



# Florida Trustee Implementation Group Annual Public Meeting

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# Overview

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- Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Overview and Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL TIG)
- Early Restoration in Florida
- Post-settlement Restoration Plan 1
- Post-settlement Restoration Plan 2



# What is NRDA?

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- A legal process based on the Oil Pollution Act (OPA)
- Allows Natural Resource Trustees to assess resource injuries and service losses caused by an oil spill
- Process to determine how best to compensate the public through on-the-ground restoration activities





# *Deepwater Horizon Settlement*

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15+ years, up to \$8.8 billion

- **\$1 billion** for early restoration
- **\$7.1 billion** provided over 15+ years
- Up to an additional **\$700 million** for adaptive management and unknown conditions





# Trustee Council Structure

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**Trustee Implementation Groups**

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# Florida TIG

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## State and Federal Members

- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

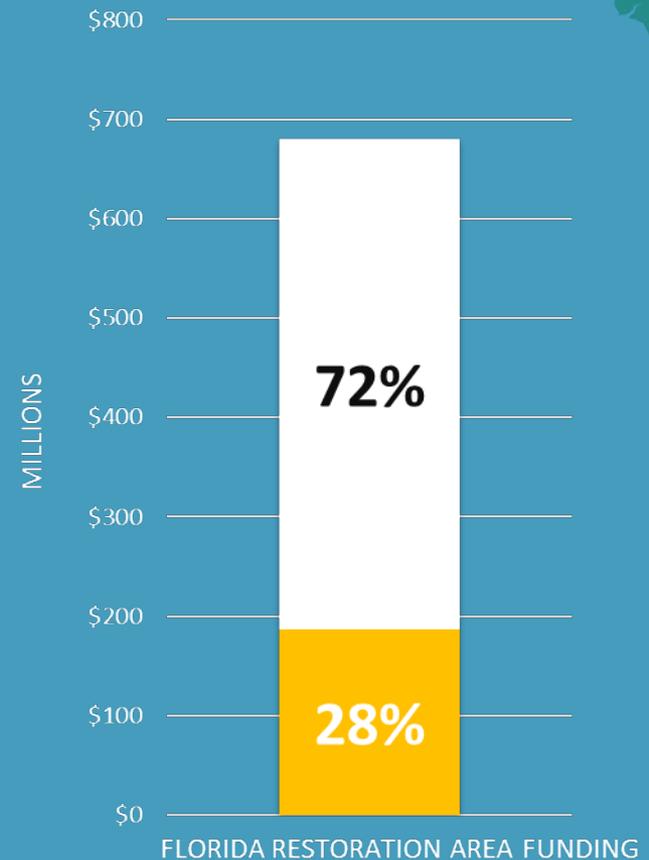
# Restoration Type Allocation and Obligations



Restoration Type	Total FL TIG Settlement	Early Restoration	RP1
Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats	\$20,629,367	\$15,966,502	
Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands	\$17,500,000		\$2,742,451
Nutrient Reduction	\$35,000,000	--	\$5,250,000
Water Quality	\$300,000,000	--	\$16,945,754
Sea Turtles	\$20,000,000	--	
Marine Mammals	\$5,000,000	--	
Birds	\$42,835,000	\$2,835,000	
Oysters	\$25,370,596	\$5,370,596	
Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	\$183,817,680	\$104,115,906	\$36,344,535

