

# Florida Gulf Consortium State Expenditure Plan Public Review Webinar

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# Overview of the RESTORE Act State Expenditure Plan for the State of Florida

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# What is the RESTORE Act?

- **RESTORE Act** = Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act
- Federal law signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012
- Enacted in response to the **Deepwater Horizon oil spill** that occurred on April 20, 2010
- Directs 80% of Clean Water Act penalties to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund



# Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Settlement

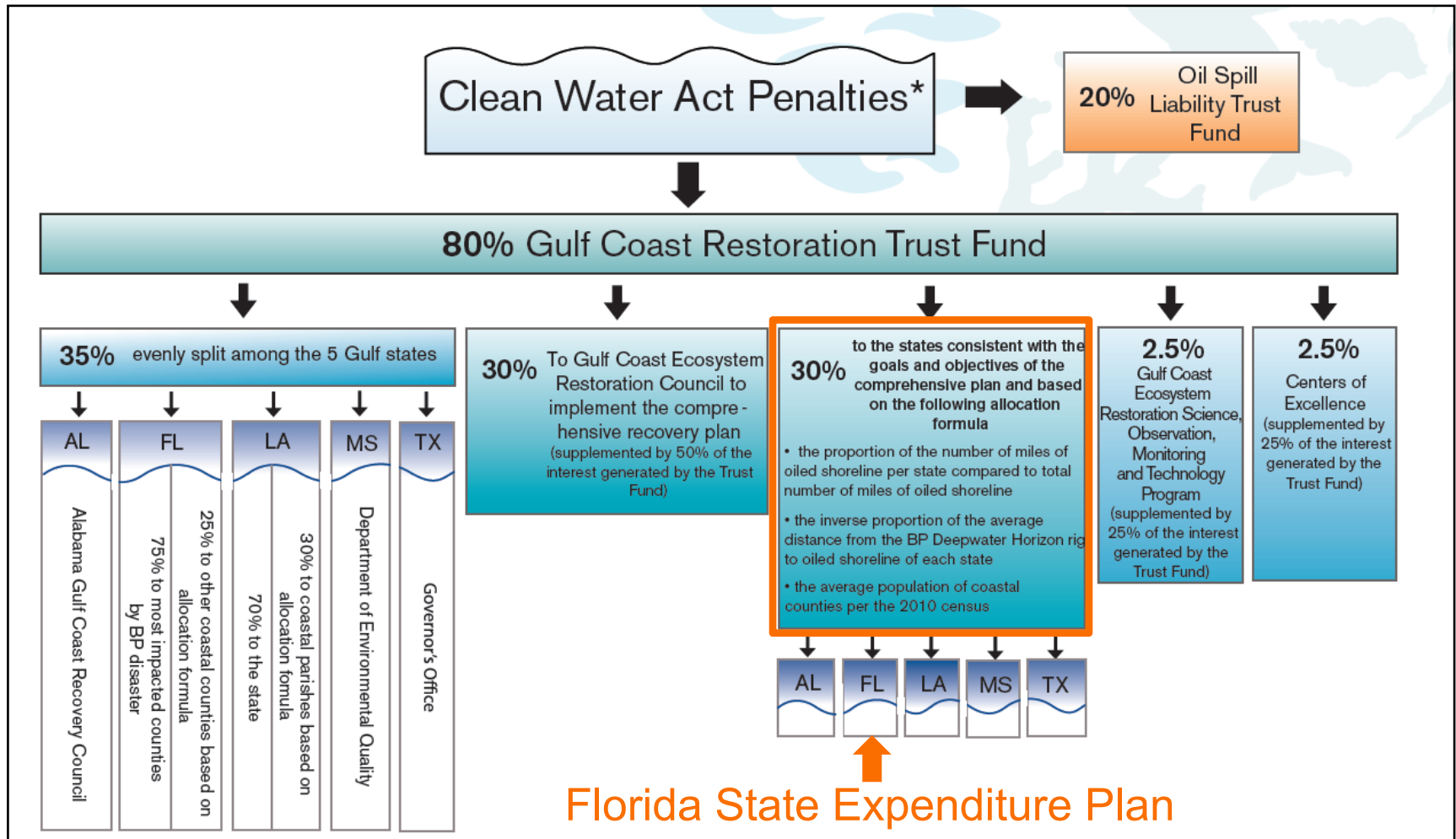
- BP settled with the U.S. Department of Justice in October 2015 for **\$20.8 billion** in damages
- \$5.5 billion to resolve Clean Water Act civil penalties – 80% to be paid into the **Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund**
- Florida's share of the settlement is \$3.252 billion:
  - \$2 billion for economic damages
  - At least \$670 million for Natural Resource Damages
  - **At least \$572 million for RESTORE Act**
- Funds to be paid out over 15 years

