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DRAFT Escambia County RESTORE Project Application Form

- Notes:
1. The reference to points shown on each question are the maximum points allocated to that question from the Project Selection Criteria that will be used in scoring each project.
 2. A project Name and Location are required for each project and are entered interactively on the Portal.

Section A – Requirements and Eligibility

1. Qualifying Primary Eligible Activity (select only one (No Points)):

- Restore and protect natural resources
- Mitigate damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources
- Implement Federally-approved conservation plans
- Workforce Development
- Improve State parks located in coastal areas affected by the spill
- Infrastructure projects for local economy
- Coastal flood protection
- Planning assistance
- Promotion of tourism
- Promote consumption of seafood for the Gulf

2. Qualifying Secondary Activities (Check all that apply (No Points)):

- Restore and protect natural resources
- Mitigate damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources
- Implement Federally-approved conservation plans
- Workforce Development
- Improve State parks located in coastal areas affected by the spill
- Infrastructure projects for local economy
- Coastal flood protection
- Planning assistance
- Promotion of tourism
- Promote consumption of seafood for the Gulf

3. Was this activity included in a claim paid out of the Oil Spill Trust Fund? (No Points)

If activity was included in a claim paid out of the Oil Spill Trust Fund it is not eligible for RESTORE funding under the Direct Component Pot 1.

- Yes
- No

4. **Provide a short narrative describing how the work associated with the proposed project will be performed in the Gulf Region. (250 words maximum – No Points)**

5. **Provide a short narrative describing how the proposed project will conform to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and codes including, but not limited to American’s with Disabilities Act, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, U.S. Access Board, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Davis-Bacon Act, Florida Building Code, and Escambia County Land Development Code. (250 words maximum – No Points)**

Section B – Baseline Criteria

1a. **Project Justification** - Provide an overall description of the proposed project. Include references to the specific needs addressed, goals to be achieved, performance metrics and benefits provided by the project. (500 words maximum - 3 points maximum (combined with Question 1b below))

1b. *Project Budget* - Provide total budget costs and leveraging within each of the following categories as applicable. Provide sufficient detail in the budget narrative to justify the feasibility of the proposed project. Additional budget breakdown information can be provided as a PDF attachment. Please address the following minimum categories in the proposed project budget: Planning, Design, Construction, and Monitoring. Please enter “See attached” here if you are submitting a budget as an attachment (250 words maximum – 3 points maximum (combined with Question 1a above))

2. *Timing* - Provide a brief project development schedule showing that the proposed project can be implemented and benefits realized within a reasonable and acceptable timeframe. At a minimum please address Planning, Design, Construction, and Monitoring time frames. (250 words maximum – 3 points maximum)

3. **Public Interest** - Provide a short narrative describing how the proposed project is in the public interest. (250 words maximum – 3 points maximum)

4. **Monitoring Plan** - Provide a short narrative describing the comprehensive monitoring and success measurement plan for the proposed project. (250 words maximum– 3 points maximum)

One or more of the following questions in Section C-E should relate to the proposed project. When responding please consider how the proposed project addresses the needs of Escambia County (*see Interim Needs Assessment v2.2 posted on MyEscambia.com*). Please enter N/A if not responding to a question.

Section C1 – Environmental Criteria:

1. **Habitat Restoration** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project improves, enhances, or restores the

structure and function of upland, coastal, bays, bayous, wetlands, rivers, lakes, streams, or marine natural systems, benefiting native flora and fauna (Examples include: Restoration, improvement, or enhancement of ecological function such as natural hydrological function, tidal connections, soil composition, vegetation diversity and renewal; Restoration, improvement, or enhancement of community structure such as increased native vegetation, biodiversity, or beneficial substrate; removal of non-native species; removal of fish passage barriers; or benefits threatened and endangered fish or wildlife). (500 words maximum– 5 points maximum)

2. **Habitat Conservation and Preservation** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project improves, enhances, or restores the structure and function of upland, coastal, bays, bayous, wetlands, rivers, lakes, streams, or marine natural systems, benefiting native flora and fauna (Examples include: Establishing conservation easement or wildlife corridors, reducing unnatural disturbances, implementing a habitat management plan or other best practice). (500 words maximum – 5 points maximum)

3. **Water Quality Improvement** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project reduces point and nonpoint sources of pollutants entering local waterways, provides treatment to improve water quality, or proposes other measures which will improve water quality (Examples include: Reduces pollutant loading from point sources, installation of Best Management Practices (BMP's); reduces pollutant loading from nonpoint sources such as impervious surface coverage, implements stormwater Best Management Practices such as bioretention, vegetated buffer preservation, etc. to reduce sedimentation or provides treatment for nutrients or legacy contaminants; Improves impaired waterway). (500 words maximum – 5 points maximum)

4. **Natural Systems Resiliency** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project increases ability of natural systems to withstand disasters and adapt to changing environmental conditions due to climate change, associated sea level rise, and other factors (Examples include: Stabilizes shoreline/provides natural wave attenuation, increase species and/or ecosystem adaptability to changing conditions, provide for natural successional progression, or improve air quality). (500 words maximum – 5 points maximum)

Section C2 – Economic Criteria:

1. ***Tourism and Tourism Opportunities*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides for increases in tourism activity through new or additional marketing efforts, improvements to existing attractions, or addition of new destinations or attractions. (Examples include: Provides increased or additional public access to the waterfront or other tourism destinations, Enhances existing attractions or destinations, Increases total annual visitor count, Increases access to cultural tourism or local historical assets, Promotes tourism destinations through marketing or promotional efforts). (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)

