

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Matrix — Department of the Treasury										OMB Approval No. 1505-0250
Applicant Name:		Hernando County, Department of Public Works, Brooksville, Florida								
1. MULTIYEAR PLAN VERSION (INITIAL OR AMENDMENT NUMBER):		Amendment No. 01		2a. DATE OF INITIAL MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE (mm/dd/yyyy):		8/6/2015		ACCEPTANCE:		8/6/2015
3. CUMULATIVE DIRECT COMPONENT ALLOCATION AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICANT:				\$1,467,889.26				COMPONENT:		\$4,633,199.31
5. Primary Direct Component Eligible Activity Further Described in Application (Static Field)	6. Activity Title (Static Field)	7. Location (Static Field)	8. Estimated Total Funding Contributions For Proposed Activity(ies)(refer to Instructions)				9. Proposed Start Date mm/dd/yyyy	10. Proposed End Date mm/dd/yyyy	11. Status (refer to Instructions)	
			8a. Direct Component Contribution	8b. Other RESTORE Act Contribution	8c. Other Third Party Contribution	8d. Total Contribution				
Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region	Bayou Drive Repair and Restoration	Spring Hill, Florida	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	\$350,000.00	09-2017	08-2022	Initial MYIP Activity - Grant awarded 8/16/2017 with 3rd party funds.	
Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources	Hernando Beach Shallow Water Reef Project	Hernando Beach, Florida	\$94,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	\$105,000.00	01-2016	07-2017	Create new artificial reefs in Site A; Site B; and Site C; and restore areas of barren seafloor.	
Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources	Hernando Beach Shallow Water Reef Project	Hernando Beach, Florida	-\$94,500.00	\$0.00	-\$10,500.00	-\$105,000.00			Initial MYIP Activity deleted in Amendment #1.	
Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	Linda Pederson Park Improvements	Spring Hill, Florida	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	01-2018	03-2018	Initial MYIP Activity Revised in Admendment #1	
Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	Linda Pederson Park Improvements	Spring Hill, Florida	\$111,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$111,000.00	09-2019	09-2020	Amendment #1 - Revised activity to modify scope and increase Direct Component funds for total of \$411,000.00.	
						\$0.00				
12. ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTIVITY(IES) (refer to Instructions)			\$586,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	\$761,000.00	Please note: Grant awards may reflect non-material changes in proposed dates and estimated funding.			

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RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Narrative

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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):	Amendment 1
Date of Initial Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	8-6-2015
Date of Last Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	8-6-2015

Eligible Applicant Name:	Hernando County, Florida
Name and Contact Information of the Person to be contacted (POC) on matters concerning this Multiyear Implementation Plan:	
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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.

This is an update to Hernando County's initial RESTORE Act Multiyear Implementation Plan (MYIP), accepted by Treasury on 8/6/2015. Hernando Beach Shallow Water Reef Project activity has been deleted. Linda Pederson Park Improvements Project is revised to increase Direct Component funds add replacement of swim platform and change the scope of work to correct naming of existing seawall to replacement of an existing retaining wall.

Need:

Hernando Beach Shallow Water Reef Project was completed with local funding.

The Jenkins Creek spring run located within Linda Pederson Park has an existing retaining wall, boardwalk viewing area and condemned swim platform that need repair and replacement. A newly installed non-motorized boat launch will be integrated with this project to allow canoes and kayaks to take advantage of the spring run as well as access to the Gulf of Mexico coastline. Integration of a canoe and kayak launch into the existing retaining wall, boardwalk viewing area and swim platform will provide the benefit necessary to meet this need.

Purpose:

The purpose of this project has not been altered but there are changes to the scope:

- The project description is corrected to substitute "retaining wall" in place of "sea wall". The use of sea wall rather than retaining wall was a grammatical error in the initial submission. No sea wall will be constructed. A retaining wall was the original project intent.
- Provide additional direct component funding due to an increase in estimated costs.
- The reconstruction of a swim platform that was condemned and removed. This item was not part of the original project description and would constitute an addition to the project scope.
- To delete from the project the installation of a canoe/kayak launch. The canoe/kayak launch has been completed with local funds.

The canoe/kayak launch will be integrated with the completion of this project as non-motorized boat launch facilities along the Hernando coastline and provide opportunities to expand the canoe and kayak offerings publicized through the County's Tourism office. The new launching facility and improved spring run area will be integrated into the County's "Florida's Adventure Coast, Brooksville Weeki Wachee" advertising campaign.

