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Applicant Name:	Walton County	T	I						
1. MULTIYEAR PLAN VERSION (INITIAL OF			2a. DATE OF INITIAL MU	JLTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANG			2b. DATE OF LAST MULTIYEAR P		4/1/2019
3. CUMULATIVE DIRECT COMPONENT ALLOCATION AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICANT:					PLUS KNOWN FUNDS NOT YET DEPOSITED IN TRUST FUND FOR DIRECT COMPONENT:			\$38,257,126.65	
5. Primary Direct Component Eligible				8. Estimated Total Funding Contributions For Proposed Activity(ies)(refer to		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	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)
Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	Walton County Artificial Reef Construction - Miramar/Frangista	Miramar Beach, FL - Gulf of Mexico	\$95,121.00	\$0.00		\$95,121.00	11-2017	09-2019	Initial MYP Activity - Activity Funded
Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region	Student-led Habitat Restoration in Walton County	Multiple locations - Miramar Beach, FL; Santa Rosa Beach, FL	\$113,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$113,300.00	11-2017	09-2020	Initial MYP Activity
Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region	Plant Removal and Habitat Restoration in Walton County	Grayton Beach, FL	\$113,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$113,300.00	11-2017	09-2020	Initial MYP Activity
Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	Artificial Reef Deployment and Monitoring	Multiple locations in Gulf of Mexico - Miramar Beach, FL; Santa Rosa Beach, FL; Seaside, FL	\$472,461.00	\$0.00	\$1,735,881.97	\$2,208,342.97	11-2017	09-2027	Initial MYP Activity
Planning assistance	City of Freeport Stormwater Master Plan and Capital Improvement Strategic Plan Update	Freeport, FL	\$135,960.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135,960.00	11-2017	09-2020	Initial MYP Activity
Planning assistance	Identifying Water Quality Impairments for Lagrange Bayou, Black Creek, and Choctawhatchee Bay	Freeport, FL	\$141,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$141,625.00	11-2017	09-2020	Initial MYP Activity
Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	Muscogee Nation of Florida Micro Farm Agritourism Project	Bruce, FL	\$543,840.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$543,840.00	11-2017	09-2021	Initial MYP Activity - Activity Funded
Planning assistance	County Road 30A Intermodal Transportation Innovation Program (ITIP)	Seaside, FL	\$135,960.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135,960.00	11-2017	09-2019	Initial MYP Activity

Planning assistance	Old Town Santa Rosa TMDL Water Quality Restoration- Phase I	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	\$594,506.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$594,506.37	11-2017	09-2022	Initial MYP Activity - Activity funded. Amendment to this proposal to include planning and design of Phase 1 of the water restoration project.
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Coastal Dune Lakes Hydrologic Restoration Project	Multiple locations in Grayton Beach, FL	\$1,175,396.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,175,396.16	11-2017	09-2022	Initial MYP Activity - Delayed- Updated Proposed Start Date 09-2020, End Date 09-2025
Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure	Walton County Stormwater Projects - Western Lake Basin, Allen Loop Road, Golf Club Drive, and Mack Bayou Road Drainage Improvements	Multiple locations - Miramar Beach, FL; Santa Rosa Beach, FL	\$1,811,926.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,811,926.00	11-2017	09-2022	Initial MYP Activity - 1) Western Lake Basin funded. 2) Mack Bayou Drainagefunded.
Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure	Walton County Stormwater Projects - Palmetto Road and Bay Grove Road Drainage	Multiple locations - Freeport, FL	\$922,596.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$922,596.00	11-2017	09-2022	Initial MYP Activity
Planning assistance	Planning Assistance for Future MYIP Revisions	County-wide (Walton County, FL)	\$215,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215,400.00	11-2017	09-2030	Initial MYP Activity - Application Submitted
Planning assistance	Sustainable Economic Matrix and Master Plan	Defuniak Springs, FL	\$112,877.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112,877.39	06-2019	06-2021	Amendment - 01 - Application Submitted
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	US 331 Water and Sewer Infrastructure - Phase 1	Defuniak Springs, FL	\$3,018,556.92	\$0.00	\$1,742,407.00	\$4,760,963.92	08-2019	04-2020	Amendment - 02 (New Project)
Workforce development and job creation	Walton Works Training Center of Excellence	Defuniak Springs, FL	\$1,561,856.42		\$4,234,367.00	\$5,796,223.42	08-2019	07-2024	Amendment - 02 (New Project)
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12. ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTIVITY(IES) (Instructions)	refer to \$11,164,682.26	\$0.00	\$7 712 655 97	\$18,877,338.23	Please note: Grant awards may reflect non-material changes in proposed dates and		

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information collection, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information, should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Office of Gulf Coast Restoration, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20220.

# RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Narrative Department of the Treasury

OMB Approval No. 1505-0250

Directions: Use this form for the Initial Multiyear Plan and any subsequent amendments to an accepted Multiyear Plan. For amendments, include only new and/or materially modified activities.

Multiyear Plan Version (Initial or Amendment Number):	Amendment - 02
Date of Initial Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	8/17/2017
Date of Last Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	4/01/2019

Eligible Applicant Name:	Walton County				
Name and Contact Information of the Person to be contacted (POC) on matters concerning this Multiyear Implementation Plan:					
POC Name:	Melinda Gates				
POC Title:	Coastal Resource Liaison				
POC Email:	gatmelinda@co.walton.fl.us				
POC Phone:	(850)892-8108				

#### 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.

The initial Walton County Multi-Year Plan was accepted by the Department of Treasury on August 17, 2017. Amendment 01 of the original MYP was amended and accepted by the Department of Treasury on April 1, 2019. Walton County is requesting to amend the MYP for a second time to include two (2) new projects. Project No. 15 is an infrastructure project benefiting the economy, called US 331 Water and Sewer Infrastructure – Phase 1. The total estimated funds that will be requested for this project is \$3,018,556.92. Project No. 16 is a workforce development project, called Walton Works Training Center of Excellence. The total estimated funds that will be requested for this project is \$1,561,856.42.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1505-0250. Comments concerning the time required to complete this information collection, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information, should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Office of Gulf Coast Restoration, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC20220.

#### Project 15: US 331 Water and Sewer Infrastructure - Phase 1

#### A. Description:

US Highway 331 is the primary north-south arterial highway in Walton County that connects Alabama with the Beaches of South Walton. Recently, Highway 331 was under construction to increase the capacity with the addition of travel lanes to make it a 4 lane divided highway from Interstate 10 to US Highway 98, approximately 23 miles. This expansion is expected to aide in the commercial and industrial development expansion along this corridor. The proposed project will provide the much needed water and sewer infrastructure along US Highway 331 south of Defuniak Springs, which will allow business to relocate to this area.

B. Eligible Activity: Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy

#### C. Need:

Walton County is one of the eight Northwest Florida Counties disproportionately affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. As reported by the Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development, the economic impact associated with the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill had a rippling affect to the local economy. In Walton County, twenty-five percent of employment is directly associated with the Tourism Industry, however, because of the tourism down turn during the oil spill, other economic drivers were also impacted including retail and construction. It is Walton County's desire to grow a vibrant and sustainable economy for all of Walton County that creates nationally and globally competitive advantages for the development of key industry clusters, increases the income and prosperity of workers and families, ensures healthy communities and a vibrant quality of life, and preserves the natural beauty and resources in the area. Through public-private partnerships, Walton County intends to construct the infrastructure needed to improve the diversity of economic drivers in the area. Private businesses will be able to set up shop and create jobs.

#### A. Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to provide water and sewer infrastructure in a rural area of Walton County to increase the potential for economic development in rural areas of Walton County, Florida.

## B. Objective:

The objective of this project is to create a shovel ready project by providing planning, design, and permitting for water and sewer infrastructure along the US Highway 331 south of the City of Defuniak Springs in Walton County, Florida. This project will ultimately provide the much needed infrastructure within a rural area of Walton County, allowing for much needed economic growth and diversity.

#### F. Milestones:

Advertise RFP
Select Contractor
Complete Design and Permitting
Start Construction
End Construction
Documentation of Success

# G. Location:

This project is located along US 331 south of Defuniak Springs, Florida in Walton County, Florida, which is in the Gulf Coast region.

# H. Total Funding Sources:

Direct Component Contribution: \$3,018,556.92 for design, permitting, engineering, portion of construction and administrative cost of the project. \$1,742,407.00 is anticipated to come from TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc. funding for the remaining construction phase of the project.

## **Project 16: Walton Works Training Center of Excellence**

#### A. Description:

The Northwest Florida State College is proposing to stimulate economic growth with workforce development and job creation by expanding the skilled talent pool for the targeted industries of: Aerospace & Defense; Architecture and Construction; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security; and Cybersecurity. On the Northwest Florida State College's Chautauqua Center campus located in DeFuniak Springs, the Walton Works Training Center of Excellence will provide access to workforce programs that produce industry-recognized credentials not currently available in Walton County. The new programs will include: Industrial Trades, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Science, Cybersecurity, and Unmanned Vehicle Systems Operations.

