RESTORE ACT Direct Compo	nent Multiyear Plan Matr	ix — Department of the Tr	easury						OMB Approval No. 1505-0250
Applicant Name:	Escambia County, FL								
1. MULTIYEAR PLAN VERSION (INITIAL OF	AMENDMENT NUMBER):	Initial	2a. DATE OF INITIAL MI	ULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTAN	ICE (mm/dd/yyyy):	N/A	2b. DATE OF LAST MULTIYEAR	PLAN ACCEPTANCE:	N/A
3. CUMULATIVE DIRECT COMPONENT ALLOCATION AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICANT:				\$15,895,553.99	4. TOTAL ALLOCATIONS I	PLUS KNOWN FUNDS NOT	YET DEPOSITED IN TRUST FUND FOR DIRECT COMPONENT:		\$70,683,054.63
5. Primary Direct Component Eligible			8. Estimated Total Fundi	8. Estimated Total Funding Contributions For Proposed Activity(ies)(refer to Instructions)			9. Proposed Start Date	10. Proposed End Date	
Activity Further Described in Application (Static Field)	6. Activity Title (Static Field)	7. Location (Static Field)	8a. Direct Component Contribution	8b. Other RESTORE Act Contribution	8c. Other Third Party Contribution	8d. Total Contribution	mm/dd/yyyy	mm/dd/yyyy	11. Status (refer to Instructions)
Planning Assistance	Carpenter Creek and Bayou	Carpenter Creek & Bayou	\$1,308,000.00			\$1,308,000.00	03-2018	03-2020	
	Texar Revitalization Plan	Texar, Pensacola, FL							
Planning Assistance	Project Universal Access	Pensacola Beach, FL Perdido Key, FL	\$360,000.00			\$360,000.00	03-2018	03-2020	
Planning Assistance	Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Public Access	Perdido Key, FL	\$147,600.00			\$147,600.00	03-2018	03-2020	
Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Perdido Key Multi-Use Path	Perdido Key, FL	\$960,000.00		\$290,000.00	\$1,250,000.00	07-2018	07-2020	
Planning Assistance	OLF8 Commerce Park Improvements	Frank Reeder Road, Beulah, FL	\$1,524,000.00			\$1,524,000.00	03-2018	03-2020	
Planning Assistance	South Dogtrack Drainage Project	South Dogtrack Road, Pensacola, FL	\$240,000.00	) 		\$240,000.00	03-2018	03-2020	
Planning Assistance	Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration	Eleven Mile Creek, Pensacola, FL	\$1,332,930.00	D		\$1,332,930.00	03-2018	03-2021	
Planning assistance	Eleven Mile Creek Basin	Eleven Mile Creek, Pensacola, FL	\$268,800.00			\$268,800.00	03-2018	03-2021	

Planning Assistance	Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park	1601 North Hayne Street Pensacola, FL 32503	\$1,597,320.00			\$1,597,320.00	03-2018	10-2018	
Workforce development and job	SOAR with RESTORE	Pensacola, FL	\$900,000.00			\$900,000.00	03-2018	03-2020	
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	12. ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING CONT Instructions)	\$8,638,650.00	\$0.00	\$290,000.00		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 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:	N/A
Date of Last Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	N/A

Eligible Applicant Name:	Escambia County, FL					
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.
  - 1) Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan

DESCRIPTION: The Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan project is a planning assistance activity towards the development of a strategic management plan to identify and address environmental restoration and conservation needs in Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar, Pensacola, FL. The plan will kick-off with a public stakeholders meeting to share concerns, questions, and ideas. An indepth environmental assessment will inventory and characterize existing and historic conditions of the watershed including water quality and quantity, sediment quality, species abundance and diversity, and stream health. The assessment will also qualify and quantify impacts of impervious cover encroachment, infrastructure impediments, and stormwater. All potential projects will be developed and prioritized based on assessment outcomes, will include stakeholder input, and will follow Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Best Available Science (BAS).

NEED: Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar have experienced environmental degradation since the 1950s. These waterways currently have verified 303(d) listed impairments for bacteria (fecal coliform) in addition to mercury impairments in fish tissue (throughout Florida) in Bayou Texar. While some improvements have been made to the system, the watershed lacks a holistic management plan. This plan will identify improvements and restoration based on BMPs, BAS, and provide a sequence for comprehensive improvements in the watershed.

PURPOSE: To develop a comprehensive restoration management plan for Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar that addresses legacy contaminants/impairments and development pressures/practices as well as a list of future restoration activities and projects through stakeholder meetings and BAS.