# What is the State Expenditure Plan?

- By formula, Florida's share of the Spill Impact Component is **\$293.6 million**
- Preparation of a **State Expenditure Plan (SEP)** is required for Florida to receive its share of the Spill Impact Component of the RESTORE Act funds
- The SEP must identify the **projects, programs and activities** that Spill Impact Component funds will be expended on
- The SEP must be approved by the Council before any grant funds are released for project implementation



# RESTORE Act “Pots”



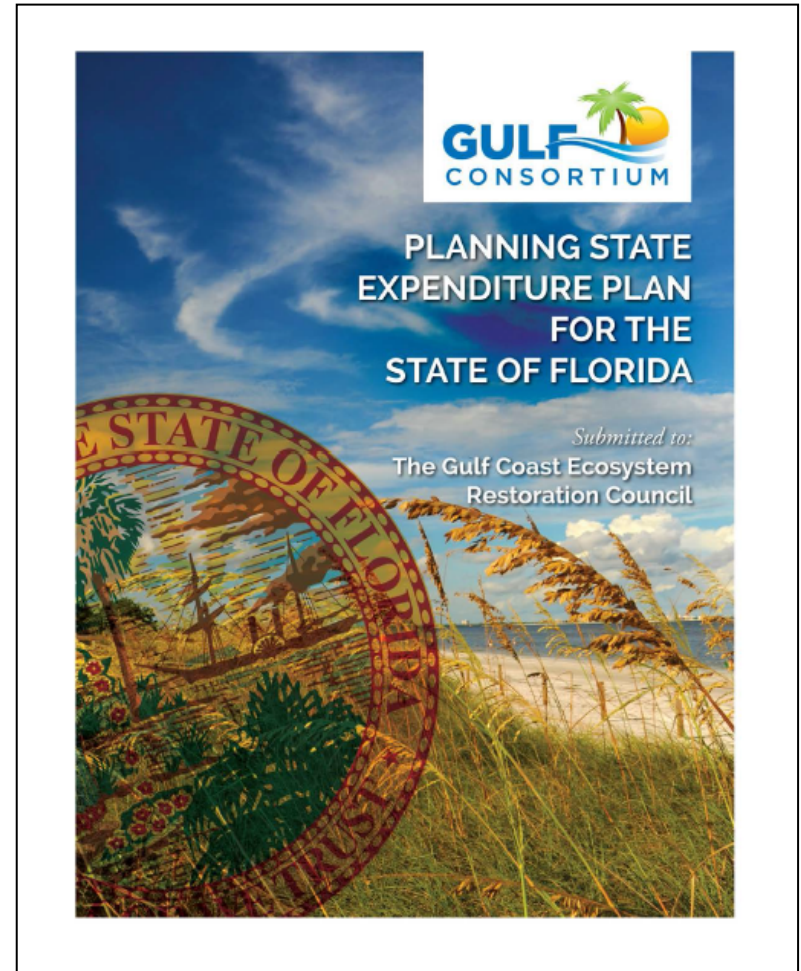
# Gulf Consortium

- Designated entity cited in the RESTORE Act for the development of the Florida SEP
- Established in October 2012 by MOU and inter-local agreement
- Elected officials from the 23 Gulf coastal counties (voting members)
- 6 Governor appointees (non-voting members)
- Governor must approve and transmit SEP to the Restoration Council
- Gulf Consortium has no permanent funding source



# Planning Grant

- Florida was the first Gulf Coast state to receive an SEP planning grant
- \$4.7M planning grant awarded by the Restoration Council to the Gulf Consortium in June 2016
- The planning grant has funded
  - SEP development
  - Administrative costs
- Included \$1.5 million reserved for conceptual design and feasibility studies





# SEP Requirements

1. Meets one or more of the 11 eligible activities under the RESTORE Act
2. Contributes to the overall economic and ecological recovery of the Gulf Coast
3. Is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan
4. Does not use more than 25% of funds for infrastructure unless the infrastructure limitation exception is met
5. Is compatible with other State Expenditure Plans with regard to issues that cross Gulf Coast State boundaries

# RESTORE Act Eligible Activities

1. Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region
2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
3. Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
4. Workforce development and job creation
5. Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
6. Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
7. Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
8. Planning assistance
9. Administrative costs of complying with the Act
10. Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast region, including recreational fishing
11. Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region

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# What is Infrastructure?

*Infrastructure means the public facilities or systems needed to support commerce and economic development. These installations and facilities span a wide range, including highways, airports, roads, buildings, transit systems, port facilities, railways, telecommunications, **water and sewer systems**, public electric and gas utilities, levees, seawalls, breakwaters, major pumping stations, and flood gates. Infrastructure encompasses new construction, upgrades and repairs to existing facilities or systems, and associated land acquisition and planning.*

*Department of Treasury*

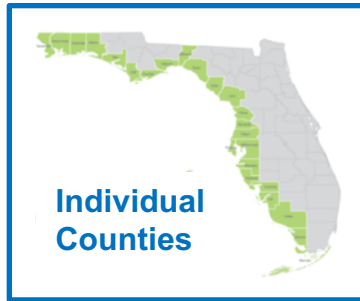
# Infrastructure Limitation Exemption

Wastewater and stormwater system upgrades are not considered to be infrastructure if their primary objective is to mitigate legacy water pollution problems