B. Eligible Activity: Workforce development and job creation

#### C. Need:

The unemployment rate in Walton County has experienced major fluctuations throughout the years. For example, in 2006 the unemployment rate was approximately 2%, in 2010 it increased to 11%, and now in 2018, the unemployment rate is approximately 3%. The need to diversify the economy in Walton County is needed to prevent extreme unemployment fluctuations. By making skill based training centers locally available, individuals can obtain the skills needed to be competitive in the demand-driven workforce.

#### D. Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to design and implement a workforce development program that is focused on targeted industries of: Aerospace & Defense; Architecture and Construction; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security; and Cybersecurity that will have transferable skills to the Manufacturing sector.

## E. Objective:

The objective of this proposed project is to design and administer a workforce development program that addresses unmet needs relative to the emerging Aerospace & Defense; Architecture and Construction; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security; and Cybersecurity sectors. The proposed program will be designed to foster workforce development.

## F. Milestone:

Sign Sub-recipient agreement

Year 1 & 2 Facility Construction and Program Development

Year 3 Program Implementation

Year 4 Program Implementation

Year 5 Program Implementation

**Program Monitoring** 

**Documentation of Success** 

# G. Location:

Defuniak Springs, FL in Walton County, Florida in the Gulf Coast region.

# H. Total Funding Source:

Direct Component Contribution: \$1,561,856.42 to purchase equipment associated with the development of a training center of excellence in Walton County and administrative cost. \$1,470,651 which will come from the Northwest Florida State College budget and \$2,762,716.00 is anticipated to come from TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc. funding will be used to construct the facility and operational costs.

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).

Each activity in the plan was adopted after consideration of all meaningful input from the public. The County made the plan available on their website (and in person via hard copy) for 45 days and advertised the availability of the plan in the local newspaper. Over the last six years, the County has held dozens of public meetings, and established a Local Restore Committee. Through these efforts, the County has developed broad based participation in this process as evidenced by attendance at public meetings and the call for project response. Individuals, non-profits, businesses, and Indian tribes were all involved in the process and submitted project proposals to the County.

The County held public meetings throughout the Springs of 2018 to rank several projects. The US 331 Water and Sewer project was identified as a high priority project to be submitted to the Walton County BCC for consideration. On June 12, 2018, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners approved the US 331 Water and Sewer Project. June 12, 2018 meeting minutes can be found at: <a href="https://walton.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=M&ID=579373&GUID=838DFD9C-4EE8-400C-8E37-3B4148B0712E">https://walton.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=M&ID=579373&GUID=838DFD9C-4EE8-400C-8E37-3B4148B0712E</a>. On March 26, 2019, a modified version of the US 331 Water and Sewer project was presented to the Walton County Board of County Commissioners. The Walton County Board of County Commissioners approved the modification of US 331 Water and Sewer project to be submitted in the MYP Amendment. The modified project reduced the funding request and changed the scope of work from just planning assistance to planning assistance and construction. The March 26, 2019 meeting minutes can be found at: <a href="https://walton.legistar.com/view.ashx?M=M&ID=653409&GUID=6CC0A2FC-9D4E-4DF4-9CE7-0A26504EA868">https://walton.legistar.com/view.ashx?M=M&ID=653409&GUID=6CC0A2FC-9D4E-4DF4-9CE7-0A26504EA868</a>.

On February 26, 2019, the Walton Works Training Center was presented to the public and the Board of County Commissioners. During this meeting, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of the Walton Works Training Center of Excellence project. The February 26, 2019 meeting minutes can be found at: <a href="https://walton.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=M&ID=653406&GUID=C0911253-4BF6-4337-8622-BF7C28086681">https://walton.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=M&ID=653406&GUID=C0911253-4BF6-4337-8622-BF7C28086681</a> . No public comments were received.

On April 24, 2019, the County started the 45-day Public Notice period. The Multi-year Plan was made available on the County website and hard copies were made available upon request at the County's Administration Office (76 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Defuniak Springs, FL 32433) and the Walton County Public Works Office (117 Montgomery Circle, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435). Walton County also held a public meeting specifically to solicit comments on the two (2) new proposed projects on May 22, 2019. The public comment period ended on June 8, 2019. No public comments were received.

Project 15: US 331 Water/Sewer – Phase 1

Project 16: Walton Works Training Center of Excellence

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.