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OBJECTIVE: Create a planning document which will identify and plan for future development of infrastructure projects benefitting ecological resources and restoration and protection of the natural resources.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Public stakeholder meetings, 3) Environmental & Watershed assessment 4) Draft plan, 5) Final plan.

# 2) Project Universal Access

DESCRIPTION: Project Universal Access is a planning assistance activity that will evaluate public infrastructure, including facilities, in Escambia County for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards to identify enhancement opportunities to meet the needs and desires of citizens with disabilities by upgrading existing infrastructure, including facilities. An evaluation of public access locations will include public parks, trails, and boardwalks on Pensacola Beach, Perdido Key, and shoreline parks in Escambia County. Subsequently, a needs assessment will be produced resulting from the evaluation and input from stakeholders in the community. Citizens, specifically disabled citizens, will provide input to identify amenities and priorities to include in the needs assessment and future implementation by Escambia County and partner community organizations. The needs assessment will identify priorities where enhanced amenities can be included in existing public infrastructure and facilities to enable marketing Escambia County as a destination for disabled tourists to enhance the economy. Example amenities include multisensory educational kiosks, dune walkovers with observation decks, beach mat access to the Gulf of Mexico, chemical sensory standards, and restroom/parking facilities.

NEED: According to the latest U.S. Census data, there are 56.7 million people in the United States with a disability. The Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center estimates 54,000 persons with disabilities reside in Escambia County, and 10.4% of Escambia County's population with a disability are under the age of 65. A lack of adequate disabled public access locations at boat ramps, parks, education trails, and Gulf of Mexico beaches exists in Escambia County. While all new improvements must meet the latest ADA Standards, many of the older public facilities and infrastructure do not meet the needs and desires of disabled persons today. There is a need to update and enhance public infrastructure before the county can effectively market Escambia County to disabled tourists.

PURPOSE: To develop a needs assessment outlining priorities and projects recommended by community stakeholders to enhance public access amenities for disabled persons which will be used to recommend future construction projects in order to effectively promote Escambia County as a disability friendly destination.

OBJECTIVE: Planning assistance that will lead to infrastructure benefiting the economy.

MILESTONES: 1) Evaluation report of existing infrastructure, 2) Public stakeholder meetings, 3) Draft needs assessment, 4) Final needs assessment 5) Project prioritization.

## 3) Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Public Access

DESCRIPTION: The Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Public Access project is a planning assistance activity that will fund the planning, design, and permitting for public infrastructure improvements to facilitate public access, attract additional people to the community, and enhance the economy. Amenities will include public parking, restroom facilities, covered picnic facilities, and a dune walkover with observation platform. Undeveloped areas will be enhanced through habitat restoration to maximize benefits to the endangered Perdido Key beach mouse. Habitat restoration creates connectivity among identified critical habitat areas and balances community desire for public access while providing critical beach mouse habitat. Dune restoration will mitigate for construction activities. Additionally, a near-shore artificial reef will be designed and permitted for increased recreational opportunities to attract additional people for snorkeling, diving or fishing. Public access infrastructure provides connectivity and access to the artificial reef allowing for resources to be enjoyed by the public.

NEED: Escambia County has prioritized enhancing public access to the Gulf of Mexico and preservation of Perdido Key beach mouse critical habitat. Escambia County owns and maintains three beach access areas on Perdido Key. Existing County beach access includes approximately 2.2 acres, 245 feet of gulffront shoreline, and 86 parking spaces (including existing ADA parking). Through the addition of 50 parking spaces, public beach access parking will be significantly increased. Additionally, there are currently no public beach access areas that facilitate full ADA access to the bathing beach near the Gulf waters in Perdido Key. Design and future construction will implement the latest ADA Standards to provide access to all Escambia County citizens and visitors and will benefit the economy by promoting access and local businesses. The Perdido Key beach mouse was federally listed as an endangered species in 1985 under the Endangered Species Act. Habitat loss and fragmentation are the primary threat to its continued existence. The Perdido Key Habitat Conservation Plan, approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2015, stipulates conservation, preservation, and mitigation requirements for impacts to Perdido Key beach mice and other listed species. Currently, there is one near-shore artificial reef off Perdido Key in the Gulf of Mexico. The addition of a second near-shore artificial reef at this public access site will enhance recreational opportunities such as snorkeling, diving or fishing, and it will provide substrate for habitat colonization and utilization by sport fish, reef fish, and marine mammals.

