

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Matrix — Department of the Treasury										OMB Approval No. 1505-0250
Applicant Name:		Sarasota County, Florida								
1. MULTIYEAR PLAN VERSION (INITIAL OR AMENDMENT NUMBER):		Initial		2a. DATE OF INITIAL MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE (mm/dd/yyyy):				2b. DATE OF LAST MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE:		
3. CUMULATIVE DIRECT COMPONENT ALLOCATION AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICANT:				\$1,761,808.32			4. TOTAL ALLOCATIONS PLUS KNOWN FUNDS NOT YET DEPOSITED IN TRUST FUND FOR DIRECT COMPONENT:			\$6,740,551.67
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				
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach Improvements	Sarasota, Florida	\$1,874,091.00		\$88,000.00	\$1,962,091.00				
	1a) Design & Permitting		1a) \$286,545.00		1a) \$13,455.00	1a) \$300,000.00	1a) 03/11/2019	1a) 03/05/2020		
	1b) Construction		1b) \$1,587,545.00		1b) \$74,545.00	1b) \$1,662,091.00	1b) 03/05/2020	1b) 12/30/2020		
						\$0.00				
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	12. ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTIVITY(IES) (refer to Instructions)		\$1,874,091.00	\$0.00	\$88,000.00	\$1,962,091.00	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:	Sarasota 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.
<p>This Multiyear Plan outlines a project at Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach. Located between 190 Taft Drive, and 2201 Benjamin Franklin Drive, Sarasota, Florida, the park is County-owned and operated, but is within the City of Sarasota. The project was selected by the Sarasota County Commission as one of the top-ranked projects from a list of projects generated in conjunction with the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program in the effort to identify potential projects for the Federal, RESTORE Council Allocation (Pot 2). The project is structured in phases as follows:</p> <p>Description of Each Activity:</p> <p>Phase 1 - Construction of a Multi-Use Recreational Trail (MURT)</p> <p>The proposed Multi-Use Recreational Trail (MURT) is a 4,500-foot long segment of an existing larger city-wide initiative, portions of which have been constructed outside of the park boundaries. The proposed construction would add recreational opportunities and expand access to the park by providing an improved bicycle/pedestrian trail that will stretch through natural park areas located between the Nature Center and South Lido Beach. The trail will be ten feet wide, and will consist of boardwalks and asphalt pavement to accommodate multi-modal users such as cyclists, skaters, walkers and runners, and to accommodate Americans With Disabilities (ADA) requirements.</p> <p>The total project development estimate is \$1,962,091 which includes cost-escalation factors to allow for a time lag from date of grant award, through final engineering design and construction. While the current Direct Component Trust Fund allocation is insufficient to support construction, it is anticipated that adequate funds will have accrued by the time construction is ready to commence.</p> <p>Funding sources have also been identified to offset costs that are not eligible to be paid for from the Direct Component Trust Fund allocation. Please refer to item #6 of this Narrative.</p> <p>Sarasota County anticipates applying for Direct Component funds to complete the design and permitting portion of the project (Phase 1a) within 45 days of approval of the MYIP. It is anticipated that procurement of design and engineering services, and subsequent design and permitting will take approximately 360 days. Once complete, and when adequate funds have accrued in Sarasota County's Trust Fund allocation, application will be made for construction (Phase 1b)</p>

funding. Of the \$1,962,091.00 budgeted for the project, \$300,000.00 is budgeted for Phase 1a, and \$1,662,091.00 is budgeted for Phase 1b.

**Need:**

Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach is located at the southern end of Lido Key, in the City of Sarasota. Spanning from the Gulf of Mexico to Sarasota Bay along the north side of Big Sarasota Pass, the park is a popular destination and, as such has experienced the wear and tear that is to be expected from heavy use. Park visitors have ready canoe/kayak access to the bay and nearby small islands. Rustic trails provide leisurely, scenic access to the park's interior and picnic areas allow opportunities to gather near Big Sarasota Pass and the Gulf of Mexico.

Construction of the MURT will provide safe, functional access to park users who may be limited by disabilities, and to the general public who will be provided off-street access from the north end to the south end of the park. The MURT will also prevent the park ecosystem from being trampled by visitors.

**Purpose:**

Park improvements will provide a local economic benefit through an improved civic/visitor experience, especially as the construction of the City of Sarasota's larger MURT project evolves, making Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach a more accessible destination. To travel from the nature center at the northern end of the park to the beach and picnic areas in the southern portion of the park, park visitors must currently, either drive or exit the park to walk on the sidewalk along the western side of Benjamin Franklin Drive. Construction of the MURT will not only allow safe transit from north to south within the park, but will also provide a defined connection and access to offsite amenities including shops and restaurants located at St. Armands Circle for pedestrians, cyclists, and other recreational users. The construction of boardwalks and extension of the MURT will improve the ecotourism opportunities, which will create associated economic benefit to be experienced by businesses near the park, including lodging, restaurants, and other local commercial establishments.

