center is needed for our future economic health. Please find compatible neighbors for Navy Federal, be innovative, high tech. Industrial can go in any of our existing sites.</p>	<p>Eddie Todd</p>
<p>do not put RESTORE \$ in the hands of the Chamber of Commerce non profit Florida West. Use it for the Public.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Do we need a commerce park?</p>	<p>David</p>
<p>Escambia county does not need to continue to develop undisturbed areas when there are</p>	<p>Zachary Lane</p>

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<p>plenty of underutilized areas with existing utilities and roadways that could be revitalized. Guise of job creation.</p>	
<p>Everything I have read and heard is against this project. The money needs to go to improving or replacing county infrastructure like roads, lighting, fire stations, increase police, etc. especially in the older areas of the county.</p>	Beth Moulder
<p>I do not agree with utilizing this large amount of land for another commerce park. We have too many in the area that sit empty. I would prefer to see a combination of restaurants, residential (condos), shopping, parks (human and/or dog) and potentially a movie theatre (indie or otherwise) or some other form of entertainment.</p> <p>I moved here from falls Church, VA and can attest to the economic impact that a place like this can have on the community. http://mosaicdistrict.com is a perfect example of how it can be done correctly. That area used to be a run down area that was not used efficiently. Now it is a booming area drawing a lot of new residents, shops, restaurants and most importantly income to the county.</p>	Matt Kress
<p>I do not support additional development in a wet area. What happened to Belle Creek, which starts just south of the I-10 welcome station and enters the Eleven Mile Creek Watershed? And how did a cement company get a permit to set up an active production plant in a wetland?</p>	Barbara Albrecht
<p>I do not support spending more than \$1.5 million of our RESTORE dollars for a master plan that designs our beautiful field, OLF-8, as the developers field of dreams - a gigantic commerce park. I agree with a Nature Trail resident who said that the highest and best use of the property has yet to be determined. Is it a commerce park? Nothing done so far proves that. In fact, so far the swap has been an irresponsible money pit for our dollars.</p> <p>The project has moved inexorably forward based on the unbudgeted and unsubstantiated best guesses of developers and Florida West. This will be such a financial fiasco for Escambia County that commissioners will hope to be forgotten.</p> <p>Beulah is going to be its own small town shortly – a town that lacks the most basic infrastructure. I see the OLF-8 site as a mixed use development with some land for Navy Federal if they want it for expansion, and the trees and landscape on the west side preserved with nature trails/walking/bike paths. Create a town center on a small-town scale with a fire department, a library, a community center, an outdoor event space with a covered stage surrounded by a short wall for seating and grass for kids to run around in during concerts. Surround that with small restaurants, shops and where it is not seen – some light commercial development. Leave green buffers along Nine Mile Road.</p> <p>One estimate presented to the BCC late last year put the tab at \$35 million for the swap, developing OLF-X for the Navy in Santa Rosa County, and developing Beulah’s OLF-8 with infrastructure like drainage and roads. That was not based on any approved engineering plan for OLF-8, and some say it is a gross underestimate.</p> <p>The argument that this huge investment can only be recovered if the land is just used for commerce is what will benefit developers. But will it best benefit the residents who live around it? I expect the cost will be so exorbitant to get the infrastructure on the ground that the land will be too expensive for recovering our investment. Unless the county heavily incentivizes companies to settle there, pays them to do it, we will be looking at a field of asphalt and curbs for decades. If the residents can use the space for their needs, too, they may say the money was well spent. If not, they will hang this folly around the county’s neck. Finally, and not least, the process for raising OLF-8 to the top of the Escambia economic</p>	Theresa Blackwell

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<p>development RESTORE list is questionable. The RESTORE committee vice-chairman said he talked to a few people and decided to double the points he gave to the project (He has announced that he will run for commissioner of District 2 and has a large war chest already. Could one of those he talked to possibly have been the big campaign contributor who has honchoed the push for this commerce park?).</p> <p>The other obvious problem with the application for the project is that it touts providing a new field at OLF-X in Santa Rosa County as a benefit of the OLF-8 project – supporting the Navy’s mission here. The problem with that is that it has nothing to do with developing OLF-8 here in Escambia County. It will be a done deal at the point that we work on a master plan for our own OLF-8 property. The flaw in logic here tries to borrow credit that is not due. How many RESTORE committee members gave extra points for what amounts to flag waving?</p>	
<p>I support the project in general but think other uses than just a commerce park should be considered. Retail, office and other mixed uses should be considered since they could benefit the surrounding needs of the growing residential community.</p>	Fred Hemmer
<p>Oil Spill funds should be used to improve the environment that was harmed by the spill. Although I support economic development projects, I DO NOT support this site. the OLF8 site would lead to urban sprawl and NEGATIVE impacts on Escambia Countys natural resources, not restoring them.</p>	Todd Bibza
<p>This project, to my mind, is not something that should be directly tied to Oil Spill money. Even so, its been chosen, and it does give incentives for potential economic development (bringing jobs), while also helping fortify our community against future BRAC decisions by the Navy. Anything that helps support our local bases in preserving and building upon their existing missions has my support.</p>	Laura Buchinger
<p>This should be used for projects that would improve the residents quality of life not bring another overpriced, ugly eyesore to this end of the county. Let NFCU buy what it wants (they are wonderful about planning, presentation and landscaping) and use the remaining for light mixed use businesses with pleasing appeal (uniform building standards), walkability and bike access so having an automobile is not required and green spaces / buffers from the road. We are woefully behind in services, basic public transportation and even traffic signals. An industrial park is not a draw for a family when the schools are dismal, we have no public library nearby and no centralized community space for gatherings. There is no reason currently to make people want to live here...we have a chance to make this project something special and pleasing and forward thinking. The current improvement as in industrial park is no such thing.</p>	Karinna Sole E Mari
<p>Too expensive and there has been no true needs assessment and studies to show that this will be successful. Much of the planning for this was done out of the Sunshine and remains out of the public record. There are several existing, competing projects that are further along in funding and development. Because of the OLF8 location so close to residential areas, compatible uses should be sought for that area while giving Navy Federal some room to expand and buffer their operations next door.</p> <p>The justification that brought this project towards the top of the RESTORE project selection process was based on ideas that have nothing to do with this project and the RESTORE selection criteria like enhancing the Navys ability to withstand the BRAC process.</p> <p>Escambia County has many pressing needs that should take precedence over a project of this scope. The residents of this area, Beulah, should have a say in what they want their</p>	Jacquiline Rogers

