

**RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Matrix — Department of the Treasury** OMB Approval No. 1505-0250

<b>Applicant Name:</b>		City of New Orleans, Louisiana											
<b>1. MULTIYEAR PLAN VERSION (INITIAL OR AMENDMENT NUMBER):</b>		Initial		<b>2a. DATE OF INITIAL MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE (mm/dd/yyyy):</b>		N/A		<b>2b. DATE OF LAST MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE:</b>		N/A			
<b>3. CUMULATIVE DIRECT COMPONENT ALLOCATION AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICANT:</b>				\$3,457,364.40				<b>4. TOTAL ALLOCATIONS PLUS KNOWN FUNDS NOT YET DEPOSITED IN TRUST FUND FOR DIRECT COMPONENT:</b>				\$7,973,130.59	
<b>5. Primary Direct Component Eligible Activity Further Described in Application (Static Field)</b>	<b>6. Activity Title (Static Field)</b>	<b>7. Location (Static Field)</b>	<b>8. Estimated Total Funding Contributions For Proposed Activity(ies)(refer to Instructions)</b>				<b>9. Proposed Start Date mm/dd/yyyy</b>	<b>10. Proposed End Date mm/dd/yyyy</b>	<b>11. Status (refer to Instructions)</b>				
			<b>8a. Direct Component Contribution</b>	<b>8b. Other RESTORE Act Contribution</b>	<b>8c. Other Third Party Contribution</b>	<b>8d. Total Contribution</b>							
Planning assistance	Lincoln Beach Phase I - Public Engagement and Preliminary Design	Orleans Parish, Louisiana	\$1,000,000.00		\$40,000.00	\$1,040,000.00	5/1/2022	4/30/2023					
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Lincoln Beach Phase 2 - Construction Component 1	Orleans Parish, Louisiana	\$3,338,942.99		\$5,000,000.00	\$8,338,942.99	5/1/2023	5/1/2027					
<b>12. ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTIVITY(IES) (refer to Instructions)</b>			\$4,338,942.99	\$0.00	\$5,040,000.00	\$9,378,942.99	<b>Please note: Grant awards may reflect non-material changes in proposed dates and estimated funding.</b>						

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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):	Initial
Date of Initial Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	N/A
Date of Last Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	N/A

Eligible Applicant Name:	Orleans Parish, Louisiana
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.

#### Lincoln Beach Phase I: Public Engagement and Preliminary Design 2022-2023

The purpose of this activity is to develop plans and designs for the redevelopment of Lincoln Beach as a public recreational area. This planning and design activity is needed to define the community's vision for the beach and develop construction-ready plans for key project elements.

#### Phase I Objectives:

1. Conduct Public Outreach and Engagement meetings, including but not limited to Lincoln Beach Community Advisory Committee meetings
2. Complete Architectural and Engineering Design Documents for Component 1 elements including pedestrian and vehicle access, recreational fishing pier, walking paths, and restoration of existing historic structures
3. Develop a master plan for the redevelopment of Lincoln Beach, including current and future phases of development and programming.
4. Included in the master plan, develop a habitat management plan including invasive species control and preservation of existing wetlands.

#### Phase I Milestones:

Milestone 1: Site Master Plan

Milestone 2: Component 1 Construction Docs

RESTORE Direct Component funding for Phase I is \$1,000,000. The City of New Orleans has allocated \$40,000 from an EPA grant to design a green infrastructure parking lot for the site.

#### Lincoln Beach Phase 2: Construction Component 1 2023-2027

The purpose of this public infrastructure project is to restore public access to the Lake Pontchartrain lakefront in order to preserve cultural resources, provide an ecological outdoor education site stimulating economic development and job creation, promote tourism, facilitate healthy lifestyle activities such as biking, swimming, hiking and recreational fishing in a demographically disadvantaged neighborhood, and restore coastal habitat.

This project is needed to provide safe recreational access to Lincoln Beach for public uses. The minimum requirements to provide for safe public access and recreational use at Lincoln Beach are identified in the April 2021 Lincoln Beach Site Assessment Report prepared for the City of New Orleans Public Works Department by Digital Engineering and Imaging, Inc.