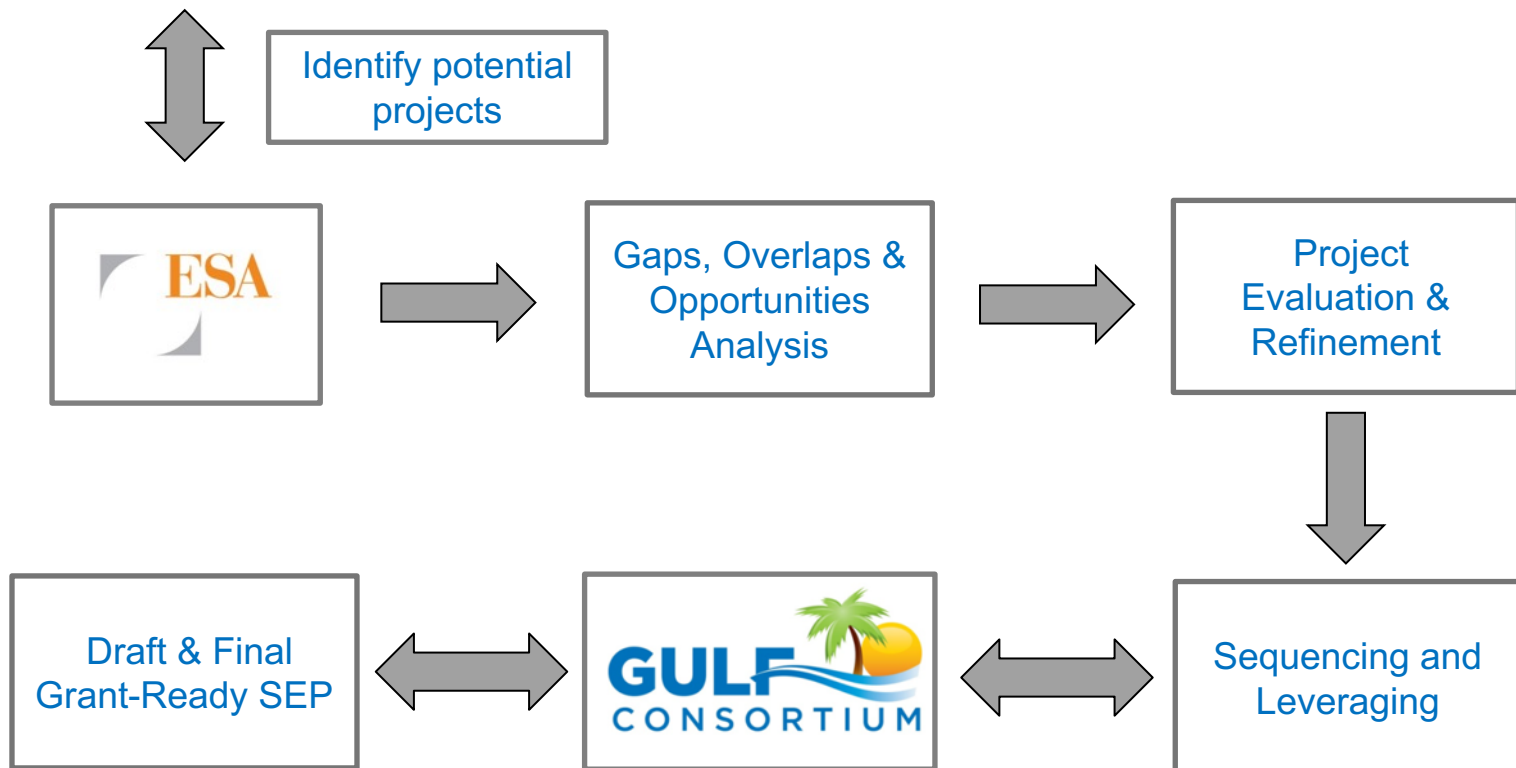




# Even-Steven Funding Split and County-Driven Process



$\$290.7\text{M} \div 23 = \$12.6\text{M}$  per county over the 15-year payout



# Draft SEP Organization

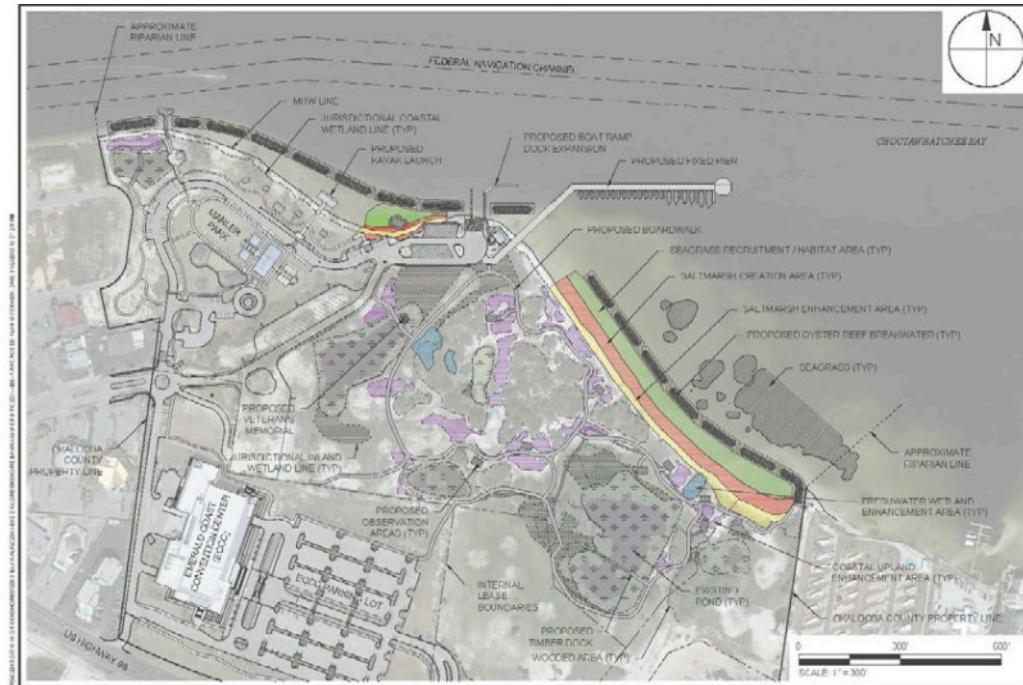
- Executive Summary
- Section I – State Certification of RESTORE Act Compliance
- Section II – Public Participation Statement
- Section III – Financial Integrity
- Section IV – Overall Consistency with Goals & Objectives of the Comprehensive Plan
- Section V – Proposed Projects, Programs and Activities
- Section VI – Implementation
  - Sequencing
  - Leveraging