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community to look like through a public input master plan process of *all of Beulah*. The score of this project on the last day of meetings dramatically shot up without explanation.	
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Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Beach Access

Comment	Name
As of now, our family of five (two adults and three kids 2, 5 & 7) would like: #1 Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Beach Access..... #2 ⚠ Perdido Key Multi-Use Path.....	Sean Bullington
accessibility will enhance more tourism by individuals and their caretakers	Eddie Todd
I am not sure where this access is located by the map attached. Hoping its not where the chamber of commerce and fire station is.	Paula & Bill Neff
It is a waste of money to plan and design things that the County will never implement.	Gena Buchanan
Its a shame that we have to get outside funding to build limited facilities so that we locals can access the beaches that used to be available to all of us. Walkover structures are important for preserving the dunes (with their vegetation) and hopefully for aiding the wildlife. Public bathrooms, if they are maintained properly, will be a good thing. I hope that large, impervious parking lots will not be a component of this project. We need some parking, of course, but it would be great if it were constructed so that rainwater can soak into the pavement, rather than just run off. Even better would be a trolley service that would allow visitors to leave their cards in a lot on the landward side of the Theo Baars bridge, and then be taken by trolley and dropped off at public beach access sites on the island.	Laura Buchinger
More Condos being built 😊 Denying more Beach access to the voting , tax paying Public ☹	Alfredo W Villamor
Perdido Key has not had ANY Beach Access or Parking added in approximately 40 years, but . Development and Tourism has brought a huge increase in visitors. Acquiring land for Beach Access and Parking should be near the top of the list. That does not mean adding one more Access with 15-20 parking spots. At a minimum, there should be at least 100 parking spots added, just to help current situation. We needed this additional Beach Access years ago, not to mention our future generations. Perdido Key already is seeing an increase of locals that do not want to deal with Pensacola Beach traffic. When the new bridge construction begins, Im guessing it may be worse. Perdido Key has almost run out of land to acquire for beach access. This is the last chance to acquire gulf front property for the locals that have supported Escambia County year-round for decades, plus visitors that are not staying directly on the beach. Many of us cannot afford to rent a gulf-front condo just to spend a day at the beach. The beach attracts locals, tourists and new businesses to our area. It is extremely important to make sure that adequate beach parking and beach access is provided. For 10-20 years I have listened to the speeches and promises about providing adequate beach access, while nothing is done. The citizens of Escambia County deserve to be able to access the beaches, like we have... long before development replaced our pristine barrier island. NOTE: I am adding this, so that it will be in the public record. I submitted a Project for the Restore Funding. It was Application #124 and Ranked 110 at one point. It was titled: Perdido Key- Additional Public Parking And Beach Access. What happened to it? I made it very similar to this Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Beach Access project, in hopes of getting a similar high score, but my project was scored much lower. No	John Hill
please complete as soon as possible.	Brian Osswald

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Please develop universal access at our beaches.	Mary Lynn Williams
Sorely needed to ensure that all residents can access the beach there!	Jacqueline Rogers
Sure, please work together with the S. FL Planners who created a beautiful vision for this area that was swept under the rug by the previous EsCo Commissioner. See Perdido Key Multi-use Path, below.	Barbara Albrecht
The plan for improving public access to Perdido Key beach areas is greatly needed. Current facilities are well-used but in need of improvement, particularly through improved parking measures and construction of dune crossovers to replace current cuts in the dunes that would be hazardous in severe storms. The project would create more environmentally friendly public access to the Gulf of Mexico, including for persons with disabilities, and would be a significant complement for the to-be-constructed Perdido Key Multi-Use Path.	Charles Krupnick
They will help save the dunes.	David Landry
What is the impact on habitat? Need more info.	B. S. Morgan
Where will the public go once theyre on the beach? With the exception of the Fed and State parks, the beaches on PK are privately owned. The public already abuses the private beaches. If this continues, the cash cow condos will become vacant.	Jack Airlie
While I agree that there should be additional access to the beaches, I think that the priorities dictate that the money could be better spent on the multi-use path and planning for underground utilities.	Zachary Lane

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Perdido Key Multi-Use Path

Comment	Name
As a frequent visitor to Perdido Key, and potential future investor, I want to express my strong support for the multi-use path. My family would use this path daily, instead of using cars. It is a healthy, fun, and green alternative! Looking forward to its development.	Amy Cromwell
My wife and I have lived on Perdido Key for 5 years now. We've both are active in the community, I currently service on the Board of Directors for the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce and my wife is active in many charity events. We truly enjoy all that Perdido Key currently as to offer. However one of the most disappointing aspects of Perdido Key is the inability to enjoy the Key safely by either walking, running or biking. "Walk-ability" equates to livability in creating a healthy, vibrant and safe community; which in turn provides for a healthy business climate an fosters overall economic growth. As the Chair of the Business Retention and Workforce Development Committee for the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce, I cannot find enough words to express how vital the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path is to Perdido Key's future. I am supporting and asking you to fund the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path project, please do so!	Jim Baren
As of now, our family of five (two adults and three kids 2, 5 & 7) would like: #1 Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Beach Access..... #2  Perdido Key Multi-Use Path.....	Sean Bullington
We own a home in Perdido Key Coves and walk to the beach several times a week. We also like to bike but do not feel safe doing so on the current path on the side of gulf beach highway. Having access to a safe bike path will encourage more people to walk/bike instead of using cars for short trips as well. We fully support Doug Underhill's efforts to fast track the Perdido Key bike path and the Perdido Gulf Beach access projects.	Mark Rosser
After living in Walton County in the 30A area, I can tell you that having such a multi-use path is invaluable and will be a tremendous asset to Perdido Key!	Debra Clanton
An excellent use of Restore money. Pedestrian/bicycle safety enhances the quality of life.	Gena Buchanan
As a frequent walker and bike rider I can personally attest to the dire need for a multi-use path on Perdido key. I cannot recall the number of times I have almost been nailed by distracted drivers who veer or ease off to the shoulder as they check their texts or just enjoy the pretty scenery! Please make the multi-use path a priority during your deliberations.	Pete Anderson
Because of the two lane structure of the road, it is difficult (if not hazardous) for people to walk or ride bikes. That leaves only auto transportation as we have no public transportation on the Key. This is needed for public safety, alternative transportation, and public health.	Beverly Fortier
Need information on impact to habitat.	David
Over 77% of property owners on Perdido Key favored the creation of an off-road pedestrian/bicycle path on the Key in a 2015 survey. The current shoulders on Perdido Key Drive (SR 282) are only a few feet wide making walking or cycling along the highway a hazardous experience – tragically demonstrated in April 2017 when 8 pedestrians were injured	Charles Krupnick