Funding for Phase 2 includes \$3,338,942.99 Direct Component funding, as well as an additional \$5 Million from the City General Fund. These local funds are available immediately and may be reimbursed at a later date by Direct Component funds. Once constructed, the project's features will be operated and maintained by the City of New Orleans for its estimated useful life.

Phase 2 Objectives:

1. Construct parking, pedestrian and emergency vehicle access points, and walking paths to provide for public access to the beach
2. Construct a public pier for recreational fishing access.
3. Complete Removal, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of existing waterfront structures and pavilions
4. Complete initial landscaping, including invasive species removal

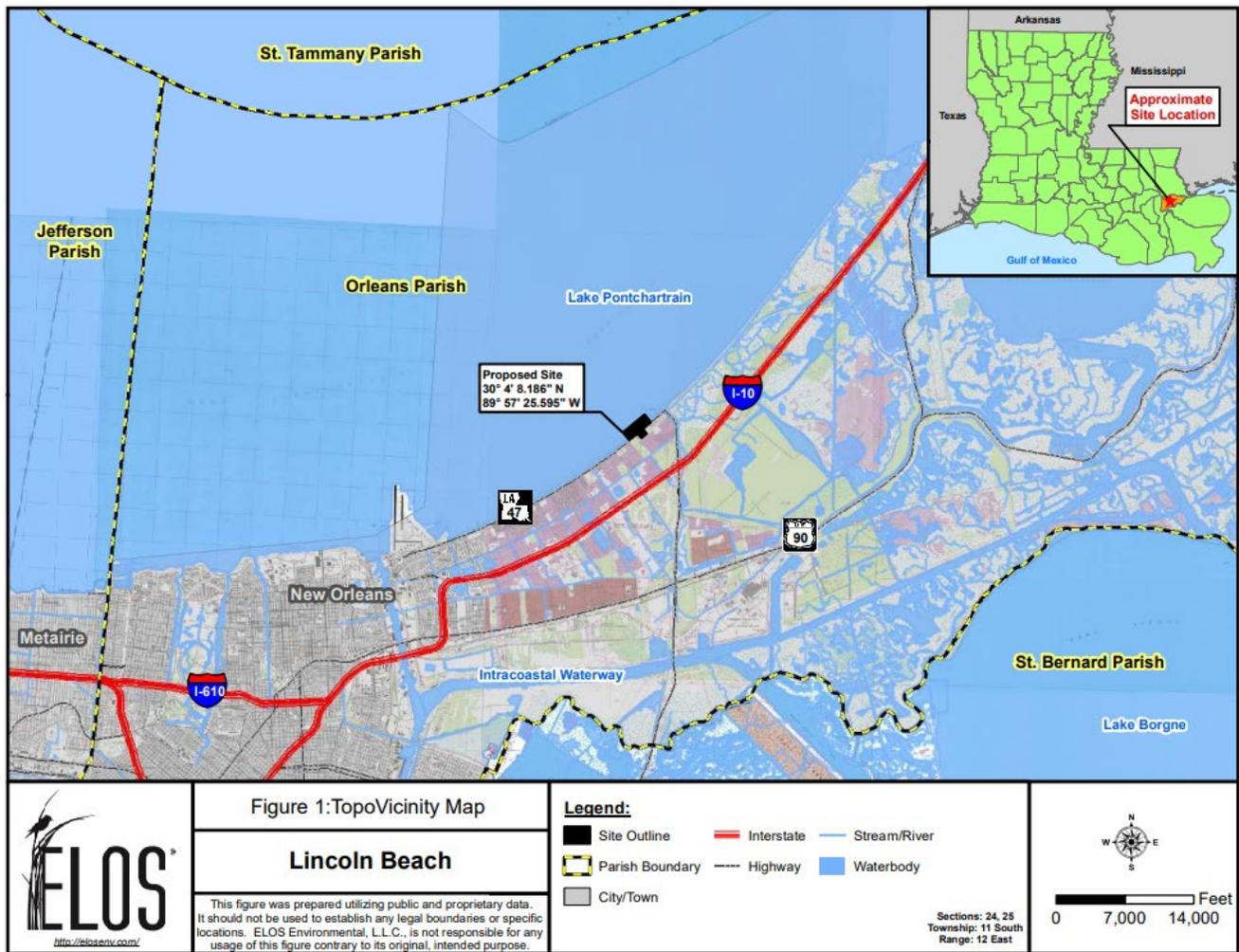
Phase 2 Milestones:

Milestone 3: Final Plans and Specs, CDs, RFP etc 2023

Milestone 4: Component 1 Construction Complete 2027

Location:

Lincoln Beach is located in the City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. Approximate location of the site is shown in Figure 1 below.