**Objectives:**

Make the highest and best use of Direct Component funding as directed by the Sarasota County Commission. The proposed work qualifies as an eligible activity for Direct Component funding in accordance with 31 C.F.R. 43.201(f), Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

Milestones for the project will be, 1) procurement of engineering/design services; 2) design and permitting; 3) procurement of construction services; 4) project construction; 5) active use of the trail by the community and increased use of the park.

**Location:**

Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach, at 190 Taft Drive, and 2201 Benjamin Franklin Drive, Sarasota, Florida, is County-owned and operated, but is within the City of Sarasota. The park is located at the south end of Lido Key where it spans from the Gulf of Mexico to Sarasota Bay along the north side of Big Sarasota Pass. A location map is provided as an attachment.

**Future Phase (not included in this MYIP) - Habitat restoration**

Much of the Lido Key uplands were created in the 1920s by dredging and filling a group of small islands known as the Cerol Islands, as part of a development scheme by circus magnate John Ringling. This filling and subsequent mosquito ditching significantly changed the hydrology of the area, allowing the establishment of nuisance/exotic vegetation. The first phase of habitat restoration will involve removal of established nuisance/exotic vegetation to the greatest extent possible within budget limitations. Subsequent phases will include continuing nuisance/invasive vegetation maintenance and re-grading of a portion of the mosquito ditches to restore a more natural hydrology to the mangrove swamp. It is anticipated that native vegetation will naturally recruit into the areas from which nuisance/exotic vegetation is removed. However, future phases may include replanting, if necessary. The overall cost for this work has not been estimated since it is not expected that sufficient funds from the current allocation will be available to undertake the work, and that the scope of work may be subject to revision as uses of the park change with improvements.

A new or revised MYIP will be submitted to US Treasury for the habitat restoration activities.

Public comment on the proposed project was solicited between February 15, and April 5, 2017. The following means of outreach in, English and Spanish were used:

Advertisement in a newspaper of wide general circulation: Sarasota Herald Tribune - classified

Posting the announcement on the County website and amending the existing RESTORE Act page to include the draft MYIP

An email blast to homeowner's associations and community organizations via Sarasota County Neighborhood Services

A press release to local media outlets

Posting printed notices on the community boards at each public library and Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach, other nearby parks

Social media postings

Sarasota County received 16 direct comments relating to the proposed project during the public comment period, a summary of which will be posted to the County's RESTORE Act web page. The comments were received through the dedicated email address, [RESTORE@scgov.net](mailto:RESTORE@scgov.net).

In general, those providing comments offered support for the project and encouraged the continuing assignment of Direct Component funds for the future habitat restoration phase of work at the park.

One commenter disagreed with local eligibility for any RESTORE Act funds because Sarasota County received no oil product.

Two comments were received from internal County representatives concerning technical questions.

Three commenters recommended alternate uses of the Direct Component funds, or otherwise inquired about the use of Direct Component funds for other projects in the future.

The most supportive comment was received from a life-long local resident and the daughter of the man for whom the park is named.

It was encouraging to garner support for the proposed future habitat restoration phase, and staff plans to press forward with that work as future Direct Component allocation accrue. No changes were made to the Phase 1 work as a result of the public comments.

A letter is provided from the Sarasota County Administrator attesting that each activity was approved after careful consideration of meaningful input from the public, and authorizing submittal of the MYIP.

The Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach, Phase I project meets the following eligible activity as specified by the RESTORE Act: 31 C.F.R. 34.201(f), Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources including port infrastructure. Secondary benefits include restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region and promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region including recreational fishing. The infrastructure elements will provide economic benefit through improvement of the park amenities, promoting public access and tourism, and making the park a destination for a wider group of users. Defined, improved access will allow safe, non-motorized multi-modal travel between the park and the shops, restaurants, and other businesses at St. Armands Circle and nearby neighborhoods, and will provide greater

access and exposure to vendors in the park who rent paddleboards and kayaks, and provide eco-tours. The rustic trail boardwalks will protect sensitive native habitats that may otherwise be adversely impacted by park visitors, particularly following wet weather periods and during periods of tidal inundation.