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<p>in a one vehicle accident. When completed, the approved Perdido Key Multi-Use path will provide increased public safety for young and old, health and recreational benefits, economic opportunity for local businesses, mobility options for persons with disabilities, and encourage less use of motorized vehicles, It will also provide immediate access to Perdido Key State Park, Gulf Islands National Seashore, and existing Escambia and Baldwin County trails. Funding has been designated for design and construction of a good portion of the Path; what remains is obtaining funding for construction of its easternmost half. A RESTORE grant will help fill this need and greatly facilitate the completion of the Path.</p>	
<p>Pedestrian/ Bike paths much needed</p>	<p>W Villamor</p>
<p>Perdido Key is being over developed as it is. I appreciate that we have at least created a Master Plan, and that our County is doing what were able to in terms of preserving the limited natural areas that remain. I know a lot of hard work has gone into that. I would encourage more. While a multi-use path would be a nice amenity for the wealthy people who are loading up this fragile barrier island with huge condo towers, I would prefer that money meant to address the environmental disaster of the Deep Water Oil Spill event ; its aftermath not go to make a rich folks playground even comfier for them. Local residents who dont want to further burden the islands limited resources by moving out there will likely not be utilizing this path. We go to Perdido Key to visit the areas of the beaches that we can still get to, not to jog and bike along a busy roadway.</p>	<p>Laura Buchinger</p>
<p>please complete as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Bian Osswald</p>
<p>Sure, please work together with the S. FL Planners who created a beautiful vision for this area that was swept under the rug by the previous EsCo Commissioner. See Perdido Key Gulf Access, above.</p>	<p>Barbara Albrecht</p>
<p>This is a much needed initiative for Perdido Key. I strongly support funding of this project.</p>	<p>Peter</p>
<p>This plan needs to include a provision never to 4 lane perdido key drive and create an unwelcoming environment.</p>	<p>Zachary Lane</p>
<p>This project is badly needed to allow walking and bike paths and I strongly support it. However,the Project Summary page needs corrections. The legend on the map shows a red line of approximately one half mile as the part to be constructed now, yet the words in the summary refer to 2.4 miles of construction. In short we dont know where this first part will be constructed. Please fix.</p>	<p>Jack Airlie</p>
<p>This wil improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. (A white stripe on the shoulder does not protect anyone from vehicle traveling 45 mph). Further, it will promote a sense of community and walkable neighborhoods like those on 30A. Many residents and tourists already use the path on Johnson Beach Rd., and this will be a great addition to the Florida trail system.</p>	<p>David Landry</p>
<p>Very much needed for the safety of our residents and visitors.</p>	<p>Brockman</p>

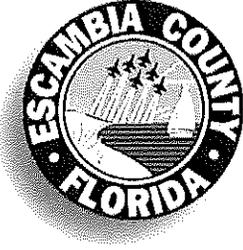
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Project Universal Access

Comment	Name
I support both the Carpenters Creek and beach access projects. Beach access has been denied to the disabled by a failure of understanding the importance of the built environment.	Kathleen A Wilks
I fully support the universal beach design project.. Disabled persons in this County pay taxes and should have the same access as we able bodied people do. Imagine as an adult seeing the water of the Gulf up close, to feel the water and experience the water. Very exciting.	Deborah Trockie
This is to voice support for universal access for persons with disabilities in recreational activities. Also, to support the use of BP funds to be used to insure access to recreational activities for persons with disabilities	William Simmons
I support Project Universal Access. I support more opportunities for people with disabilities to enjoy outdoor recreation, especially going to the beach, hiking, fishing and swimming, and therefore, I support Universal Access to all beach and ferry landing facilities. Further, I support using BP oil funds to create recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. Thank you!	William Saier
I fully support Project Universal Access. As a local resident and person with a disability, I support more opportunities for people with disabilities to enjoy outdoor recreation, especially going to the beach, hiking, fishing and swimming. Specifically I support Universal Access to all beach and ferry landing facilities. Further, I support using BP oil funds to create recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.	Beth Saier
A worthwhile project, but the cost for just a review of need and a plan is excessive. Cost should run less than \$150,000.	Jack Airlie
accessibility will enhance more tourism by individuals and their caretakers.	Eddie Todd
Although the park from the photos in cape san blas is very underutilized. Park should appeal to all.	Zachary Lane
I support ada improvements but not too keen on the design.	David
No brainer!	Barbara Albrecht
Please develop universal access so that all persons, not just able bodied, can enjoy our beautiful beaches.	Mary Lynn Williams
Seek grant funding first if not already done.	Beth Moulder
There should always be universal access to all the amenities of an area. Enjoying our beaches is difficult for people with many different kinds of disabilities, and not just the ones that are visible. I appreciate the public input component planned for this project.	Beverly Perry
This is a very worthy idea, but its a waste of money to plan and design things that the County will never implement.	Gena Buchanan
This is not a need to do but a must do!!!	Wendy
This project has a laudable goal, but I do not see it as a priority need for our area when compared with the other projects on this list. Its unfortunate that we do not have adequate	Laura Buchinger

Written Comments

<p>ADA access to many public facilities, but that problem existed long before the oil spill, and is not directly related, in my view. If the project is implemented, I would prefer that the efforts concentrate on providing access to natural areas, such as limited portions of the Gulf beaches, and other water adjacent sites.</p>	
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Name: Jared Whipkey Date: 6/23/17

Email Address: jared@comfortnmobility.com

Affiliation: DME Supplier Comfort-N-Mobility, Inc.