PURPOSE: Increase incentives in a sustainable manner for citizens and visitors to access and stay longer on Perdido Key to boost local economy and increase recreational fishing opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico. Plan for infrastructure improvements to benefit the economy and ecology of the Perdido Key beach mouse.

OBJECTIVE: Planning activities will lead to the development of infrastructure projects benefitting the economy and ecological resources as well as promotion of recreational fishing. A secondary objective will be to enhance sand dunes for Perdido Key beach mouse habitat.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Public stakeholder meetings, 3) Draft design, 4) Final design, 5) Permit approval.

## 4) Perdido Key Multi-Use Path

DESCRIPTION: This project will fund the construction of approximately one mile of the east segment of the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path. When complete, the multi-use path will extend approximately 6.2 miles from the Alabama-Florida state line eastward through Perdido Key State Park to the Theo Baars Bridge. The design includes a 10-foot wide paved path and elevated boardwalk along the north side of Perdido Key Drive, State Road-292. Perdido Key is experiencing growth pressure on the confined transportation network. This project will allow for alternative means of transportation, such as walking or biking, to move people along Perdido Key and increase access to local businesses. Identified as a priority in the Perdido Key Master Plan, the path will establish connectivity throughout Perdido Key. Project design has been funded by the Shared Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail Grant, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. Construction of the west segment has been programmed for fiscal year 2019 (July 2018 to June 2019) by SUN Trail, FDOT, and the TPO. Funding for this project will be used for the construction of the east segment of the path beginning at Perdido Key State Park. The Perdido Key Multi-Use Path is the number one recommended Florida-Alabama TPO Bike/Pedestrian project.

NEED: Perdido Key Drive is a state highway bisecting Perdido Key. Currently, there is no connectivity between existing sidewalk segments, and shoulder width is not conducive for pedestrians or bicycling. Additionally, limited public parking on the island has proven challenging for citizens trying to access public beach locations including Perdido Key State Park. There is a need for a Perdido Key multi-model path to create connectivity throughout the island, providing an alternative method of moving the general public and visitors along Perdido Key. The Perdido Key Multi-Use Path was identified as a priority project in the Perdido Key Master Plan of 2016.

PURPOSE: Construct public infrastructure that provides an alternative means of transportation allowing for enhanced public access, connectivity, and reduced vehicular traffic on Perdido Key Drive to increase access to local amenities and businesses to improve the local economy.

OBJECTIVE: Infrastructure project benefitting the economy located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill through the development of a multi-use path composed of on-grade paved path and elevated boardwalk.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Public stakeholder meetings, 3) Construction, 4) Weekly progress meetings.

\*Design and Permitting will be completed by the Florida Department of Transportation.

## 5) OLF8 Commerce Park Improvements

DESCRIPTION: The OLF-8 Commerce Park Improvements Project is a planning assistance activity which will develop a master plan and design and permit a new commerce park in the Beulah community.

Outlying Field -8 is currently owned and used by the U.S. Navy as a rotary-wing training facility. Escambia

County and the U.S. Navy are currently negotiating a land swap where Escambia County will be deeded the 640-acre OLF-8 property in exchange for a new state-of-the-art Navy and Marine Corps rotary-wing training facility currently under construction. The new training facility will help ensure continued investment in military operations in the area and protection of the military mission from encroachment. Overall, the project combines two critical community economic development priorities: Military Sector Investment and Private Sector Investment. Developing a master plan for OLF-8 will allow Escambia County to identify commerce park goals and deliverables, design and permit infrastructure improvements, and eventually solicit and secure private sector investment in OLF-8. The site is adjacent to the on-going construction of the 10,000-job Navy Federal Credit Union campus. Conceptual plans for the new Commerce Park show approximately 425 acres of developable uplands. Initial estimates of potential jobs are 8.5 jobs per acre (3,600 new jobs).

NEED: OLF-8 is located in the Beulah community, a rapidly growing area of Escambia County. The site has long been identified as an ideal location for a commerce park due to its size of approximately 425 acres of cleared, flat uplands and its proximity to Interstate 10 and Highway 90 (Nine Mile Road). OLF-8 is also adjacent to Navy Federal Credit Union's campus which is anticipated to employ over 10,000 people by 2020. Development of a master plan is needed to identify target industries and a commerce park concept that is compatible with the surrounding community. The master plan will develop park design features to be included in the commerce park. Design and permitting will also be completed for public infrastructure improvements such as roads, lighting, utilities, and stormwater infrastructure. The development of a master plan for OLF-8 and design and permitting for infrastructure improvements will allow for the OLF-8 Commerce Park to be a shovel-ready economic development project.

