

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Narrative

Department of the Treasury

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Directions: Use this form for the Initial Multiyear Plan and any subsequent amendments to an accepted Multiyear Plan. For amendments, include only new and/or materially modified activities.

Multiyear Plan Version (Initial or Amendment Number):	Initial
Date of Initial Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	
Date of Last Multiyear Plan Revision Acceptance:	

Eligible Applicant Name:	Manatee County Government
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:
1. A description of each activity, including the need, purpose, objective(s), milestones and location. Include map showing the location of each activity.
<p>The following projects are being submitted as an initial multiyear plan. Manatee County intends to submit future amendments (or phases, etc.) to its multiyear plan which may include the Workforce Development project described in the advertised multiyear plan following Treasury's acceptance of the initial multiyear plan.</p> <p>Project: Robinson Preserve Restoration Expansion Phase III</p> <p>Description: Recent environmental land acquisitions Robinson Preserve has been expanded to approximately 632 acres. Situated at the confluence of Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay, the Preserve protects significant stretches of the remaining undeveloped upland and wetland coastal habitats. The 150 acre Robinson Preserve Expansion Phase III (RPE) project consists of planting and establishment of desirable and appropriate coastal upland habitats in a stable and low maintenance condition.</p> <p>Need: The \$600,000 funding requested through RESTORE Act Direct Component consists of restoring uplands over specific areas identified for upland habitat restoration where other funding has not been secured, and will bring the restoration component of the overall RPE project to completion.</p> <p>Purpose: The project will contribute to restoration of desirable native vegetation on the upland habitats located on the RPE project area. Funds will allocated for separate, discreet components of the overall project including the restoration/creation of upland habitats which are not already receiving federal funding</p> <p>Objective: To complete restoration on the 150 Acre RPE Project to established productive natural habitats.</p> <p>Milestones:</p> <p>Pre-planting Site Preparation: resulting in site prepared for receipt of plants (Estimated 6-24 months from start)</p>

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Plant installation (direct seeding and planting) resulting in time zero condition for restored plant diversity (Estimated 6-12 months after #1)

Post-planting habitat establishment period adaptive management resulting in ultra-low maintenance established habitat trending towards restoration goal. (Estimated 24-36 months after #2)

Location: This project is located in Manatee County - see attached map.

Project: Coastal Watershed Program

Description: The Coastal Watershed Program consists of the development of a coastal watershed management plan to assess improvements needed for fourteen areas (project areas) of the county which were developed under old flood and drainage standards and before drainage systems were implemented that protected receiving water quality.

Fourteen older urban areas have been identified for this planning program, three areas are already underway in various stages of completion. The project areas will be assessed to determine necessary improvements to meet current stormwater standards.

The budget provided is for the first five year period of performance; however, it is intended to be repeated in years 6-10 and in years 11-15 in an iterative fashion, to allow assessments to be completed in all fourteen project areas mapped.

Need: Assess drainage of coastal urban areas of Manatee County for long term drainage improvements that were developed early, under old flood and drainage standards and before drainage systems protected the water quality of creeks, rivers and bays.

Purpose: To gather necessary information for the County's watershed management plan.

Objective: To gather data and develop a management plan for the identified project areas to determine improvements necessary to meet current stormwater management standards. Assessments of one or two project areas will be started each year within the 5 year grant performance period; smaller project areas may be combined, larger project areas may require multi-year assessments. All fourteen project areas will be completed during the 15 year program lifetime.

Milestones: 1. Quarterly progress reports for each active project area/year. 2. Draft project area final reports - deliverable as project area assessments are completed 3. Final project area reports – deliverable after draft final report by project area are approved by the county. 4. Final Performance Period report – deliverable at the end of performance period.

Location: Manatee County – multiple locations – see map.

Project: Florida Maritime Museum Facility Enhancement

Description: Preserve and share the maritime heritage of the Historic fishing Village of Cortez through expanding the capacity of the Folk School program by improving the historic Pillsbury Boat Shop, an auxiliary building and Lake Minnie dock, pump and aeration system.