Comments: _____

I Support universal access to the beaches.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared", is written over the signature line.



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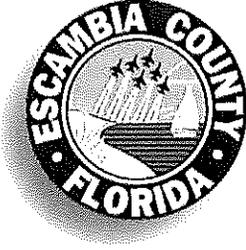
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Name: Daryl Young Date: 06/23/2017

Email Address: daryl.young.44@yahoo.com

Affiliation: Disability Summit Council

Comments: I support Beach access for ppl
with disabilities



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Name: Shirley Patman Date: 6/23/17

Email Address: rayshir1man@gmail.com

Affiliation: CapStone

Comments: I Support ^{public} ~~private~~ Access to
the beach. For Project Universal Access.



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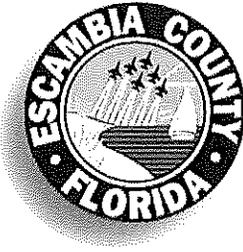
Name: Berlinda Alexandra Date: 6/23/17

Email Address: berlinda.alexander@Capstonelearning.org

Affiliation: Capstone

Comments:

I support University Beach access
Stacey Showers
Rashawn Blackman
Kemi George
Weathers Boatwright
Merrilee Butler



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Name: ERIC TURNER Date: JUNE 23-17

Email Address: TURNER Linda @ att.net

Affiliation: _____

Comments: make places if Bathrooms small
and have a big wheel chair that need
DOUBLE DOORS TO GET IN WE HAD SEEN
THIS HAPPEN THIS HAPPEN BE FOR WITH
OUT A PLACE WITH OUT DOUBLE DOOR
THEY CANT DO STUFF LIKE GOING TO MOVIES
IF THEY DONT HAVE A DOUBLE DOOR IF
THEIR WHEEL CHAIR DONT FIT IN A PLACE
WITH ONE DOOR.



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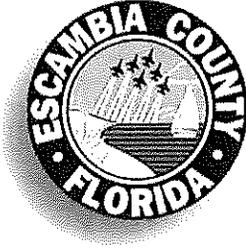
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Name: Zionette Cleek Date: 6/23/17

Email Address: zionette.cleek@people-unleashed.org

Affiliation: Agency for Reason with Disabilities

Comments: I support Project Universal Access to beaches
for people with disabilities



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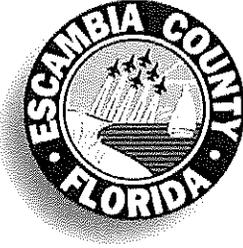
Email Address: mydianne@cox.net

Affiliation: FL Vocational Rehab (Dept of Education)

Comments: _____

I support access to the
beaches for individuals who
have disabilities.

Dianne Mitchell



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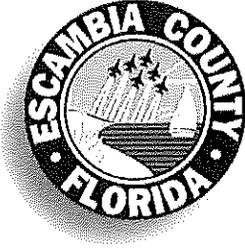
Name: Annette Zeeb Date: 6/23/17

Email Address: Annette.Zeeb@apdcare.org

Affiliation: Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Comments: _____

I support access to beaches
for people with disabilities
and Project Universal Access



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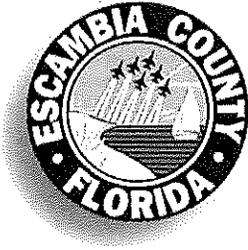
Name: Lynda TURNER Date: 6-23-17

Email Address: TurnerLinda1@ATT.net

Affiliation: _____

Comments: _____

I support the Disability to the beaches



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Name: Paul Vitone Date: 6/23/2017

Email Address: paul.vitone@yahoo.com

Affiliation: _____

Comments: I support universal access to
the beach

Written Comments

SOAR with RESTORE

Comment	Name
Establishes another Government bureaucracy. Use other county organizations, already in place to do planning.	Jack Airlie
I have very little confidence that this program will be successful.	Bob Sidoti
Job training is important but need to focus on improving area infrastructure to keep residents here once trained	Beth Moulder
Looks like a scam \$\$\$ going into multiple non profits.	N/A
Pensacola ; Escambia County need programs that help impoverished citizens become better prepared with life skills and vocational training that will help them enter or re-enter the workforce. Oil Spill funds, in my opinion, should go toward environmental programs, to protect and preserve our coastal ecosystems and the related waterways and basins that flow into them. Our populations stubbornly high levels of generational poverty, along with the frequent incarceration of many people in those populations, does need any help that can be obtained. If these people are going to be trained and given vocational skills they can use toward self-sustainability while having positive impacts on our local ecosystems, I do support it. I just hope this project will be consistently supported by local government bodies, and that broad community support will be cultivated.	Laura Buchinger
This is a good idea, skeptical if there will be a follow-up with the folks who are trained to see if they do get placed. The intent of this proposal was to help the local community, I can only hope it does what it portrays.	Barbara Albrecht
This project has no accountability measures and no clear metrics. How are they going to measure the outcomes of this workforce training?	Damin Newburn
This seemed like a project to give the consultant heading up the submission work to do for his business. I attended a meeting where the group that hadnt decided yet to be a part of it was stated in the handouts as a participant partner.	Jacqueline Rogers
Very, very vague. Train people in skills where there are NO JOBS? I think not.	Gena Buchanan
We need job development in the underserved areas of our community. Expanding the types of environmental jobs that will have training in the area, beyond the type listed in the project, would be a good use of funds from the BP disaster. Hazard remediation is listed, but we also need solar, wind technology, and design jobs and training.	Beverly Perry
Work force training and Heritage tourism are still vital components needed in this City.	Eddie Todd
The Soar with Restore was dreamed up to benefit the black community. That is racism. The NAACP was involved in discussions. The money going into various 501 c with reverend and ministers muddies the water about separation of religion and state. The fact the BOCC even considers this is wrong. http://pensacolavoice.com/archives/6371	N/A