PURPOSE: To increase local economic development by making a commerce park available for business growth.

OBJECTIVE: Planning activities that will lead to the development of infrastructure projects benefitting the economy.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Public stakeholder meetings, 3) Draft master plan, 4) Final master plan, 5) Permit approval.

## 6) South Dogtrack Drainage Project

DESCRIPTION: The South Dogtrack Drainage Project is a planning assistance activity which will plan and design improved drainage within the Bayou Grande Drainage Basin. New incidences of flooding are now occurring in areas that had no previous flooding problems. In order to restore historic drainage patterns and reduce flooding of existing homes, this project will provide planning and design for: 1. Construction of stormwater ponds to replace lost floodplain and stormwater storage; 2. Construction of a new drainage outfall from the headwaters of the drainage basin along Blue Angel Parkway to the headwaters of Bayou Grande (Garcon Swamp); and 3. Provide channel and stream restoration improvements along two merging creeks to Bayou Grande. The project's stormwater management goals are to improve flow

through the creek to reduce flooding and scour in the creek, and to provide significant flood control measures. Stormwater pond(s), wetland restoration, floodplain restoration, and habitat creation areas are proposed.

NEED: This area has suffered severe flooding issues. Providing this new stormwater drainage and treatment will reduce flooding and increase stormwater retention. Stream restoration components will also provide improved habitat and water quality for Bayou Grande, which currently is impaired for bacteria.

PURPOSE: To provide flooding relief and new stormwater treatment in the South Dogtrack Road and Blue Angel Parkway area while also improving stream habitat and water quality.

OBJECTIVE: Planning activities that will lead to coastal flood protection and related infrastructure as well as restoration and protection of natural resources.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Public stakeholder meetings, 3) Draft design, 4) Final design, 5) Permit approval.

## 7) Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration

DESCRIPTION: The Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration project is a planning assistance activity which will plan and design the restoration of the natural wetland and riparian buffers for the creek while also expanding the floodplain, repairing existing nonfunctional stormwater infrastructure, removing invasive species, increase community resilience, and improve water quality in Eleven Mile Creek and Perdido Bay. Roughly 3,500 linear feet of stream and 40 acres of wetland floodplain will be restored.

NEED: Urban encroachment has constricted and reduced the ecological function of Eleven Mile Creek. Severe flooding in local neighborhoods has allowed Escambia County to acquire a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant to purchase several flood-prone properties and restore the creek's original floodplain. The intent of this project is to restore the natural riparian buffers and wetlands. Eleven Mile Creek is a 303(d) listed impaired waterbody. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) exist for fecal coliform bacteria, low dissolved oxygen, excess nutrients, elevated biological oxygen demand, and unionized ammonia. Water quality improvements are needed to meet the "fishable and swimmable" water quality standards for Class III waters.

PURPOSE: To expand and restore the historical floodplain, wetlands, and stream habitat, to reestablish the riparian buffers, increase wildlife habitat utilization and increase flood protection for public and private infrastructure.

OBJECTIVE: Planning activities that will lead to restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitat, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Public stakeholder meetings, 3) Biological/hydrological report, 4) Draft design, 5) Final design, 6) Permit approval.

## 8) Eleven Mile Creek Basin

DESCRIPTION: The Eleven Mile Creek Basin project is a planning assistance activity which will plan and design eleven new stormwater ponds in the Eleven Mile Creek basin that will provide flood attenuation, improve water quality, and have a direct positive impact on coastal areas of Escambia County that border Perdido Bay. Site one is a stormwater pond near the Green Hills Road Tributary. The remaining ten pond/stream restoration sites in the Eleven Mile Creek basin are being analyzed. Construction of the eleven new stormwater ponds will directly improve water quality, reduce downstream flooding, and reduce the amount of sedimentation and pollutants that enter Perdido Bay.

NEED: Flood control is needed to protect the surrounding and downstream infrastructure. Eleven Mile Creek is a 303(d) listed impaired waterbody. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) exist for fecal coliform bacteria, low dissolved oxygen, excess nutrients, elevated biological oxygen demand, and unionized ammonia. Additional stormwater treatment and attenuation will improve coastal flood protection and water quality.

PURPOSE: To reduce downstream stormwater flow rates, improve coastal flood protection, and improve overall water quality for the downstream outfall locations.