2. ***Recreational Fishing and Local Seafood*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides for increases in tourism activity or encourages the consumption of Gulf seafood through new or additional marketing efforts, improvements to existing attractions, or addition of new destinations or attractions (Examples include: Improves opportunities through addition of artificial reefs, oyster reefs, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV); increases access to fishing opportunities through addition of fishing piers, boat ramps; or promotes recreational fishing and/or local seafood consumption through marketing and promotional activities) (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)

3. ***Job Creation*** - provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides for new seasonal, temporary, part time, full time, and/or higher wage jobs within the County. If applicable, explain how the proposed project can provide jobs that meet or exceed the Escambia County average annual median wage and/or are within local targeted industries or supporting infrastructure industries. (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)

4. ***Industry and Business Growth*** - provide a short narrative on how the proposed project directly contributes to expansion of existing industry/business or siting of a new industry/business in local targeted industries. Provide evidence of a measurable Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increase if possible. (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)
5. ***Workforce Development*** - provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides innovative higher education, job training, or other workforce training/career development which increases the total skilled workforce pool and advances opportunities for higher wage employment (Examples include: Providing industry focused training resulting in certification for trainees, addressing workforce gaps in specific target industries, development or expansion of youth employment and training opportunities in STEM fields, job training targeting “at-risk” groups). (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)

- 3. *Community Resiliency* - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project increases community resiliency by strategically retrofitting, upgrading, or replacing critical infrastructure to reduce community vulnerability to natural and manmade disasters; utilizes renewable energy; or implements other disaster preparatory mechanisms such as additional improved planning, shelters or evacuation routes. (500 words maximum - 7 points maximum)**

Section D – Bonus Points:

One or more of the following questions may relate to the proposed project. Fill in each question that applies to receive bonus points. When responding please consider how the proposed project addresses the needs of Escambia County (*see Interim Needs*

Assessment v2.2 posted on MyEscambia.com). Please enter N/A if not responding to a question.

- 1. *Benefits Traditionally Underserved Persons or Areas*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project improves opportunities for disadvantaged or traditionally underserved persons or areas, such as low-income areas, areas of minority concentration, persons with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, etc. (Examples Include: Project is located in low income, very low income, or primarily minority neighborhood (as defined by U.S. Census tract); Project incorporates universal or creative ADA design beyond the minimum requirements providing increased access for persons with disabilities; Training and job creation benefits for disadvantaged or traditionally underserved persons; Project benefits disadvantaged or traditionally underserved groups in other ways) *(250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)*

- 2. *Community Health*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project improves physical or mental health of the community through health improvement programs or health education (Examples include: Project provides for improved affordable access to healthy food; project targets improvement of public health, disease, or mental health issues; or project provides the public with opportunities for increased physical activity such as parks, greenways and community centers). *(250 words maximum- 3 points maximum)*

- 3. *Neighborhood Benefits***. Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides neighborhood benefits such as increased affordable housing; reduction in crime; located in Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), brownfields area, or Enterprise Zone or provides significant aesthetic neighborhood improvements. *(250 words maximum - 3 points maximum)*

- 4. *Local Preference.* Provide one or more specific examples on how the proposed project can incorporate the use of local labor forces or promotes local small businesses. (250 words maximum - 3 points maximum)**
- 5. *Education and Awareness* - Provide one or more specific examples on how the proposed project enhances education or early childhood education programs or incorporates education outreach. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)**
- 6. *Environmental Outreach.* Provide one or more specific examples of environmental outreach components included in the proposed project (Examples include: Project engages citizens in the active preservation, protection, or restoration of natural resources or provides publicly accessible environmental education signage at the project site). (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)**

7. ***Cultural and Historic Resources.*** Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project provides for preservation, protection or restoration of cultural, historical, or archaeological significant resources above and beyond minimum regulatory requirements (Examples may include adaptive reuse of buildings or other existing assets) (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

8. ***Consistency with Local Plans*** - Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project is consistent with or implements existing adopted plans (Plans may include Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program, Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP), Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), or other City, County, State, or Regional plan). (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

9. **Green Design.** Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project incorporates green design elements such as Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) principles or other energy and water efficiency/ conservation measures (Examples include: Project integrates water conservation design features beyond minimum standards; or Project includes renewable energy component, recycling and reuse of materials, or other sustainable or low impact design features). (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)
10. **Leverages funds** - Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project can provide for in-kind or other supplemental funding, increasing fund leveraging (Examples include: Project can include local/state/Federal grant matching funds, Volunteer labor, Etc.) (250 words maximum - 7 points maximum)
11. **Sustainability and Efficiency.** Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project approach utilizes efficiency measures and provides long term benefits (Examples include: Project links outcomes, partners, or lands to leverage overall impact; project provides long-term benefit(s) beyond life of funding period; project builds upon existing community assets or proposed project avoids or minimizes negative environmental impacts). (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

12. *Planning and Partnerships.* Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project includes beneficial partnership or is complete and shovel ready. *(250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)*

13. *Enhanced Tourism Opportunities.* Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project provides for enhanced tourism opportunities during the “off season” of September 1 through March 31. *(250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)*

Section E – Permitting and Ownership:

- 1. Are permits required to construct or implement the proposed project?**
 - Yes
 - No

If Yes, list specific required permits and status of each. *(100 words maximum – No Points)*

- 2. Is land acquisition required to construct or implement the proposed project?**

- Yes
- No

If Yes, what legal rights will be acquired (title, easement, other)? *Select one or more*

- Titles
- Easements
- Other

If easements, what are the terms of the easement? *(100 words maximum– No Points)*

3. Will the proposed project cause displacement of persons or businesses?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, provide a description of the displacement the proposed project may cause including any known addresses that may be impacted. *(100 words maximum – No Points)*