Written Comments

South Dogtrack Drainage

Comment	Name
<p>We are pleased to see Escambia County address environmental impacts in its proposed projects, especially Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization and Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration, as well as South Dogtrack Drainage Project, Eleven Mile Creek Basin, and Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park. (See General Comment Section for full letter)</p>	<p>Audubon Florida, Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation, Ocean Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy</p>
<p>Thanks that the Hampton Lake Project has been approved. The Hampton Lake project does also include Coral Creek and Liberty Church/Three Shades of Green area. These area's flooded in April of 2014. These area's flooded badly due to lack of storm water drainage.</p> <p>I would to discuss Hampton Lake area. 55 out of 77 townhouses flooded. Dog Track Road became a dam during the flood. Water came from Johns swamp and low areas and since culverts along Dog Track Road could not handle storm water, water backed up and flooded Hampton Lake subdivision. Thankfully the Restore Act Committee identified our issue and surrounding area and approved the project.</p> <p>Having your home flooded is a very real and traumatic event. It not only effects the entire family but the community as a whole. Our eco system was damaged and environment changed. Family lives changed due to storm water damage and emotional stress. It has taken until just today that the last townhouse has been restored/refurbished and is rentable or livable. Any community needs a stable environment to live, raise children and retire. Providing a community with a method to dispose of storm water runoff gives that community a stable living environment. Thanks.</p>	<p>Thomas Adcock</p>
<p>I am sending this along with previous correspondence and pictures that have been sent to the county engineering department since the flood of April 2014. Since the Southwest Escambia County Sports Complex was built on Bauer Road, the homes along the west side of Bridge Creek Drive have either flooded or have had standing water in the rear of the property. The water has reached my home twice and the second time we had \$70,000 in damages. Since then, we have been sandbagging our rear patio door on numerous occasions due to the water rising in the rear yard. I have even plugged the weep holes in the masonry to keep the water out.</p> <p>I would hope that the proposed Swale Cleaning and Grading can be finally be funded with the RESTORE Act funds.</p>	<p>Richard McFadden</p>
<p>I am following up on flooding in the neighborhood of the south side of Bridge Creek Drive</p>	<p>Dale Sader</p>

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(Woodridge Manor). Attached are some pictures and letter. Mr TJ Williams, Project Coordinator and a couple other Escambia County Personnel had stopped by early in the year, observed and documented.	
As the Site Manager for the development (Three Waters Green/ Mariners Village) that is directly effected by this project I am in full support for all 300 different families that I represent as well as the families living in Coral Creek Subdivision.	Rosa Houston
Good project to restore floodplain, restore wetlands, and improve water quality	Todd Bibza
Greatly needed.	Gena Buchanan
I support this project, but would like to expand the concept to mitigate the next big issue. Id like to see the property adjacent to the headwaters of Bayou Grande purchased and protected so that no development can occur in this low lying area. The Walmart, Target, and the stand alone gas station will likely begin contributing stormwater to this system, which is in remarkable good shape.	Barbara Albrecht
It was dumb to build in this low area.	Beth Moulder
The Board of County Commissioners needs to stop permitting development of most of the southwest area of the county. It is an area of naturally occurring wetlands that is already grossly overdeveloped. This is the reason for the repeated flooding losses. Protect natural wetlands; let them remain wet! Dont dig big storm water ponds that are not going to hold up to the likely increased heavy rain events and tropical storm related flooding we will be having in the near future. We had devastating flooding in 2012 and 2014, with both storms called 200 year or 500 year events - though they occurred only 2 years apart! I see the advantages of storm water ponds as a short term band aid. But they breed mosquitos, they dont get maintained to the degree they should, and their creation encourages land clearing and additional development around them. With hotter temperatures, sea level rise and increasingly frequent major rain events (hotter air holds more moisture, then dumps it in heavy, damaging storms) - we need undeveloped wetlands, monitored and protected. Not more houses packed closely together, with the owners feeling false confidence that their drainage infrastructure and storm water ponds are going to protect them. They wont.	Laura Buchinger
The development of subdivisions in floodplains should have not been allowed.	Zachary Lane
This is necessary for the families that would be displaced due to flooding.	Renee Frair
We need proper drainage system in this populated area.	Mary Lynn Williams