OBJECTIVE: Planning activities that will lead to coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Public stakeholder meetings, 3) Draft design, 4) Final design, 5) Permit approval.

## 9) Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park

DESCRIPTION: The Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park project is a planning assistance activity which will plan and design dual-use stormwater ponds and recreational-use basins under the Interstate 110 corridor. The project will aid the City of Pensacola in collecting, treating and routing 1.3 miles of stormwater that runs off elevated lengths of Interstate 110 near its southern terminus, providing relief to diverse historical neighborhoods in flood prone areas near Hollice T. Williams Park. This park will also provide for multi-use recreational basins, including youth sports fields, which are effective tools in managing large run-off volumes generated during storm events while maximizing the use of public lands. Phase 1 will complete the planning and design for the park.

NEED: Downtown Pensacola has suffered severe flooding issues. Providing this stormwater/recreational park will increase the area's retention and treatment of stormwater. This multi-use space will not only

improve water quality for Pensacola Bay, which currently is impaired, but it will also provide a needed recreational space for youth sports and the community.

PURPOSE: To provide flooding relief and stormwater treatment in the downtown Pensacola area near the I-110 terminus while also creating a recreational space for youth sports and the community.

OBJECTIVE: Planning activities that will lead to coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

MILESTONES: 1) Selection of contractor, 2) Public stakeholder meetings, 3) Draft design, 4) Final design, 5) Permit approval.

## 10) SOAR with RESTORE

DESCRIPTION: SOAR with RESTORE is a workforce development project which will stand up a workforce development program managed by Escambia County. The program will provide training to underserved communities based on Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs) and minority communities, background and income status. The program will focus on developing skills, including financial and social skills, for three main workforce development areas including environmental hazard remediation, cybersecurity, and re-entry training. These programs and skills were identified by a group of non-profit and for-profit organizations, as well as Florida's Great Northwest, as valuable skill sets to reintroduce underserved or re-entry individuals into the workforce. Escambia County will manage the program and work with partner community organizations to provide workforce training courses. The program will work with existing workforce development programs to fill training gaps and avoid program redundancy.

NEED: Workforce training opportunities where underserved persons will be trained, certified, and licensed, at no cost to them, in relevant and desired job skills.

PURPOSE: To provide skills and workforce training necessary for underserved citizens to be career ready, to reduce prison re-entry rates, and to provide a solid foundation for citizens to become productive members of the community. The program will cover the cost of all necessary training supplies, certifications, and instructors. Students will be provided a stipend for training time and transportation to the training location.

OBJECTIVE: Workforce development which will stand up a workforce development program managed by Escambia County to provide standard industry certification. This project will setup a sustained, on-going workforce development program.

MILESTONES: 1) Program establishment; 2) Develop student and course criteria; 3) Selection of contractor; 4) Course administration for year 1; 5) Graduation and certification for year 1; 6) Course administration for year 2; 7) Graduation and certification for year 2; 8) Post training monitoring.

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 Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) authorized staff to conduct the required 45-day public comment period at their May 25, 2017 Board Meeting.

Escambia County, in accordance with the RESTORE Act, solicited broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations during a 45-day public comment period from June 5, 2017 through July 19, 2017. The MYIP was made available online at myescambia.com/restore for review and comment. A Public Comment Kickoff Meeting was widely advertised through the Escambia County Community and Media Relations Division, Pensacola News Journal, WUWF, The Pulse, and other groups as documented in the Compiled Public Comment Report. The Public Comment Kickoff Meeting was held on June 5, 2017 at the Escambia County Central Office Complex with 18 attendees. Paper copies of the Draft MYIP and translated versions were available upon request. A total of 349 comments were received via telephone, in-person, email, mail, and through the County website. The Final 2016-17 MYIP, Public Comment Summary Report, and Compiled Public Comment Report are available at myescambia.com/restore.

The public has not only been engaged during the 45-day public comment period, but also has been engaged throughout the development of the 2016-17 MYIP. The Escambia County RESTORE Advisory Committee held approximately 60 meetings from 2013 through 2016 and allowed for public comment at each; an email distribution list provided monthly updates on the progress of the MYIP and Committee activity; and the Direct Component Project Portal was open to all Escambia County citizens to input their project proposals.

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed public comments and on September 7, 2017 authorized staff to submit the MYIP without modification to the U.S. Department of Treasury. Based on review from the U.S. Department of Treasury a technical modification was made to question four (measures of success) to better align with project eligible activities. This change will not result in any change to the project objectives. A technical modification was also made to question one, project ten (SOAR with RESTORE) regarding the project description to better reflect the intent of the project.