# Projects and Programs

- A total of 69 projects and programs are proposed
- The term “program” refers to bundled projects that address a common goal or theme
  - Santa Rosa Sound Water Quality Improvement Program
    - Septic to sewer conversions
    - Removal of domestic waste point source discharge
- Wide diversity of project types
  - Reflect local and regional priorities
  - Cumulatively address statewide priorities
- Well below the 25% infrastructure limitation
  - 4 projects totaling \$4,025,400 (1.4%)
  - Subject to interpretation by the Council

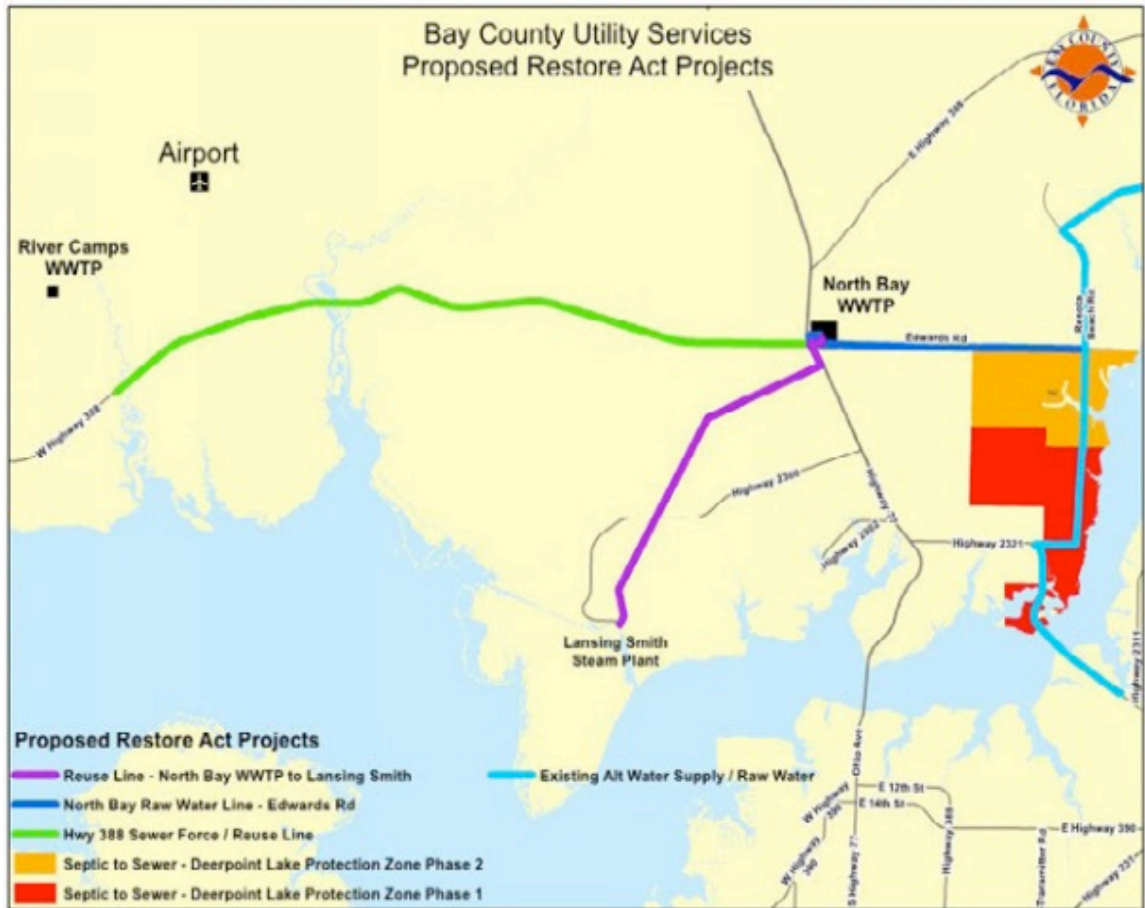
# Okaloosa County Veterans Park Living Shoreline