The following described activities included in the multiyear plan matrix are eligible for funding under the RESTORE Act. Each activity in the Plan was adopted after consideration of meaningful input from the public.

# Project 15: US 331 Water/Sewer - Phase 1

- A. Primary Eligible Activity: Infrastructure projects benefiting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure by the installation of water and sewer infrastructure for the purpose of economic development growth.
- B. Geographic Eligibility: The project will occur south of Defuniak Springs in Walton County, Florida, in the Gulf Coast region

# **Project 16: Walton Works Training Center of Excellence**

- A. Primary Eligible Activity: Workforce development and job creation by creating a Training Center of Excellence for the purpose of providing job skill sets for the job demand in Walton County area.
- B. Geographic Eligibility: The project will occur in the Defuniak Springs area of Walton County, Florida, in the Gulf Coast region.

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.

#### Project 15: US 331 Water/Sewer – Phase 1

The success of this project will be evaluated by the installation of water and sewer infrastructure for the purpose of economic development south of Defuniak Springs area.

# **Project 16: Walton Works Training Center of Excellence**

The success of this project will be evaluated by student enrollment and matriculation, as well as post-training job placement and entrepreneurship.

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

Criteria Used to Establish Multi-Year Plan Priorities:

In April 2013, Walton County began developing guidelines for use of Direct Component funds. At the May 14, 2013 BCC meeting, a set of specific evaluation criteria was discussed and adopted. At the May 22, 2013 LRC meeting, an evaluation and criteria subcommittee was formed and subsequently held ten (10) meetings over the next 18 months. On May 28, 2013, Walton County adopted Resolution 2013-25 to ratify the guidance and to ratify the Local RESTORE Committee (LRC) in order to engage citizen input throughout the MYIP process. Eleven members were appointed to the LRC representing a set of diverse interests including environmental, economic development, coastal restoration/management, business, tourism, fishing, health/human services, community leaders, education, and arts/culture. Also at the May 28, 2013 BCC meeting, the BCC assigned percentage values based on importance to each of the eligible activity categories provided in the RESTORE Act plus the following factors developed by the LRC subcommittee:

- **A.** Area of impact;
- B. Economic benefit;
- **C.** Environmental benefit;
- **D.** Ability to leverage other funding sources;
- **E.** Long term implications (value and cost);
- F. Shovel readiness;
- **G.** Comprehensive Plan projects;
- **H.** Comprehensive Plan compliance;
- I. Capital Improvement Plan projects; and
- J. Funding amount requested.

On February 11, 2015, the LRC approved the final draft RESTORE Act Project Funding Application and the final draft RESTORE Evaluation Matrix. On February 24, 2015, the BCC reviewed and approved the final RESTORE Act Project Funding Application and final RESTORE Evaluation Matrix. On June 3, 2015, the LRC voted to approve the utilization of a Feasibility Review Panel made up of County staff, which would provide technical and compliance reports to the LRC on each project. At this meeting, the LRC also set the date for the project submission period and decided it would be open for a period of 121 days. Ultimately the LRC and the BOCC settled on a total scoring regime that included an application score, allowable use score, and project type score. The adopted RESTORE Act Scoring Criteria, Guidelines, and Evaluation Matrix can be found on the Walton County website (http://www.co.walton.fl.us/DocumentCenter/).

How the Activities included in the Multiyear Plan Matrix were prioritized:

The two (2) new projects added through this MYP Amendment are TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc. companion projects. These projects were identified by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners as priorities for economic development in Walton County.

#### Project 15: US 331 Water and Sewer - Phase 1

On June 12, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners identified US 331 Water/Sewer as their number one priority for economic development in Walton County. The original project was reviewed before the Local RESTORE Act Committee prior to June 12, 2018. It was determined that the original project proposed for US 331 Water/Sewer needed to be broken down into phases to help with funding the construction of the project. On March 26, 2019, the Walton County Economic Development Alliance submitted to the Walton County BCC a modified version of the original US 331 Water/Sewer project, which is identified as Project 15 (US 331 Water/Sewer – Phase 1). The Walton County BCC approved the project proposal modification and requested staff to move forward with pursuing \$3,000,000.00 of RESTORE Direct Component funding for the planning, design, and permitting and partial construction of the project. The remaining portion of the construction dollars is proposed to come from the TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc. funding. An additional \$18,556.92 was added to the total cost to account for administrative costs associated with the proposed project.