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

Hernando County determined that the most effective way to obtain broad-based participation from the entire community was to take the following approach:

1. Restore Act web page moved to new HC web site. Posted the proposed plan amendment and a request for public comment to a dedicated page on the County website focusing on the RESTORE Act and County involvement. The page includes links to the actual Multi Year Implementation Plan (MYIP) and proposed Amendment #1 to the initial Multi Year Implementation Plan, an e-mail address to submit comments to County staff, a link to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection site that explains the RESTORE Act and its impact on the Gulf Coast, as well as a link to the US Treasury RESTORE Act web page. This collection of web sites and links to information on the RESTORE Act is virtually a one-stop shop for the public to learn about, submit comments on and to stay informed regarding the status of the RESTORE Act and the important connection to Hernando County.
2. The County Information Manager provided a news release on January 25, 2019 inviting public comment via our website for 45 days, thru March 11, 2019. In addition, several newspapers carried the news release including Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce; Nature Coaster and Hernando Sun Newspaper. A Notice of Issuance Hernando, County with Tampa Bay Times was published on February 8, 2019. All public comments were received through a publicized email address.
3. There were no public comment objections to MYIP Amendment One (1) as advertised. However, there were several additional project idea submissions which can potentially be ranked and scored for future MYIP Projects. Public comments received include project idea submissions to:
 - a. Add more shallow reef projects
 - b. Pine Island dredging
 - c. Move Pine Island canal project from Pot 3 back to Pot 1
 - d. Hernando Beach 180-acre purchase
 - e. Recreate Centralia Town
 - f. Pine Island sand barrier
 - g. Boardwalk to SWFWMD preserve
 - h. Water Tower property to parking lot
 - i. Public Aquatics Center

Consideration was given to having bilingual staff members present the proposed plan in Spanish, however, based on past experience resulting in virtually no public turnout to this type of venue, it was determined to not be a worthwhile endeavor.

This project meets the eligibility requirements by promoting tourism and recreational fishing in the Gulf Coast Region. Linda Pederson Park will be marketed as part of the County's "Adventure Coast, Nature's Place to Play" tourism marketing program and is featured as a site for our "Canoe and Kayak Trail" adventure.

4. Criteria the applicant will use to evaluate the success of the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative in helping to restore

In 2014 and estimated 1.7 million visitors traveled to Hernando County. The focus of the upcoming "Florida's Adventure Coast, Nature's Place to Play" tourism marketing campaign is to promote nature and water-based activities. This non-motorized watercraft launch will be featured in the campaign, which aims to increase tourism by five percent each year. The launch facility will be monitored to determine frequency of use and number of daily users. Annual campaign survey will be conducted to determine increase in use and interest from kayak and canoe visitors. The success of the Linda Pederson Park improvements included will be measured by an increase in tourists and residents using the park..

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

The projects were prioritized using the following nine criteria (not in order of priority):

1. Protect, conserve and/or restore native habitats including the protection of natural springs.
2. Provide storm water or surface water quality improvements including the prevention of erosion and sedimentation potentially impacting waterways connecting to the Gulf.
3. Reduce the withdrawal of potable water from the aquifer.
4. Create policies, programs and/or mechanisms to remedy environmental and/or economic damages.
5. Protect against future environmental and/or economic vulnerabilities.
6. Provide climate change/sea-level rise planning, adaptation and/or related community engagement.
7. Diversify and improve the economy including tourism and recreational opportunities
8. Promote sustainable recreational fishing and consumption of seafood dependent on the Gulf ecosystem and protect working waterfronts.
9. Provide quality improvements to existing groundwater resources.

Then, eleven ranking criteria and a point value system were used to determine how well projects met select County Comprehensive Plan element goals and priorities, RESTORE Act eligible activities, regional benefits, partnerships, project benefit longevity and matching fund applicability. The following criteria were used to determine the top three priority projects out of twenty-five potential candidates considered for RESTORE Act funding:

- 1 - Restoration and protection of the natural resources, springs, spring runs, groundwater resources, ecosystems, waterways designated as Outstanding Florida Waters, upland habitats that contribute to waterways that drain to the Gulf, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region.
- 2 - Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources, including erosion and sedimentation of waters that feed the Gulf and improve water quality.
- 3 - Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, springs protection or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.
- 4 - Workforce development and job creation.
- 5 - Improvements to or on State parks or County recreation areas located in coastal areas or waterways and rivers that drain to the Gulf.
- 6 - Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy (including port infrastructure and projects that increase access to recreational opportunities) or ecological resources, springs protection or groundwater protection.
- 7 - Coastal flood protection and the preservation of habitat in flood zones, coastal surge areas and flood ways.
- 8 - Projects (including infrastructure development) that promote tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including promotion of recreational fishing, swimming, bird watching, passive recreation and kayaking.
- 9 - Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region and projects that provide or benefit marine habitat.
- 10 - Applicability of matching funds from a source other than the RESTORE Act.
- 11 - Timeliness of the realization regarding initial project benefits.

The three projects in the matrix appear in order of their selection based on priority, significance to the community and the probability of success in a reasonable amount of time.

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.

There are no current or future plans for other funding sources.

Linda Pedersen Park Improvements



Jenkins
Creek

Jenkins
Spring

Shoal Line Blvd

Boardwalk and
Retaining Wall
Improvements

Playground

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