Need: Expand facility capacity to accommodate tourists to the museum and Folk School.

Purpose: To promote tourism in the Fishing Village of Cortez.

Objectives: The objective is to preserve and share the maritime heritage of the Historic Commercial Fishing Village of Cortez and the state of Florida with tourists to the area by providing facilities to accommodate the Folk School and Museum. Ecotourism programs will include fishing and cast netting demonstrations and other heritage related classes.

Milestones: 1. Sign sub-recipient agreement 2. Sub-recipient awards contracts 3. Begin renovations/construction 4. End renovations/construction.

Location: Manatee County – see map.

Project: Gulf Shellfish Institute Sea Farm to Table

Description: A planning assistance activity to be conducted by the Gulf Shellfish Institute, a non-profit organization based in Manatee County, to promote the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region through outreach and applied research.

Need: Success in solving current and future technical issues limiting the production of local shellfish will lead to increased shellfish productivity, increased profits, more jobs, cleaner water, and a more reliable supply of locally grown seafood for local consumption through retail outlets and restaurants.

Purpose: Promote the increased production of local clams, oysters and scallops and restore local shellfish populations rather than relying on shellfish from other sources.

Objectives: Promote the consumption of local seafood by applied research and outreach to increase production of local clams, oysters, and scallops; restore local shellfish populations; increase the supply of sustainably produced, high quality seafood and protect and enhance Manatee County's coastal ecosystem. Success in solving current and future technical issues limiting the production of local shellfish will lead to increased shellfish productivity, increased profits, more jobs, cleaner water, and a more reliable supply of locally grown seafood.

Milestones: 1. Sign sub-recipient agreement with Gulf Shellfish Institute 2. Conduct outreach 3. Conduct applied research 4) Final report 5 Documentation of success

Location: Manatee County – multiple locations – see map.

2. How the applicant made the multiyear plan available for 45 days for public review and comment, in a manner calculated to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations, such as through public meetings,

presentations in languages other than English, and postings on the Internet. The applicant will need to submit documentation (e.g., a copy of public notices) to demonstrate that it made its multiyear plan available to the public for at least 45 days. In addition, describe how each activity in the multiyear plan was approved after consideration of all meaningful input from the public and submit documentation (e.g., a letter from the applicant's leadership approving submission of the multiyear plan to Treasury or a resolution approving the applicant's multiyear plan).

The Public Comment Period was May 8- June 21, 2017.

The plan was made available by: a press conference, a new website, local newspapers, television, radio, social media, signs in public locations and in-person presentations. The website explained the plan through videos, maps and project descriptions, and collected feedback through on-line surveys. Signs in all County libraries, County Administrative Center lobby and G.T. Bray Recreational Center, cumulatively serving thousands of public visitors each day.

Comments were reviewed by staff and summarized for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) during their July 25 meeting. Comments indicated widespread public support with very limited critiques, mostly consistency of either ineligible program suggestions or lack of understanding specifics regarding the current proposed projects. Review and discussion of more than 500 survey and comment responses did not result in any project changes. The BOCC unanimously approved the MYIP for transmittal.

3. How each activity included in the applicant's multiyear plan matrix meets all the requirements under the RESTORE Act, including a description of how each activity is eligible for funding based on the geographic location of each activity and how each activity qualifies for at least one of the eligible activities under the RESTORE Act.

Project: Robinson Preserve Expansion Phase III

This activity meets the RESTORE Act eligibility requirements for restoration and protection of natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf coast region because the Robinson Preserve Expansion Phase III project consists of habitat restoration with methods based on the best available science. This work consists directly of restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, wildlife habitats, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region.

This project is located in Manatee County, which is located within the Gulf Coast Region. See attached map.