- Construct 2,000-foot living shoreline along Veterans Park on southwest shore of Choctawhatchee Bay
- Control coastal erosion and provides fish and wildlife habitat
- Promote seagrass recovery



# Bay County North Bay Water Quality Improvement Program

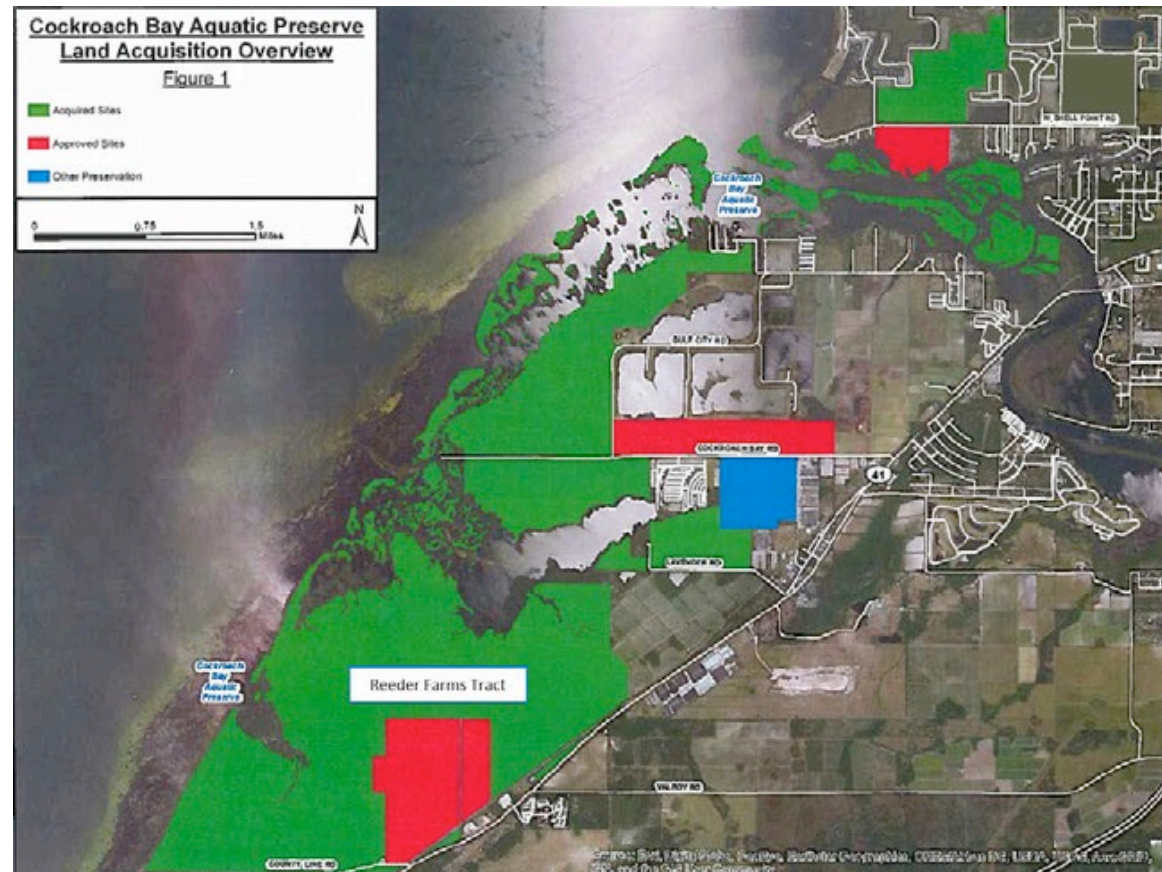
- Construct centralized sewer collection facilities for ~900 residences on septic tanks in the Deer Point Lake watershed
- Construct raw water line to the Lansing Smith Power Plant to reduce once-through cooling water withdrawals from North Bay
- Improves surface water quality and reduces power plant impacts to marine life