#### Project 16: Walton Works Training Center of Excellence

On February 26, 2019, the Northwest Florida State College presented to the Walton County Board of County Commissioners in a public meeting an economic development project that they developed referred to as Walton Works Training Center of Excellence. The College was soliciting funding from sources including Walton County, TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc. and funding directly from the College. The Walton County BCC approved to partner with the College on this project by committing \$1,500,000.00 of RESTORE Direct Component funding to the Workforce Development/Job Creation Project. An additional \$61,856.42 was added to the total cost to account for administrative costs associated with the proposed project.

The MYP Amendment Walton County provided for public review included two (2) new projects. During the public review timeframe, Walton County held a public meeting with the Local RESTORE Act Committee to specifically solicit comments. No public comments were received.

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.

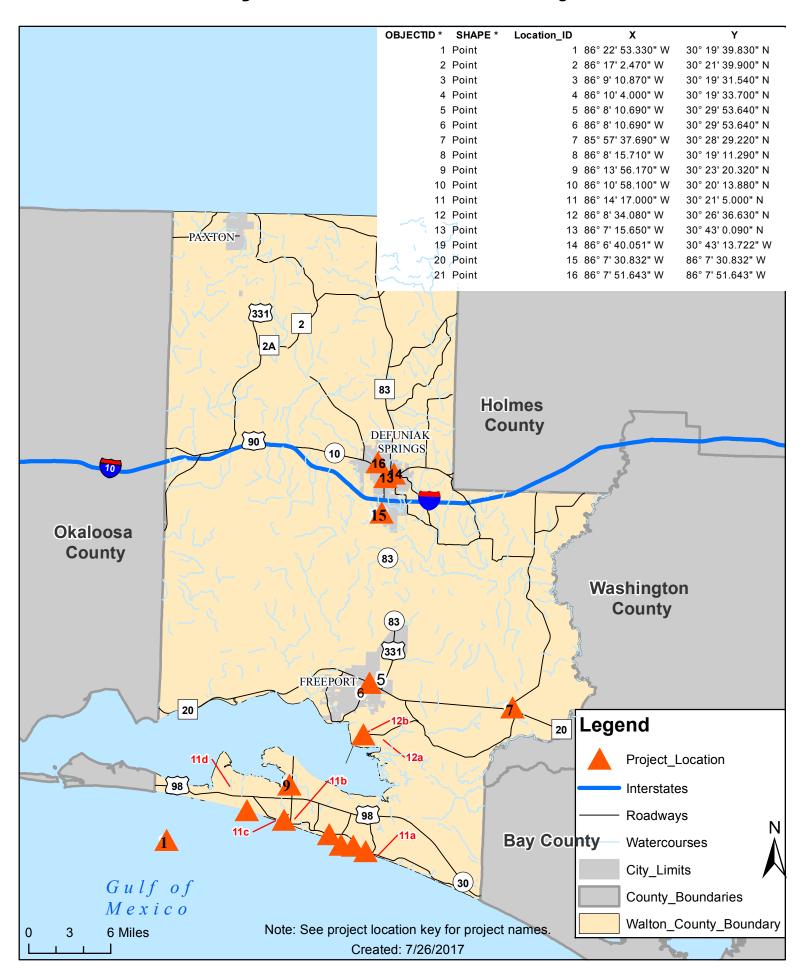
#### Project 15: US 331 Water/Sewer – Phase 1

Project 15 is a companion project with TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc. funds granted to Walton County to supplement the cost of the construction of the water and sewer infrastructure. \$3,018,556.92 will be utilized from RESTORE Direct Component funding for planning and design, engineering cost, partial construction cost and administrative costs. \$1,742,407.00 will be utilized from TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc. to supplement the material and installation of the water and sewer infrastructure. All project activities requiring procurement will comply with 2 CFR 200 regulations and Walton County Policies and Procedures.

# **Project 16: Walton Works Training Center of Excellence**

Project 16 is a companion project with TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc. funds granted to Walton County and Northwest Florida State College funds to supplement the implementation costs of the program. \$1,561,856.42 will be utilized from RESTORE Direct Component funding for purchasing equipment for the proposed project and administrative costs. \$2,762,716.00 will be utilized from TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc. for construction and program implementation. \$1,470,651.00 will be utilized from Northwest Florida State College funds to supplement program implementation. All project activities requiring procurement will comply with 2 CFR 200 regulations and Walton County Policies and Procedures.

# Walton County RESTORE MYP Project Locations



# **US 331 Water/Sewer Expansion - Phase 1**