Project: Coastal Watershed Program

The activity meets the RESTORE Act eligibility requirement for planning assistance for coastal flood protection and related infrastructure because this activity is focused on planning improvements to the performance of drainage systems within coastal urban areas of Manatee County, an eligible activity under the "Coastal Flood Protection and related infrastructure" category.

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Project: Florida Maritime Museum Facility Enhancement

This activity meets the Restore Act eligibility requirements for the promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing, because the Florida Maritime Museum offers activities and educational opportunities for tourists and residents that encourage visits to the historic fishing Village of Cortez and Manatee County. The activity will be implemented by the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller through a sub-recipient agreement.

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Project: Gulf Shellfish Institute Sea Farm to Table

The activity meets the RESTORE Act eligibility requirement for planning assistance for the promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region because the planning activity will lead to applied research that will increase the production, availability and consumption of sustainably produced shellfish.

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4. Criteria the applicant will use to evaluate the success of the activities included in the multiyear plan matrix in helping to restore and protect the Gulf Coast Region impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Project: Robinson Preserve Restoration's Expansion Phase III success will be measured spatially, in acres, of habitat improved from baseline conditions by conducting qualitative monitoring within the work areas. This monitoring is a crucial part of the Habitat Establishment Period Adaptive Management (HEPAM) strategy that will be employed to guide the development of each proposed habitat type towards its restoration goal. The overall restoration goal is to attain a stable "maintenance phase", capable of sustaining the ecological improvements to be gained through this "project phase" investment, using normal habitat maintenance, comparable to that of established habitats. This "maintenance phase" is a condition in which existing County resources are capable of managing baseline threats of invasive species incursion and application of prescribed fire as necessary in pyrogenic habitats.

Project: Coastal Watershed Program

Program success will be measured through the annual Storm Water Management Plan assessment required by Manatee County's municipal stormwater system permit (aka NPDES-MS4 permit) and data collected by the Parks and Natural Resources Department monitoring programs.

Project: Florida Maritime Museum Facility Enhancement

The needs of The Folk School at Florida Maritime Museum were identified through a thorough process of preparing a business plan, including classes such as canning, crocheting, quilting, shellcraft, memoir writing and photograph preservation. Our business plan reflects that The Folk School at Florida Maritime Museum will reach about 300 participants its first year. The Folk School at Florida Maritime Museum will keep records of class

attendance and also the home zip code of participants. This will help to determine how many attendees are based locally and how many are visitors to the community contributing to tourism.

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Success of this project will be measured as the completion of outreach to industry groups, prioritization of research needs, and a final report documenting all activities and findings

5. How the activities included in the multiyear plan matrix were prioritized and list the criteria used to establish the priorities.

Manatee County is the only county in the United States which is a participant in three National Estuary Programs, a formal consensus-based program for environmental improvement. Each one has a Management Conference consisting of public, technical and political committees. Initial ideas for RESTORE projects, both local and regional, were filtered through the Management Conferences of the NEP's, resulting in a prioritized list in 2012.

During the period when the RESTORE settlement was negotiated and the process for applying was created, many projects were removed due to: completed through other funding, replaced by other local and regional priorities, lack of fit with current eligibility requirements, etc.

Staff revisited previous submissions to the regional efforts and identified potential local RESTORE projects in 2016. Additional input was sought by NGOs and community organizations. The criteria were: eligibility within the established RESTORE Act categories; project team leadership expertise; existing track record of success in similar project of scope; completion and impact; demonstrated partnering competence and ability to leverage funding resource; long-term measurable project impact; and administrative capacity to comply with federal grant requirements. County staff applied RESTORE criteria, assessed management accountability risk of sub-recipients and recommended five projects to the BOCC during a public RESTORE worksession on January 31, 2017

6. If applicable, describe the amount and current status of funding from other sources (e.g., other RESTORE Act contribution, other third party contribution) and provide a description of the specific portion of the project to be funded by the RESTORE Act Direct Component.

None at this time.