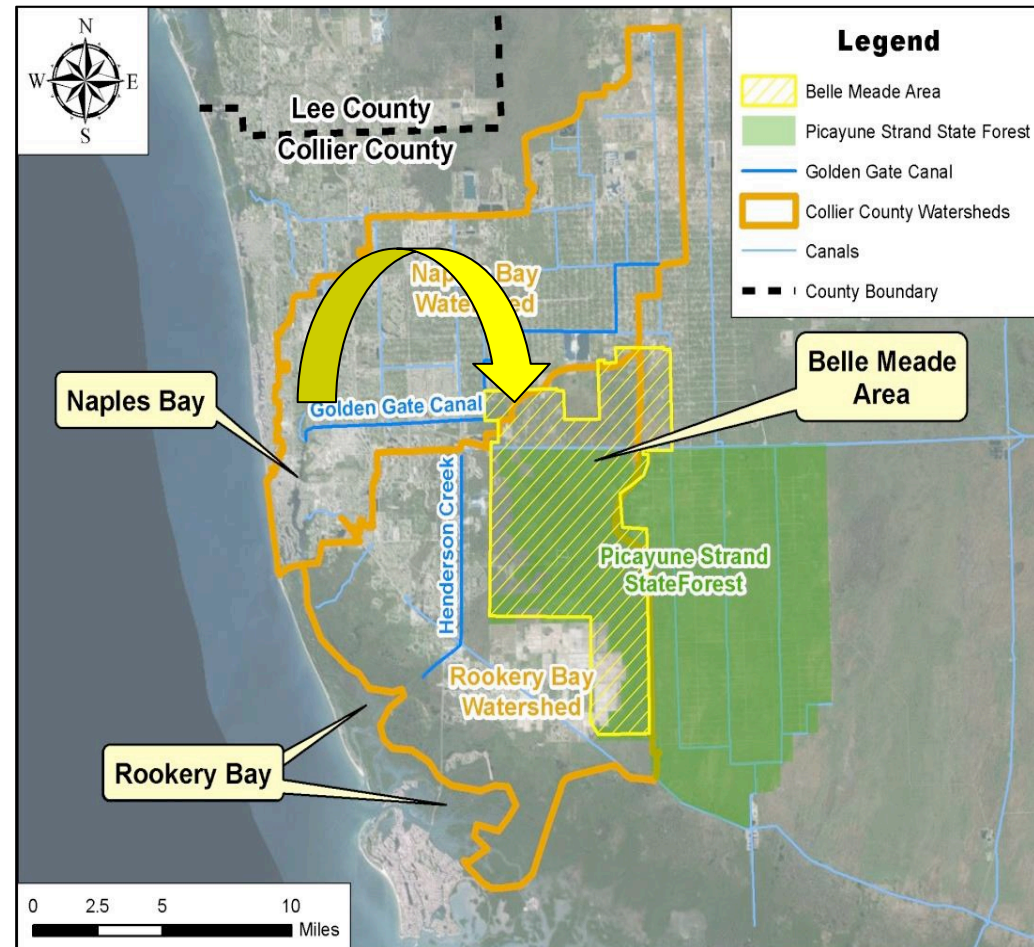
# Cockroach Bay Land Acquisition and Ecosystem Restoration

- Public acquisition of existing agricultural parcels adjacent to the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve
- Restore hydrology and native habitats on the acquired parcels
- Integrate restoration areas into adjacent habitats
- Increase contiguous area of the Aquatic Preserve

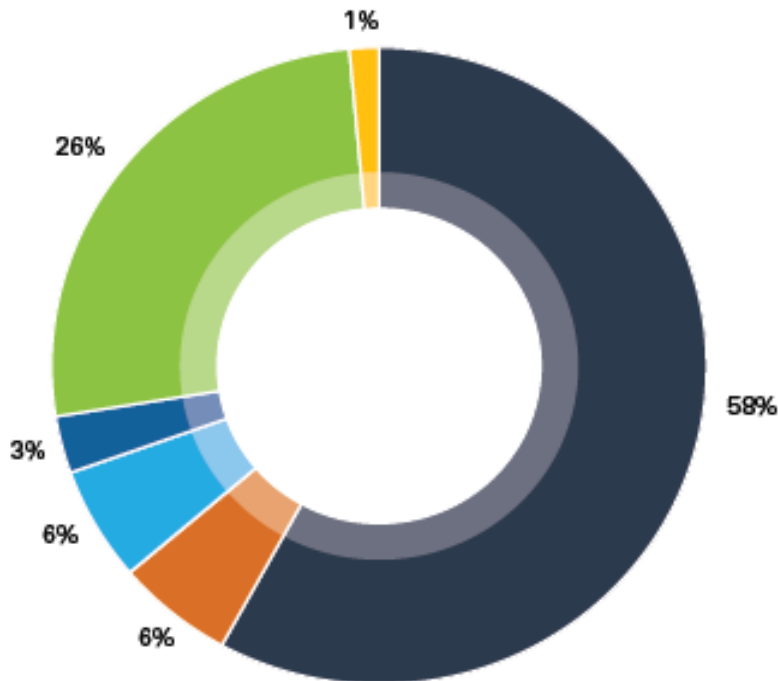













# Collier County Comprehensive Watershed Improvement Project

- Hydrologic restoration to redirect flows from the Golden Gate Canal back to the Rookery Bay watershed
- Mitigate major legacy drainage impacts
- Restore more natural freshwater flows and salinity patterns in both Naples and Rookery Bays