# Funding Update

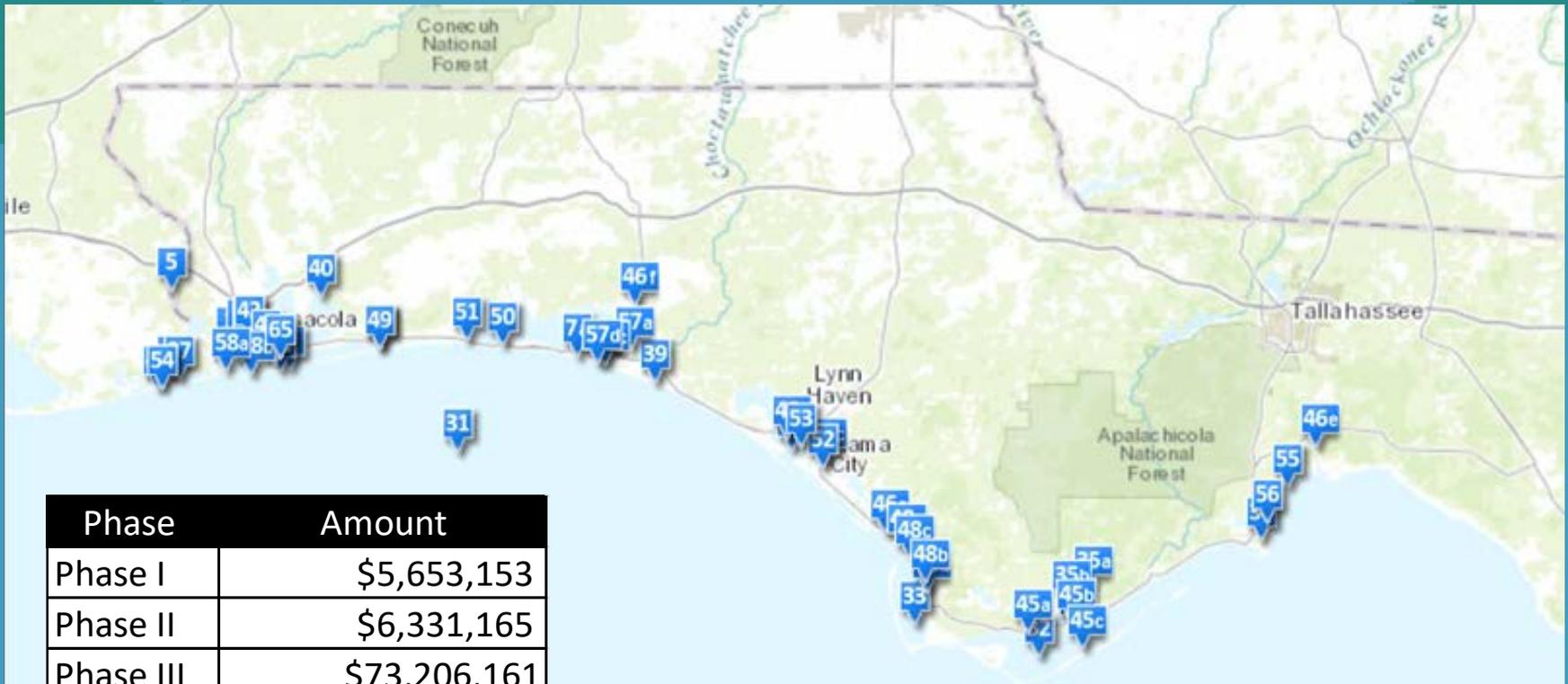
- Committed just over \$189 million for projects and planning activities as of Nov 2020.
- The total allocation is \$680 million.





# Early Restoration

# Florida Early Restoration Projects



Phase	Amount
Phase I	\$5,653,153
Phase II	\$6,331,165
Phase III	\$73,206,161
Phase IV	\$136,700
Phase V	\$46,456,990

<http://www.restoration.noaa.gov/dwh/storymap/>

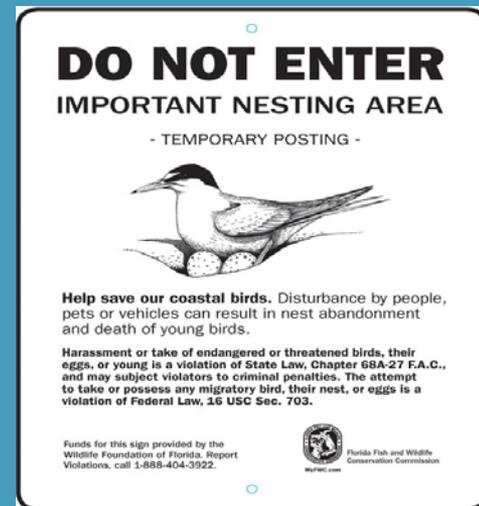


# Phase II Updates



## Enhanced Management of Avian Breeding Habitat Injured by Response Activities in the Florida Panhandle, Alabama, and Mississippi

- Status: complete (2018) ✓
- Reduced disturbance to bird habitat at 19 sites (~1,547 acres) in the Panhandle through stewardship, monitoring, and predation management.