The success of Elements 1 and 2 will be measured by achievement of the milestones previously outlined, and by active use of the amenities by park patrons. Visitor counts can be taken, and visitor surveys can be conducted. Business operators can also be surveyed before and after construction to verify changes in business activity. In accordance with recent US Treasury Guidance on Performance Measures:

Eligible Activity: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy of ecological resources,

Project Activity: Pedestrian access | Bicycle access,

Measure: Number of pedestrians | cyclists accessing location,

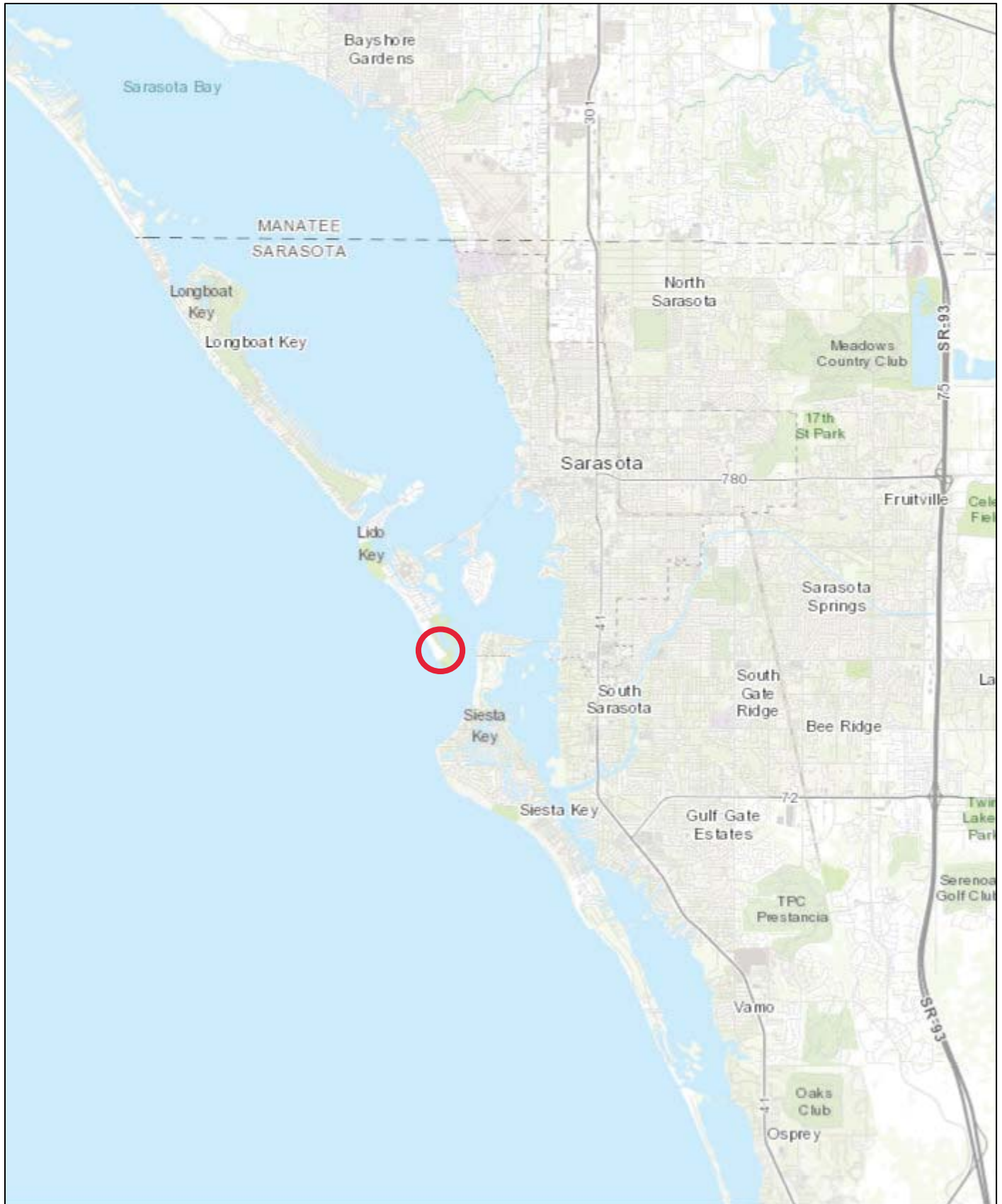
Notes: Consider bridges, footpaths, bikepaths, roads, etc.

In September 2012, the three regional estuary programs (Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, Sarasota Bay Estuary Program, and Tampa Bay Estuary Program) initiated an effort to identify and rank potential projects for consideration in the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council's Comprehensive Plan. Governmental entities, agencies, non-profit organizations and other not-for-profit entities within the geographic area from Crystal River south to the Ten Thousand Islands were invited to submit projects with quantifiable economic/ecosystem benefits/environmental results.