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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 draft plan was made available for public comment for a period of 45 days beginning 10/11/2021 and ending 11/30/2021. The public was notified of the draft availability through a news release issued 10/11/2021 by the Mayor's Communications Office, as well as through an e-newsletter notice to people who have previously expressed an interest in being updated on the re-development of Lincoln Beach. A copy of this plan is also available at <http://nola.gov/LincolnBeach>.

Additionally, the City established a Lincoln Beach Community Advisory Committee (LBCAC) in 2021. Details about this draft plan were discussed at the LBCAC meeting on Dec. 6, 2021. The LBCAC typically notifies interested parties of updates on Lincoln Beach via their Facebook group. They also email information about the project to their private interested parties list.

A total of 84 comments were received via email. A record of all comments is including as an attachment to this plan. Of the comments received, 76 of 84 were explicitly supportive of the proposed use of RESTORE funds, and none of the commenters expressed opposition to the MYIP. Collectively, commenters raised issues around workforce development and economic opportunity, collaborative planning and community engagement, specific conceptual designs and use cases, and other issues that will be addressed during the planning and design of the project but which did not require revisions to the MYIP.

Updates on Lincoln Beach are typically covered by local media. The City will attempt to honor media inquiries to be sure additional information is shared as widely as possible. Development of the Lincoln Beach Master Plan will include an ample public participation element and be available in multiple languages to meet the needs of our residents who speak Spanish and Vietnamese.

At the January 6, 2022 regular meeting of the New Orleans City Council, the council adopted Resolution R-22-2, which approves the multiyear plan and approves the submission of the plan to US Treasury Department.

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.

*Eligibility for Funding under RESTORE Direct Component*

The Primary Eligible Activity associated with the Lincoln Beach Restoration Phase 1 project is planning assistance. The activities of this project will consist of planning in the form of public engagement and preliminary project design for Phase 2.

The Primary Eligible Activity associated with Lincoln Beach Restoration Phase 2 project is as an infrastructure project benefiting the economy or ecological resources. The primary activities to be funded include construction of the infrastructure components required to safely reopen the beach to public use. Reopening Lincoln Beach will benefit the local economy through direct job creation and expansion of tourism and recreational visitation, as well as benefiting ecological resources through habitat restoration and enhancement. The proposed project is located in the Gulf Coast Region, meets the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Certification requirements for Louisiana, and is consistent with the most recent version of the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan.

4. Criteria the applicant will use to evaluate 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.

The success of the Lincoln Beach Restoration project will be evaluated by the completion of construction of key infrastructure features identified in the final project design. City of New Orleans will monitor successful achievement of project milestones using typical project management systems. Performance measures that will be assessed include:

Phase I Performance Measures:

1. Complete design package for public access points, recreational pier, and other infrastructure components
2. Complete Master Plan for development, including infrastructure plans, habitat management, economic development, and cultural resources.

Phase II Performance Measures

1. Number of visitors accessing the park
2. Quantity of debris removed
3. Linear Feet of walking path and fishing pier constructed
4. Cubic Yards of beach sand restored
5. Acres of habitat restored or enhanced

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

An interdisciplinary team of Parish staff reviewed existing plans, policies and studies to identify candidate projects.

**Review and Summary of past plans, reports, and scientific literature**

### **Louisiana Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast [2017]**

The Coastal Master Plan sets forth an ambitious path to create a more sustainable coastal Louisiana landscape. The plan provides a list of coastal protection and restoration projects that advances the goals of reducing coastal flood risk, promoting sustainable ecosystems, providing habitats for a variety of commercial and recreational activities coast wide, strengthening communities, and supporting regionally and nationally important business and industry. These projects are developed and prioritized using best available science and engineering, with the latest iteration released in 2017. The Master Plan identifies several projects in Orleans Parish, including marsh creation projects in Bayou Bienvenue, Golden Triangle, and the New Orleans East Land Bridge, as well as maintenance of the Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System. The projects identified in the Coastal Master Plan serve as the foundation for how the city prioritizes coastal restoration goals in and around New Orleans.