A summary of the public comments received for each of the 10 proposed projects are below.

## 1) Carpenter Creek Revitalization Plan

Major Concerns and Responses: Public comments received relating to the Carpenter Creek Revitalization Plan Project were mostly supportive or neutral. There were concerns submitted that pertained to the quality of the work such as monitoring, ordinances, regulations, and consultant qualifications. The project will be competitively bid, and the design firm selected will have experience in stream restoration

and environmental restoration. Development of the master plan will include recommended projects, a focused stream monitoring plan to measure progress, and a review of current ordinances. Recommended future projects will improve stream conditions and prevent future pollutants from entering the system.

## 2) Project Universal Access

Major Concerns and Responses: Public comments received relating to Project Universal Access were mostly supportive or neutral. There were concerns related to the master plan budget and spending limited funds to create a master plan without committing implementation funding. Investing in a review of current park conditions and potential future sites and development of a master plan will create shovel-ready projects that greatly enhance the County's ability to acquire and leverage funding. If proper planning is not done, then efficiency would be reduced, and the ability to incorporate public input and ideas would be greatly reduced or lost.

## 3) Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Beach Access

Major Concerns and Responses: Public comments received relating to the Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Beach Access Project were mostly supportive or neutral. The concerns were regarding the details of the facilities, location, environmental impact and number of parking spaces. These concerns will be addressed during the planning phase. Escambia County will follow Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance requirements to ensure accessibility and connection to the Perdido Key multi-use path currently being developed. All environmental regulations will be followed and efforts will be made to reduce impact of the new facility including low impact design and maximizing Perdido Key beach mouse and sand dune habitat.

## 4) Perdido Key Multi-Use Path

Major Concerns and Responses: Public comments received relating to the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path Project were mostly supportive or neutral. The concerns were regarding environmental impact and public coordination. Escambia County will adhere to all environmental regulations and coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the public.

## 5) OLF8 Commerce Park Improvements

Major Concerns and Responses: The OLF8 Commerce Park Project received less community support than other proposed projects. The concerns include:

- -Creating an additional commerce park that does not get utilized;
- -Adding another commerce park while existing commerce parks in the County are under-utilized and available;
- -Return on investment is cost prohibitive;
- -The commerce park will increase traffic and congestion in the area;
- -The commerce park will result in unnecessary, unwanted, or too rapid growth without a community master plan; and

-Additional build-out of the rural area will result in negative environmental impacts.

Escambia County has invested approximately \$8,351,000 in this project to date. The County needs a master plan for this project to determine the opportunities available for the OLF8 property. Although the original concept for this property is to develop a traditional commerce park, all options are available (i.e., selling to a solar farm company). Design options will be considered that do not have major impacts on traffic and congestion. The master plan process will weigh the costs and benefits, capabilities, and include community input. All environmental regulations will be followed and low impact design will be encouraged.

## 6) South Dogtrack Drainage

Major Concerns and Responses: Public comments received relating to the South Dogtrack Drainage Project were mostly supportive or neutral. The concerns were regarding allowing development in low-lying areas and permitting development in wetlands. Mitigation will be a part of this project, and opportunities such as acquiring property adjacent to the headwaters of Bayou Grande for habitat preservation will be considered. A part of the mitigation process will include reviewing current ordinances and permitting requirements for environmentally sensitive lands.

#### 7) Eleven Mile Creek Restoration

Major Concerns and Responses: Public comments received relating to the Eleven Mile Creek Restoration Project were mostly supportive or neutral. Some citizens were concerned with the quality of the work such as monitoring, ordinances, regulations, and consultant qualifications. The project will be competitively bid, and the firm selected must have experience in stream restoration and habitat restoration.

## 8) Eleven Mile Creek Basin

Major Concerns and Responses: Public comments received relating to the Eleven Mile Creek Basin Project were mostly supportive or neutral.

## 9) Hollice T. Williams Stormwater & Recreational Park

Major Concerns and Responses: The majority of public comments received relating to the Hollice T. Williams Stormwater & Recreational Park Project were supportive or neutral.