The Sarasota County Commission considered, revised, and approved a list of twenty-eight projects that were originally compiled and ranked by a team of staff representing various County departments. The staff team ranked the projects, utilizing the following six criteria: 1) benefit/cost ratio; 2) lack of alternate funding sources; 3) greatest contribution; 4) large scale project or program; 5) existing Gulf Coast State Comprehensive Plan; and 6) long term resiliency. The improvements at Ted Sperling Park project was ranked third, and remains a project of interest to the County Commission, thus it was selected for funding under the Direct Component.

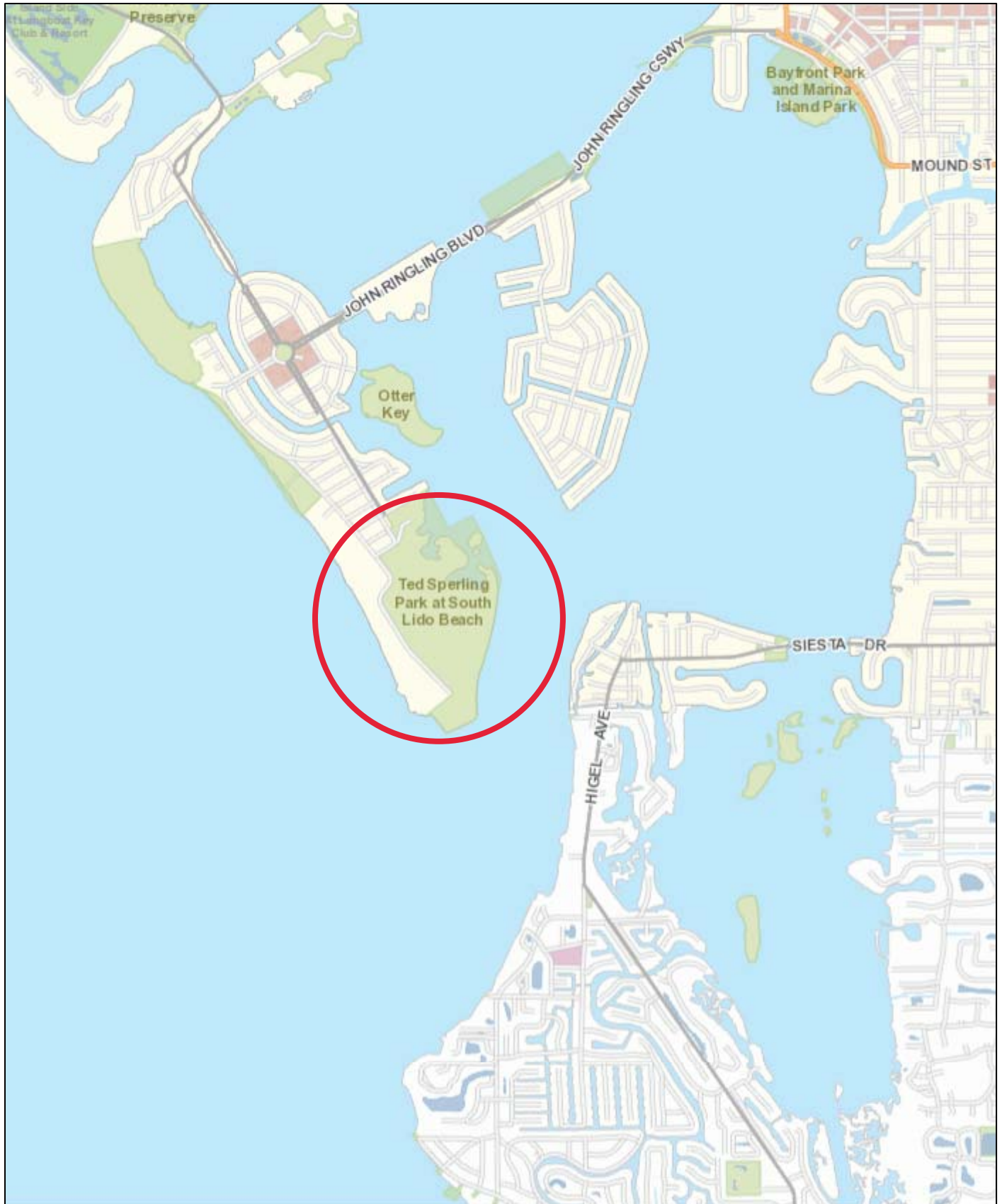
There are no coordinated activities between the project listed in this Multiyear Plan and other activities funded under the RESTORE Act. Certain project costs such as Administrative costs above the three percent cap, and internal project oversight (or Central Services) charges are not eligible to be paid for from Direct Component funds. The current, extended project estimate is \$1,962,091, and the estimated ineligible costs are approximately \$88,000. Sarasota County has the option to earmark Park Impact Fees.

# Sarasota County Web Map





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Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach  
Multi-Use Recreational Trail