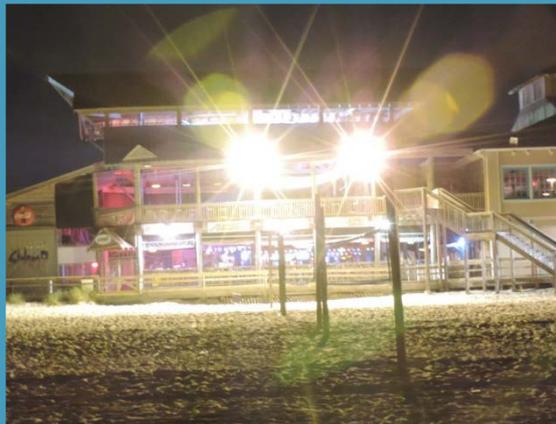
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## Improving Habitat Injured by Spill Response: Restoring the Night Sky

- Status: complete (2020) ✓
- Reduced disturbance to sea turtle habitat in the Panhandle by eliminating, retrofitting, or replacing light fixtures on adjacent properties, ensuring compliance with lighting ordinances, and conducting a public awareness campaign.



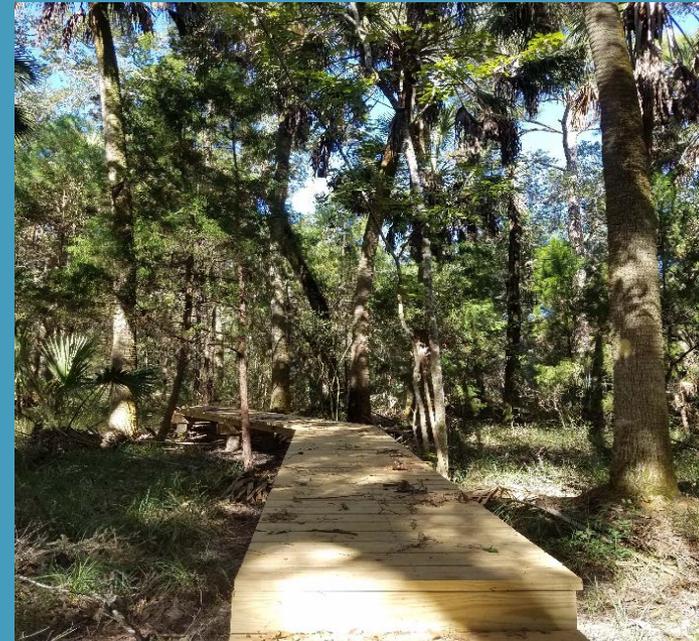
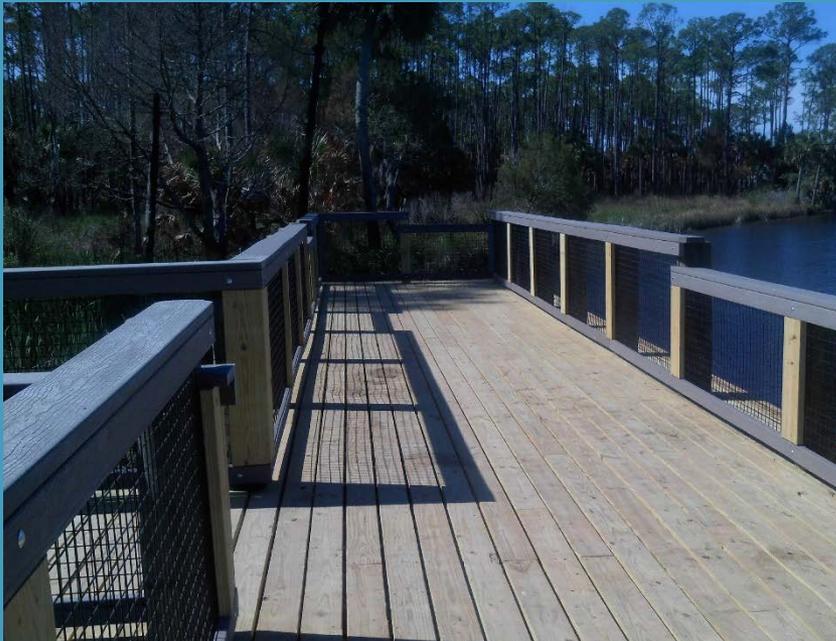


# Phase III Updates



## Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area Fishing and Wildlife Viewing Access Improvements

- Status: complete (2020) ✓
- Constructed access improvements at Cash Bayou (fishing/wildlife viewing platform, parking areas) and Sand Beach (boardwalk).