## 10) SOAR with RESTORE

Major Concerns and Responses: Public comments received relating to the SOAR with RESTORE Project were mostly supportive or neutral. Concerns included:

- -Measuring project success;
- -Investing in job training rather than infrastructure;
- -Unfair and non-competitive funding being allocated to non-profit organizations;
- -Unnecessary additional government programs; and

-Spending RESTORE funds on workforce development instead of the environment. SOAR with RESTORE was originally submitted by a group of non-profit entities. Since then, the County has worked to generalize the project scope while still maintaining the core of the project. Escambia County will put the project out for bid and follow state and federal procurement requirements. Any eligible entity will be able to bid on the scope of work, including non-profits, educational institutions, and private companies. Details about measuring success, project goals, and metrics will be determined. Escambia County will manage the project, provide financial oversight, and coordinate with the selected contractor to fulfill U.S. Treasury requirements. Workforce Development and Job Creation is an eligible activity of the RESTORE Act.

3. How each activity included in the applicant's multiyear plan narrative 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.

## 1) Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity VIII: Planning assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by developing a comprehensive management plan for Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar, Escambia County, FL. Plan outcomes will be used primarily to address eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

Geographic Location: The project will occur in Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar, tributaries of the Pensacola Bay System, Gulf of Mexico, Escambia County, FL.

## 2) Project Universal Access

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity VIII: Planning assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by developing a needs assessment and implementation plan of Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act Standards, features, and enhancements of public infrastructure, including facilities, on Perdido Key, Pensacola Beach, and shoreline parks in Escambia County, FL. Plan outcomes will be used primarily to address eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act.

Geographic Location: The project will occur on Perdido Key, Pensacola Beach, and Escambia County shoreline parks, adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico and associated estuaries and rivers in Escambia County, FL.

# 3) Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Public Access

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity VIII: Planning assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by planning, designing, and permitting recreational public beach access on Perdido Key, Escambia County, FL. Design outcomes will be used primarily to address eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

Geographic Location: The project will occur on Perdido Key adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, Escambia County, FL.

## 4) Perdido Key Multi-Use Path

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by constructing approximately one mile of the east segment of the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path, Escambia County, FL.

Geographic Location: The project will occur on Perdido Key adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, Escambia County, FL.

## 5) OLF8 Commerce Park Improvements

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity VIII: Planning assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by developing a comprehensive master plan for Outlying Landing Field 8, Escambia County, FL. Plan outcomes will be used primarily to address eligible activity VI: Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

Geographic Location: The project will occur at Outlying Landing Field 8 along Frank Reeder Road, Escambia County, FL.

## 6) South Dogtrack Drainage Project

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity VIII: Planning assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by planning, designing, and permitting a stormwater improvement project along a portion of South Dogtrack Road, Escambia County, FL. Plan outcomes will be used primarily to address eligible activity VII: Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

Geographic Location: The project will occur along South Dogtrack Road between Blue Angel Parkway and Bayou Grande, Escambia County, FL.

# 7) Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity VIII: Planning assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by planning, designing, and permitting a stream restoration in Eleven Mile Creek, Escambia County, FL. Plan outcomes will be used primarily to address eligible activity I: Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitat, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region.

Geographic Location: The project will occur in Eleven Mile Creek, a tributary of Perdido Bay, between Highway 297A and Interstate 10, Escambia County, FL.

## 8) Eleven Mile Creek Basin

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity VIII: Planning assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by planning, designing, and permitting a stormwater pond and associated infrastructure near Eleven Mile Creek, Escambia County, FL. Plan outcomes will be used primarily to address eligible activity VII: Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

Geographic Location: The project will occur near Eleven Mile Creek, a tributary to Perdido Bay, north of Highway 297A, Escambia County, FL.

## 9) Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity VIII: Planning assistance, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by designing and permitting a stormwater park at Hollice T. Williams Park, Escambia County, FL. Plan outcomes will be used primarily to address eligible activity VII: Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

Geographic Location: The project will occur at 1601 North Hayne Streets, Pensacola, FL.

## 10) SOAR with RESTORE

The activities of this project are eligible under eligible activity IV: Workforce development and job creation, as per §1603 (3)(t)(1)(B)(i) of the RESTORE Act, by funding three workforce training programs in Escambia County, FL.

Geographic Location: The project will occur in Escambia County, FL, one of the eight disproportionately affected counties in Florida.

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

## 1) Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan

Success will be evaluated by the completion of the Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan, providing data and public input necessary to identify environmental improvement projects and goals in Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar.

## 2) Project Universal Access

Success will be evaluated by the completion of the ADA evaluation and plan, providing information necessary to identify public access enhancement opportunities for disabled persons in public parks in Escambia County.