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General Comments

Comment	Name
<p>This comment is to draw attention to the fact that it is imperative that Project 86- Town of Century Water Quality Project should be added to this short list of projects during this MYIP draft stage. The Water Quality Improvement Project nominated for Century is about improving the treatment of the waste from the treatment plant -- the effluent that goes into the Escambia River, our watershed. Lack of such repairs/replacements could potentially have major adverse consequences throughout the county – think water pollution that effects water quality, swimmers, fish, biota, recreational activities, eco-tourism, tourism, public health and welfare and so forth. The proposed project will enhance and protect the water quality in the Escambia River and Upper Escambia Bay. It is much more economical and effective to reduce pollutants at the source than to try and improve water quality at the other end. This project fixes the source of water quality impairments and is very much in the best interests of most if not all citizens of Escambia County whether or not they are aware of the problem. The Clean Water Act is about preventing pollution, point and non point. This project is in perfect alignment of what the Restore Act money is to be used for. This is a valid prudent need in Escambia County. This treats the waste from the Century Correctional Facility which houses many of Escambia's prisoners not just the wastewater for the small town. I am bringing it to the attention of Escambia County the dire circumstances surrounding this location and the needs that this project addresses should not be overlooked nor ignored. Please add it to the list. As part of my comment I am adding this from a letter attached to the project: “RE: Town of Century Water Quality Improvements Project The Escambia County Water Quality & Land Management Division supports the Town of Century Water Quality Improvements Project. This project will replace four wastewater lift stations that have exceeded their useful life, upgrade and replace existing water supply equipment, install new wastewater treatment equipment, repair leaking and overflowing sewers, and provide for the mapping and data basing of all utilities. These improvements are necessary to increase system reliability to attract economic development prospects for the Town of Century, and to improve water quality in the Escambia River and Escambia Bay which are 303(d) listed impaired waters. Improving water quality is a challenging and expensive endeavor. It is much more economical and effective to reduce pollutant loadings at the source than to try and improve water quality at the end of the pipe. This proposed project fixes the source of water quality impairment and is therefore a prudent expenditure of public funds, Sincerely, Taylor "Chips" Kirschenteld Senior Scientist & Division Manager Water Quality & Land Management Division “</p>	<p>Joan Carnley</p>
<p>The "Town of Century Water Quality Improvements Project" that was submitted two years ago did not make the shortlist of projects to be included in the initial MYIP. While I realize that there were many credible projects submitted and not all can make the shortlist, I respectfully ask that the RESTORE Staff and the BOCC take a closer look at this project. You may find that it warrants being added to the shortlist or funded sooner in some other manner.</p> <p>This project was important when submitted two years ago and is now imperative. The Town of Century is in great need of water and wastewater infrastructure improvements. Since submission of the project, the wastewater system equipment and infrastructure have further deteriorated requiring frequent repairs/maintenance. Funding for this project is direly needed to replace wastewater lift stations; to repair or replace existing water supply equipment and wastewater treatment equipment; and, to repair leaking and overflowing sewers. Many of the</p>	<p>Harold Carnley</p>

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<p>problems involve equipment that was put into place with the wastewater plant in 1991 that is failing due to age.</p> <p>At least \$430,000 to fix “critical” problems with the water and wastewater facilities is needed now. These critical repairs include \$80,000 in wastewater plant fixes and \$150,000 in the wastewater collection system. The wells also need \$200,000 in critical repairs. These are just the “critical” repairs needed now. Without funding for the proposed project, other equipment and infrastructure will also reach critical status sooner rather than later. For more details about these and other issues, you may want to speak with Alicia Jernigan, Century’s certified wastewater operator, as well as with Mayor Hawkins and Town Council members.</p> <p>I’m neither an environmental engineer nor a scientist, but I do understand that failing to repair and replace this equipment and infrastructure can and may very well produce devastating results throughout a large part of Escambia County. The proposed project will enhance and protect the water quality in the Escambia River and Upper Escambia Bay by improving the quality of the point source discharge of the Town’s wastewater treatment plant. It will also improve the River and Bay water quality by eliminating or greatly reducing sewer system overflows caused by ageing/unreliable equipment and infiltration/inflow into the sewer collection system which adversely effects the efficiency of the wastewater treatment facility. The consequences of not funding this project are dire and effects most of the county.</p> <p>On the surface, this project is not as pretty or fun as building another beach access, a multi-use path or additional parking, but failing to fund this project soon could have far-reaching adverse effects that quickly overshadow some other projects that are on the shortlist.</p> <p>This project is very much in the best interest of most if not all citizens of Escambia County whether or not they are aware of the problem. I urge you to seriously look into this and to find the funds to help Century fix this now or add this project to the short list and ensure it gets funded by RESTORE. Thank you.</p> <p>I hope that those who really care about what benefits the citizens of the county as a whole, and are in a position to make a decision regarding this matter, realize the importance of this project proposal. This project does not benefit just a few in select neighborhoods, whether they be poor or wealthy, but nearly the entire county. If the Escambia River system and the Upper Escambia Bay is allowed to be further polluted that hurts more than just a few, has far reaching adverse consequences, and our elected officials will be held responsible.</p> <p>Two of the projects on the initial MYIP - SOAR with Restore and Perdido Key Multi-Use Path - were ranked lower than the Water Quality Improvements Project. As important as all projects may be, how do either of those projects or others on the list trump protecting such a vast and very important water system from waste water pollution that is preventable?</p> <p>If you cannot find a way to add this project to the initial MYIP, I strongly suggest that you find some other way to fund this project. There are less important items in your current and proposed 2018 budgets</p>	
<p>We need roads repaired in the north end of the county. We need more connections to the interstate. Expand our infrastructures before all the future jobs, and business bring in more people.</p>	Dalia Taylor
<p>Important to work on infrastructures to reduce flooding on roads (But is this feasible with erratic rainy weather behavior?) Build better larger convention center in same area if possible</p>	Darcy Patrick
<p>24/7 Ferry service from downtown to the beach.... The currently proposed times do not allow for late night activities.</p>	Jacob Bryan
<p>A convention center in the downtown area would be a welcomed addition to the area. Nearly</p>	Demarcus

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30,000 people attended this years Pensacon event. This event has indeed outgrown the bay center. Other events could take place there as well of course. I hope this is considered.	
Read down old buildings that are an eye sore.	N/A
Has anyone thought about using the funds to clean the oil out of the Gulf. 90% of the oil spill is still in the Gulf of Mexico. There is a company ready to suck the oil from the bottom of our Gulf.... I think Harrison Ford owns it.	Catherine



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July 19, 2017

Escambia County Natural Resources Management, RESTORE
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502
Submitted via email: restore@myescambia.com

Re: National Wildlife Federation's Comments on Escambia County's Draft Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP)

Dear Mr. Kirschenfeld,

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is the nation's largest conservation organization, and we are dedicated to protecting wildlife and their habitats and inspiring a future generation of conservationists. On behalf of our more than six million members and supporters nationally, including hundreds of Escambia County residents, we appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on Escambia County's Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP).

Working with our state partner, the Florida Wildlife Federation, we have been on the ground, making the case for comprehensive Gulf restoration in the wake of the 2010 BP oil spill. NWF worked towards the passage of the RESTORE Act, and since then we have supported **the investment of dollars resulting from the oil spill in ecological restoration projects that benefit the Gulf's economy, with an emphasis on coastal and watershed protection**. Our Florida policy specialist has been closely following as Florida's 23 Gulf Coast Counties consider projects to fund with their Direct Component funds available through the RESTORE Act, as they develop Multi-Year Implementation Plans (MYIP).