# Phase III Updates



## Strategically Provided Boat Access along Florida's Gulf Coast

- Status: complete (2020) ✓
- Improved boating access at 5 sites (Mexico Beach Canal Park marina, Earl Gilbert boat ramp facility, Frank Pate boat ramp, City of St. Marks boat ramp, and St. Andrews Marina docking facility) by constructing and/or enhancing seawalls/retaining walls, docks, finger piers, boat slips, ramps, and/or parking.



## Florida Gulf Coast Marine Fisheries Hatchery-Enhancement Center

- Status: terminated (2020) ✗



# Phase III Updates



## Big Lagoon State Park Boat Ramp Improvement

- Status: complete (2020) ✓
- Improved recreational and boating access by improving boat ramp and amenities.



## Gulf County Recreation Projects Highland View Boat Ramp Improvements

- Status: complete (2020) ✓
- Final component of Gulf County Recreation Projects. Improved recreational and boating access by replacing existing boat ramp and improving amenities.





# Phase III Updates

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## Wakulla County Mashes Sands Park Improvements

- Status: complete (2019) ✓
- Increased boating and recreational access by improving ramp and providing additional parking and recreational amenities.



## Navarre Beach Park Gulfside Walkover Complex

- Status: complete (2020) ✓
- Enhanced recreational access to the shoreline at Navarre Beach Park in Santa Rosa County.



## Perdido Key State Park Beach Boardwalk Improvements

- Status: terminated (2019) ✗
- Project estimates exceeded available budget.

# Phase V Florida Coastal Access Project Update



## Phase V.2 Salinas Park Addition

- Status: complete (2019) ✓
- Improved coastal recreational access through acquisition of property in Gulf County, Florida and constructed public park amenities on the property and on the adjacent existing county park property.



# Phase V Florida Coastal Access Project Update



## Phase V.3 Navarre Beach Marine Park Addition

- Status: complete (2019) ✓
- Improved coastal access through acquisition of an approximately 4.75-acre coastal in-holding parcel within the existing Navarre Beach Marine Park.



## Innerarity Point Park

- Status: complete (2020) ✓
- Improved coastal access through acquisition of 3.38-acre parcel and building of a public park on the property.



# Phase V Florida Coastal Access Project Update



## Captain Leonard Destin Park

- Status: complete (2020) ✓
- Improved coastal access through acquisition of land and the building of a public park on the property.



Credit: Jared Williams, Get the Coast



# Restoration Plan 1



# FL TIG Restoration Plan 1

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- Finalized in March 2019
- Funds 23 projects at ~\$62 million
  - 4 restoration types: Water Quality, Nutrient Reduction, Provide/Enhance Recreational Opportunities, and Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands
  - Spanning the Panhandle to Charlotte Harbor

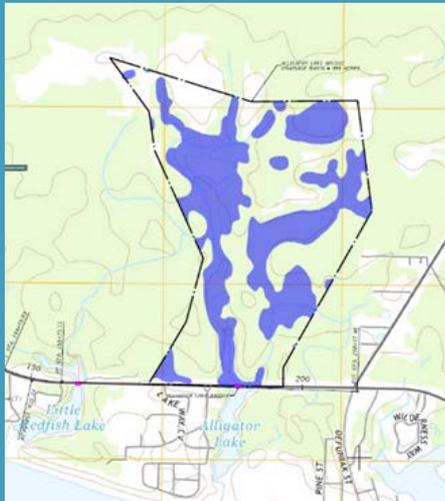


# RP1 Update



## Alligator Lake Coastal Dune Lake Hydrologic Restoration

- Status: complete (2019). ✓
- Improved water quality by improving flow between north and south portions of Alligator Lake.





# RP1 Update

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- The Lower Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods Hydrologic Restoration Initiative, Yucca Pens Unit (P&D)
- Joe's Bayou Recreation Area Improvements
- St. Andrews State Park Improvement
- Lighthouse Estates Septic Tank Abatement – Phase II
- Perdido River and Bay Paddle Trail



# Restoration Plan 2



# FL TIG Restoration Plan 2

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- Notice of Solicitation – late 2019
  - 6 Restoration Types considered: Oysters, Sea Turtles, Marine Mammals, Birds, Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities, and Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands
- Project screening through mid-2020
- Notice of Initiation – July 2020
- Draft restoration plan – early 2021
- Finalize plan – spring 2021



# Future Planning Efforts

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What is coming up for the FLTIG?

- Project implementation and monitoring
- Start Restoration Plan 3
- Monitoring and adaptive management





# Public Comments



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