### **Comprehensive Habitat Management Plan for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin [2006]**

This report by the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation provides a selection of goals, strategies and methods based on the collective expertise of natural resource specialists, deemed appropriate to restore and conserve the natural habitats of the Pontchartrain Basin within a 50 to 100 year time frame. The Plan evaluates sub-basin scale, evaluates available data to describe system baselines, sources of ecological impairment, evaluates restoration strategies and provides restoration recommendations.

### **Connecting our City and Coast: A Framework for City of New Orleans Action on Coastal Resilience**

In April 2018, the City of New Orleans released a report, in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation and Tulane Bywater Institute, which outlines recommendations for how the city can best engage and advance coastal protection, restoration, and resilience efforts. The report was the primary product of a coastal workshop in which the city solicited the feedback of over 40 leaders in fields such as academia, advocacy, government, community, and other areas. Recommendations included in the report center around three themes: coordinate with regional partners and across city departments; communicate the rationale for immediate and sustained action; promote equitable solutions that enable our city and region to thrive. Although this document is not an official city strategy, it has served as the foundation for much of the city's coastal program to date, and grounds many of the programs and projects identified in this RESTORE Plan.

### **Orleans Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The Hazard Mitigation Plan present a comprehensive analysis of natural and manmade hazards potentially affecting the City of New Orleans. The HM Plan provides a mechanism for understanding the risks and vulnerabilities of the City, as well as identifying actions that can reduce the risks and potential impacts. Goal #3 of the Hazard Mitigation Strategy, Reduce Risk and Vulnerability to the Natural Environment including wetland restoration and recognition of New Orleans as a Coastal City, includes as action items specific coastal wetland restoration projects identified in the Coastal Master Plan, including restoration of the Golden Triangle Marsh, the Biloxi Marsh Living Shoreline Project, Orleans Land Bridge Shoreline Protection and Marsh Creation Project, and restoration of protective wetlands near Fort Pike. Lake Pontchartrain Fringe Marsh and Shoreline Stabilization

### **Resilient New Orleans**

The *Resilient New Orleans* strategy sets out actions and programs needed to ensure that our city and communities can adapt and thrive in the face of shocks and stresses. The strategy is divided into three components: Adapt to Thrive, Connect to Opportunity, and Transform City Systems. Specifically, this strategy outlines a commitment to advancing coastal protection and restoration, as well as creating a culture of environmental awareness at every stage of life. This document serves as the foundation for much of the city's coastal resilience program and highlights the need for ongoing participation from the City of New Orleans in coastal restoration.

### **Urban Water Plan**

The Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan outlines a vision for long-term urban water management in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Improving management of flood and subsidence threats, while creating economic value and enhancing quality of life. The Plan focuses on water within the levees of St. Bernard, Jefferson and Orleans Parishes, and employs a

conceptual framework as the basis for managing storm water. Urban water management within the “multiple lines of defense” paradigm aligned with the Coastal Master Plan and regional hurricane levee system.

**Decision Criteria/Screening Matrix**

*Funding Availability* – are the estimated funds available through the RESTORE Act sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the candidate project? If not, is there another source of funding identified to fully fund the project?

*Actionability* – priority was given to projects that result in a final deliverable, while feasibility and design studies were de-prioritized.

*Plan Integration* – consistency with and supportive of other City plans and policies

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.

City of New Orleans has received a grant from EPA to design a permeable parking lot on the site. These funds will be combined with \$1,000,000 Direct Component funds to complete Phase I.

The City has committed \$5,000,000 in general funds to further the project. These funds will be used to complete Phase II construction activities. These funds are included in the city’s FY 2022 budget and are currently available. Given that RESTORE funds are subject to a 15-year payout, Orleans Parish anticipates that it will use general funds to advance project activities, which would be reimbursed with RESTORE funds as those become available over time. Treasury will review and verify allowability of all pre-award costs that are submitted for reimbursement as specified in Treasury’s RESTORE Act Direct Component Frequently Asked Questions (#33-35).