Working with a coalition of organizations in Florida, NWF and its partners crafted a restoration framework with project outcomes and guiding principles (outlined in a July 18, 2017 comment letter, and attached as an appendix). We encourage Escambia County to keep these themes in mind while planning and implementing restoration activities.

NWF has reviewed Escambia County's MYIP, and offers the following comments on the two main components of the MYIP: **Process** and **Projects**.

PROCESS:

In 2014, the U.S. Treasury Department issued their "Direct Component Guidance and Application to Receive Federal Financial Assistance". This Guidance provides critical context for ensuring an effective process. NWF believes that Escambia County has exceeded the basic requirements outlined in the Treasury Guidance (specifically, the inclusion of the Matrix, Map, Narrative, and 45-day Public Comment). The public engagement process was inclusive, accessible, and transparent. The public was afforded numerous opportunities to contribute information at multiple steps of the process, from the development of a Community-based Needs Assessment, to a project-scoring system, to the project

solicitation process, to project selection, and to opportunities to comment on the MYIP. Escambia County also developed numerous on-line tools such as website, project submittal portal, web-based project descriptions with detailed information on all 124 projects submitted for consideration, and a project feedback form. The MYIP itself is also informative and user-friendly. NWF applauds Escambia County for their outstanding processes.

PROJECTS:

The Gulf Coast's economy and way of life are deeply entwined with the health of the land and water. The fines and penalties from the Deepwater Horizon disaster have great potential to restore and protect the Gulf of Mexico's lands, waters, wildlife, communities, and economy. NWF believes that recovery monies should be spent in a science-driven, transparent process that ensures a healthy Gulf of Mexico for wildlife as well as for future generations.

NWF supports the **Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization** Project, and we even included this project as one of our 50 restoration priorities across the Gulf in our 2017 report – [*Making the Most of Restoration: Priorities for a Recovering Gulf*](#). We also support the **Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration** and acknowledge elements of other projects that will provide natural resource benefits.

Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization: Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar are a local treasure in an urban watershed. Although portions of the creek and bayou remain in a relatively natural state, they are heavily impacted by the adjacent developed areas and have experienced environmental degradation over the past 70+ years. Urban encroachment around Carpenter Creek has reduced riparian buffers leading to increased erosion rates and flooding, increased stormwater runoff, and reduced water quality and clarity. However, these past impacts make Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar the ideal candidate for restoration. By developing a Master Plan, Escambia County will be able to identify priority actions to improve water quality and wildlife habitat while enhancing public greenspaces right in the heart of Pensacola. Natural resource restoration projects in Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar will provide critical buffers for streams and waterways, enhance riparian areas, improve water quality, and restore wildlife habitat. Such actions will improve ecological functions and provide long-term benefits to the creek itself, as well as to Pensacola Bay. Once the MYIP is finalized and approved, NWF encourages Escambia County to move forward quickly with the Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar project application. We also encourage Escambia County to invest future funds in implementing key restoration activities in Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar.

Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration: A project in the neighboring Perdido Bay watershed, the Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration will restore wetlands, remove invasive species, and establish riparian buffers that provide wildlife habitat as well as flood protection. Water quality improvements are also needed to address the degradation of Eleven Mile Creek, which is a 303(d) listed impaired waterbody with Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for numerous impairments such as fecal coliform bacteria, low dissolved oxygen, excess nutrients and other contaminants. NWF supports the restoration of approximately 3,500 linear feet of stream and 40 acres of wetland floodplain.

Additionally, NWF supports the ecological restoration elements of three other projects: **South Dogtrack Drainage Project**, **Eleven Mile Creek Basin**, and **Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park**. NWF commends Escambia County for including many projects in its MYIP that will lead to important ecological improvements in the county, and NWF asks the County to continue to prioritize and

develop projects that can provide strong ecological benefits while supporting economic gains to the local community.

Conclusion:

We applaud Escambia County for their efforts to select projects and develop a draft MYIP. NWF appreciates that Escambia County has implemented a very inclusive public engagement process. NWF supports many of the projects in the MYIP – especially the selection of **Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization** – and optimistically anticipate Escambia County employing the same level of public participation and transparent approach with future installments of Direct Component funding. We also hope to see a similar focus on ecological restoration, and we encourage Escambia County to take a larger-scale approach, focusing on just a few, impactful projects. We recommend this large-scale, ecological approach with not just future Direct Component funds, but also other RESTORE Act funds, as the health of the Gulf ecosystem drives its economy.

Thank you very much for considering our comments. Please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Bibza, our Florida Policy Specialist (bibzaj@nwf.org) to further discuss these comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,



David Muth
Director, Gulf Restoration Program
National Wildlife Federation



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July 5, 2017

The Honorable Doug Underhill, Chair
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The Honorable Grover Robinson
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RE: Comments on the Escambia County RESTORE Act Direct Component Multi-Year Implementation Plan

Dear Commission Chair Underhill and County Commissioners,

On behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, please accept these comments concerning the approval of the Escambia County RESTORE Act Direct Component Multi-Year Implementation Plan. Founded in 1947, Defenders of Wildlife is a national non-profit conservation organization focused solely on wildlife and habitat conservation and the safeguarding of biodiversity. Defenders of Wildlife has over 5,500 members and supporters in Escambia County and over 80,000 in Florida. Defenders is actively monitoring the BP oil spill restoration planning activities of Florida's northern Gulf coast counties including Escambia County.

We hope you please keep in mind that the oil spill was first and foremost an environmental disaster. In adopting the County's Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP), we strongly encourage the County to select projects with sustainable, long-term benefits to Escambia County's natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands. We believe that projects that restore or improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat will best insure Escambia County continues to enjoy abundant fish and wildlife, inviting beaches and waters, a healthy environment and a strong economy and tourism industry over the long-term. Projects such as these will help eliminate nutrients from entering your coastal waters and avoid the algae blooms that have ravaged estuaries on south Florida's east and west coasts.