# 3) Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Public Access

Success will be evaluated by the completion of final design/engineering plans, specifications and permits needed for construction.

# 4) Perdido Key Multi-Use Path

Success will be measured by pre- and post-construction monitoring of public use.

## 5) OLF8 Commerce Park Improvements

Success will be evaluated by the completion of the OLF8 Master Plan, providing needed information regarding the economic opportunities and design of OLF8.

## 6) South Dogtrack Drainage Project

Success will be evaluated by the completion of final design/engineering plans, specifications and permits needed for construction.

## 7) Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration

Success will be evaluated by the completion of final design/engineering plans, specifications and permits needed for construction.

## 8) Eleven Mile Creek Basin

Success will be evaluated by the completion of final design/engineering plans, specifications and permits needed for construction.

## 9) Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park

Success will be evaluated by the completion of final design/engineering plans, specifications and permits needed for construction of the Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park.

## 10) SOAR with RESTORE

SOAR with RESTORE will provide training and certification for a minimum of 25 students from each of the three training courses for a total minimum of 75 graduates per year. Success will be measured by the number of graduates completing training and receiving certification from the program.

5.	How the	activities	included	in the mu	ltivear pla	an narrative were	prioritized	and list the	criteria used	to establish the prio	rities.

On October 18, 2012, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted Resolution No. R2012-150 establishing a local RESTORE Advisory Committee (RAC). Eight members were appointed to the RAC representing diverse interests including environmental advocacy, economic development, transportation, government, and finance. The first committee meeting was held on March 22, 2013. In 2015, three additional members were added to the Committee via Resolution 2014-80, which added a tourism representative and two additional at-large representatives. Since its formation, the RAC has held 62 public meetings and has engaged the community to generate support from key stakeholders to support recovery planning efforts. The RAC developed a Needs Assessment outlining Escambia County's needs based on numerous presentations from local organizations. Selection Criteria were developed based on these identified needs and the RESTORE Act Eligible Activities.

In April 2016, the BCC was presented with the RAC's rank and recommendation of the 124 projects submitted to the County's Direct Component Project Portal. In August 2016, the BCC decided that each Commissioner would submit two (2) projects from the list of 124. The BCC met in February 2017 and directed staff to include Phase 1 of each of the 10 selected projects in the initial MYIP.

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.

1) Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar Revitalization Plan

Direct Component: Will fund development of a Master Plan for Carpenter Creek and Bayou Texar.

Other Funding: N/A

## 2) Project Universal Access

Direct Component: Will fund development of a Needs Assessment/Master Plan for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards and enhancements at public parks and facilities in Escambia County.

Other Funding: N/A

3) Perdido Key Gulf of Mexico Public Access

Direct Component: Will fund planning/design/permitting for dune walkover, parking, restroom facilities, picnic pavilions, and an artificial reef at a public access location in Perdido Key.

Other Funding: N/A

# 4) Perdido Key Multi-Use Path

Direct Component: Will fund construction of approximately one mile of multi-use path in Perdido Key.

Other Funding: \$290,000. Planning, design, and permitting of this section of path has been funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), FDOT Shared Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Program, and the Florida Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Bicycles and Pedestrian Program. Additionally, approximately \$1.6 million has been funded by the same organizations for planning, design, and permitting of the remainder of the trail. \$2,246,000 has been programmed for construction of approximately 2.44 miles of path. No construction funds have been allocated for construction of this one mile section of path.

# 5) OLF8 Commerce Park Improvements

Direct Component: Will fund development of a Master Plan for infrastructure, site layout, and planning of the OLF8 Commerce Park.

Other Funding: N/A

# 6) South Dogtrack Drainage Project

Direct Component: Will fund planning/design/permitting of a drainage improvement project along South Dogtrack Road in southwest Escambia County.

Other Funding: N/A

## 7) Eleven Mile Creek Stream Restoration

Direct Component: Will fund planning/design/permitting of a stream restoration project in Eleven Mile Creek between Interstate 10 and Highway 297A.

Other Funding: N/A

## 8) Eleven Mile Creek Basin

Direct Component: Will fund design/permitting for Pond 1 of 11 as part of stormwater improvement project in the Eleven Mile Creek basin.

Other Funding: N/A

## 9) Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park

Direct Component: Will fund planning/design/permitting of the Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park.

Other Funding: N/A

# 10) SOAR with RESTORE

Direct Component: Will fund workforce training programs in three specialized industries in Escambia County.

Other Funding: N/A

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