



PERDIDO BAY BOAT RAMP

AWARD AMOUNT

\$2.5 million

LEVERAGE AMOUNT

\$500,000 — FDEP

PURPOSE

Construction

DURATION

2 Years

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY

Infrastructure benefiting the economy

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

Construction and opening of the Perdido Bay Boat Ramp.

PRIMARY BENEFITS

Construction will provide enhanced public waterway access to Perdido Bay.

The RESTORE Act, signed into law in 2012, directs 80% of civil penalties received as a result of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Gulf of Mexico oil spill be deposited in the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund. Escambia County will receive approximately \$70 million through 2031 from the RESTORE Act Direct Component (Pot 1) allocation. For more information on the County's RESTORE Program, please visit myescambia.com/RESTORE.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission awarded a cost-share grant to Escambia County for design, engineering, and environmental permitting associated with the Perdido Bay Boat Ramp project. In 2019, the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Florida Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) awarded \$500,000 to fund construction of the entrance roadway, parking, and camping shelters. Escambia County will utilize Direct Component funds to construct a publicly accessible boat ramp, paddle-craft launch, and associated dredging and infrastructure on an approximately 39+ acre County-owned parcel off Lillian Highway on Herron Bayou and Perdido Bay. Design and permitting is currently in progress.

In 2007, Escambia County directed the Escambia County Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) to conduct a search and identify suitable waterfront properties for acquisition for public waterway access. The MAC conducted monthly public meetings and identified Perdido River and Perdido Bay as the waterways in greatest need for public access. Only three small boat ramps (one of which is owned by Escambia County) existed along the approximately 50-mile Perdido River/Bay shoreline. The MAC investigated more than 130 properties and recommended the 39+ acre Lillian Highway parcel on Herron Bayou and Perdido Bay as their preferred site for a boat ramp, paddle-craft launch, and other water-dependent recreation activities. The site was previously permitted as a residential subdivision, and Escambia County purchased the property in 2012. Direct Component funding will supplement NRDA Florida TIG funding for construction of the boat ramp, dredging, and associated infrastructure.