We encourage the County to adopt an MYIP based on the currently available allocations for projects which provide the greatest sustainable environmental and economic benefits. Defenders of Wildlife recommends the adopted MYIP include the following projects:

1. Carpenter Creek Revitalization Plan
2. Eleven Mile Creek Basin

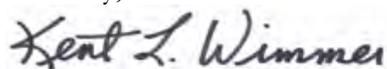
3. Eleven Mile Creek Restoration
4. Hollice T. Williams Stormwater and Recreational Park
5. Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Public Access
6. Perdido Key Multi-Use Path
7. South Dogtrack Drainage Project

We encourage you to not to approve the OLF8 project as is does not restore or improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Unlike the other projects we are supporting, the OLF8 project will not result in sustainable, long-term benefits to Escambia County's ecosystems, wildlife habitats and environmentally-friendly beach access.

Escambia County's quality of life and economy are tied to the health of its bays and their watersheds. We encourage you to wisely allocate the fines and penalties from the Deepwater Horizon disaster to restore and protect wildlife, the Gulf, the bays, coastal watersheds and your community's quality of life and economy. Please avoid squandering these one-time funds on projects that would harm the very places the money was intended to benefit. Please support projects that have a direct connection back to the Gulf ecosystems that were impacted by the spill, and that will enhance nature-based tourism and will maximize economic benefits to future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent L. Wimmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Kent L. Wimmer, AICP
Northwest Florida Representative



June 19, 2017

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Re: Comments on Escambia County's Draft Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP)

Dear Mr. Kirschenfeld,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on Escambia County's Draft Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP).

Our collective organizations (Audubon Florida, Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation, Ocean Conservancy, and The Nature Conservancy) represent nearly 100,000 members and supporters along Florida's Gulf Coast, several of whom are Escambia County residents. Working together as a coalition as well as within our individual organizations and chapters, we have been advocating for Gulf restoration that is comprehensive, and targets watersheds for protection of coastal and marine resources. Our collaboration began with the crafting and passage of the RESTORE Act and is now focused on ensuring the best allocation of restoration funds.

In anticipation of the diverse perspectives on how to spend restoration funds, our groups collaborated to develop a framework, including comprehensive restoration principles and outcomes, designed to inform project selection and Multi-Year Implementation Plans (MYIP). We encourage Escambia County to consider these themes throughout the planning and implementation of both current and future restoration activities.

A successful MYIP should have four key project outcomes: environmental impact, fisheries management, wildlife resource enhancement and community resiliency.

The cornerstone of a strong MYIP should be careful consideration of **environmental impact**; we are pleased to see that the Escambia County MYIP has focused on this element. A MYIP should include projects that protect water quality and wildlife habitat, and provide the public with environmentally sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities. The Plan should promote restoration, health and sustainability of coastal habitats, fisheries, marine resources and vulnerable species. Projects included in the MYIP should work together to maximize environmental benefits. Most importantly, the plan should not include projects that would result in further damage to the Gulf ecosystems. MYIPs should include regional projects that advance priorities toward achieving identified restoration goals that enhance

watersheds and estuaries along the Gulf Coast. We are pleased to see Escambia County address environmental impacts in its proposed projects, especially Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization and Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration, as well as South Dogtrack Drainage Project, Eleven Mile Creek Basin, and Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park.

The MYIP should also consider the sustainability and health of its **commercial and recreational fisheries**, building in projects that protect and restore habitats and estuaries, and remove threats to fisheries such as marine debris and invasive species.

In addition, the MYIP should prioritize **wildlife resource enhancement** as a means to ensure healthier communities and a thriving nature-based economy. We anticipate Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization and Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration will enhance wildlife resources.

Another key project outcome is enhanced **community resiliency**. Investments in projects that will enhance resiliency may reduce the impact of hurricanes and other disasters. Restoring and protecting marshes, wetlands, reefs and other coastal habitats also mitigate storm surge, erosion and coastal flooding, further reducing the costs of insurance and disaster relief, which may be addressed with several of the planning projects already mentioned.

In order to efficiently and effectively achieve these outcomes, we encourage several guiding principles for project selection: science-based metrics and evaluation, phased approach to implementation, clear outcomes, local input/participation, leverage opportunities, and mutual project compatibility. We are pleased that Escambia County MYIP appears to have considered some of these principles, based on the criteria used to establish MYIP priorities.

Employing the guiding principle of **science-based evaluation** is instrumental to proper project selection and plan development. Every project should be evaluated across a broad metrics of science-based criteria. In addition, project implementation should be monitored and subject to an ongoing review process to ensure short and long-term goals are being met, allocated funds are being spent responsibly and projects are performing and managed adaptively. We applaud Escambia County for developing a Best Available Science tool.

Furthermore, project descriptions should state clear, measurable and achievable ecological and community **outcomes**. Making these outcomes understood by the public and stakeholder groups, and providing opportunities for meaningful input into project selection and evaluation increases public confidence in the success of these projects and will elicit more public support.

Counties should consider ways to **leverage** resources across RESTORE funding allocations and as a match for other local, state and federal funding sources, and we were pleased to see Escambia County's approach designed to initiate planning and then identify other

funding sources for implementation. Escambia County should also seek to achieve **mutual project compatibility** to ensure that discrete projects are not inadvertently working at odds with one another. Accordingly, it would be beneficial for a panel of resource and economic managers to provide oversight and ensure project designs avoid unintended impacts to key resources that are also restoration targets.

The ultimate success of the RESTORE Act rests on selecting and implementing integrated ecological restoration projects, consistent with state-wide plans, and rigorous application of criteria to ensure that only the best and most appropriate projects are funded. We feel these themes have been well considered in projects proposed in the published MYIP and encourage Escambia County to continue to keep these themes in mind in planning and implementing future restoration activities.

We applaud Escambia County for its efforts to prepare a Draft MYIP. We respectfully request Escambia County to consider our comments and incorporate them as appropriate into both the current Draft MYIP, as well as in future MYIPs (which may be prepared as additional RESTORE Act funds become available).

Thank you very much for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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