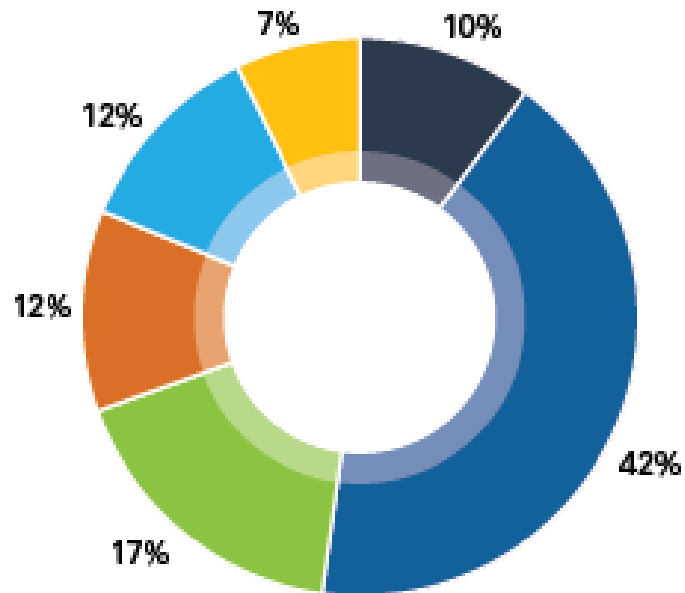


## RESTORE Act Eligible Activities



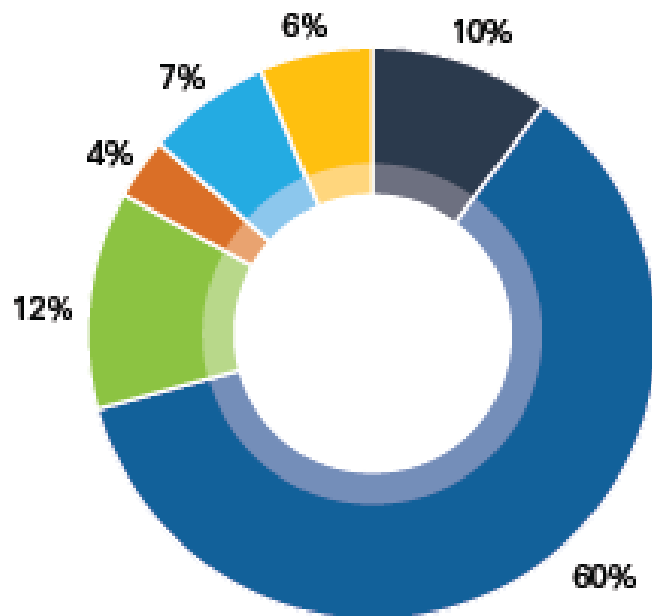
Restore Act Eligible Activities		# of Projects	% of Total
	1. Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region	40	58%
	2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources	0	0%
	3. Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring	0	0%
	4. Workforce development and job creation	0	0%
	5. Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill	0	0%
	6. Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	4	6%
	7. Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure	4	6%
	8. Planning assistance	2	3%
	9. Administrative costs of complying with the RESTORE Act	0	0%
	10. Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast region, including recreational fishing	18	26%
	11. Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region	1	1%

# Project Type



FDEP Project Type	# of Projects	% of Total
Land Acquisition	7	10%
Water Quality/Quantity	29	42%
Habitat Restoration	12	17%
Living Resources	8	12%
Recreation/Public Access	8	12%
Community Resilience	5	7%

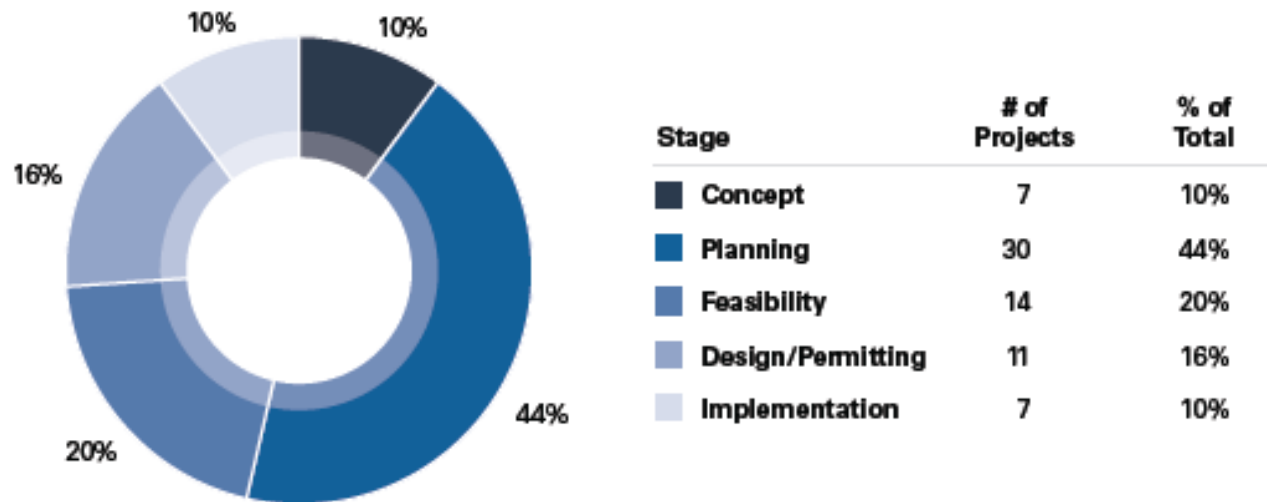
# Dollars by Project Type



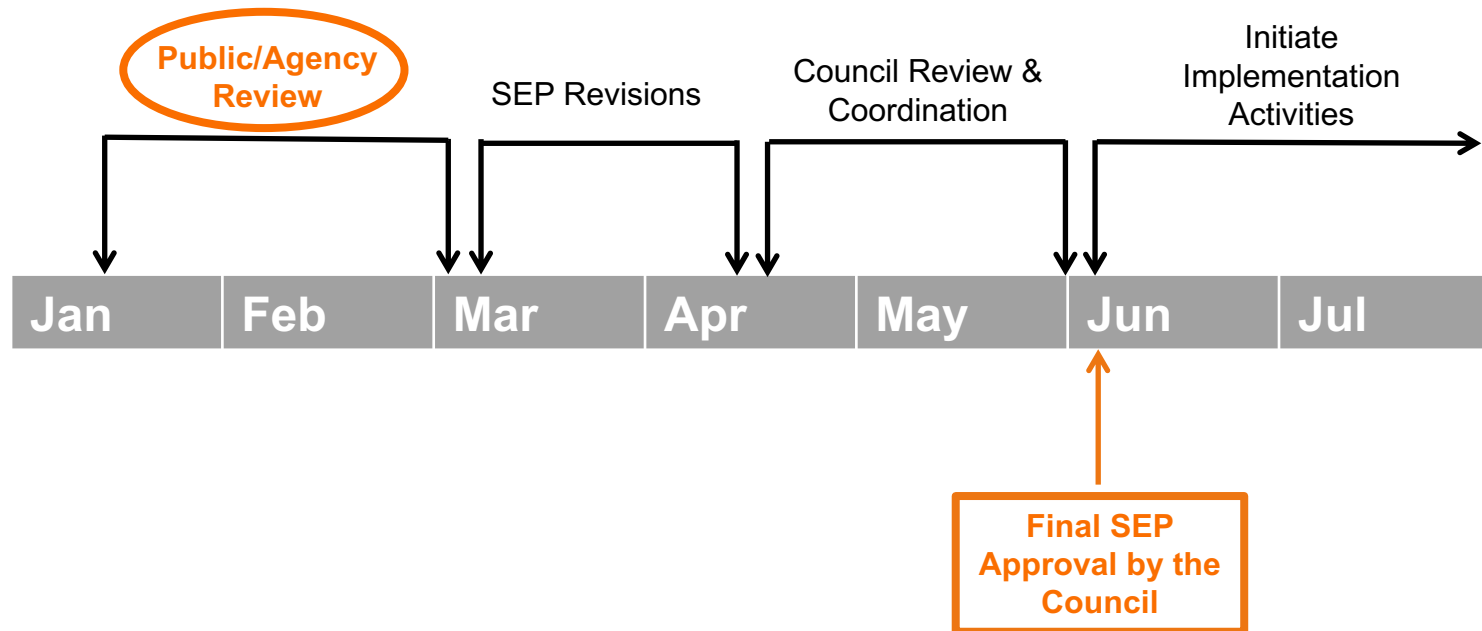
FDEP Project Type	Total Budget	% of Total	# of Projects
Land Acquisition	\$29,751,667	10%	7
Water Quality/Quantity	\$175,733,393	60%	29
Habitat Restoration	\$35,818,090	12%	12
Living Resources	\$10,170,000	4%	8
Recreation/Public Access	\$20,368,250	7%	8
Community Resilience	\$18,660,000	6%	5



# Project Readiness



# Anticipated SEP Completion Schedule



## Summary

- Preparation of the SEP is required for Florida to receive it's **\$293.6 million** share of the RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component
- With leveraging from other funding sources the overall value of the Florida SEP could approach **\$500 million**
- The SEP proposes **69 projects, programs and activities** that will contribute to the overall economic and ecological recovery of the Gulf Coast
- Implementation of the SEP will **reduce legacy pollution** problems, **enhance coastal resources**, and **improve public access** to the Gulf of Mexico



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