



MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

December 18, 2018

Laurie McGilvray
Director
U.S. Department of Treasury
Office of Gulf Coast Restoration
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Ms. McGilvray:

By submission of this letter, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the following individuals as the authorized representatives of Manatee County Government to review, certify, and submit RESTORE Act grant related funding applications and Direct Component Funding Certifications under the RESTORE Act Direct Component Program:

Parks and Natural Resources Department - Fiscal Services Manger – Luz McQuiston
Parks and Natural Resources Department – Grants Coordinator – Nan Summers

This action was voted on and approved by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners in regular session on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

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	YEARS FROM SEP APPROVAL															
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Funds available \$5.4M				Funds available \$3.1M				Funds available \$2.9M				Funds needed \$1.4M			
Carryover from previous year								25,000								40,715
Total to start								3,125,000				2,900,000				1,440,715
Kingfish Boat Ramp (\$4.5M)																
Engineering, Design & Permitting																
Construction		4,500,000														
Success Monitoring																
Palmetto Green Bridge Fishing Pier (\$3M)																
Preliminary Design (local funding)																
Final Design and Permitting (local funding)																
Demolition of the old bridge					2,000,000											
Construction					1,000,000											
Monitoring							25,000	25,000								
Gulf Shellfish Institute (\$300K)																
Planning and research priorities																
Design experiments			100,000													
Collect and analyze data			50,000	50,000												
Technology transfer				25,000	25,000											
Monitoring					25,000	25,000										
Living Shoreline Restoration (\$650k)																
Preliminary Design		30,000														
Final Design and Permitting			45,000	45,000												
Construction				450,000												
Monitoring																
Manatee River Oyster Restoration Project (\$3M)																
Preliminary Design	20,000								214,545							
Final Design and Permitting	60,000									114,545	114,545					
Construction - restoration/barge shelling												300,000	275,000	275,000	250,000	250,000
Monitoring										15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Larry Borden Artificial Reef Habitat Enhancement (\$1.3M)																
Collect, prepare, and stage reef materials									75,000	75,000	200,000					
Transport material to permitted reef sites										#####	200,000					
Monitoring										12,500	12,500	12,500				
Boardwalk & Trail Enhancements (\$2M)																
Preliminary Design									60,000							
Final Design and Permitting										50,000	50,000		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Construction												3,150	3,150	3,150	3,150	3,150

Monitoring																
Urban Park Stormwater Improvements Utility Funding (\$2.1M)																
Feasibility study and preliminary design												200,000				
Final Design and Permitting													25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500
Construction														42,000	42,000	42,000
Monitoring															25,000	25,000
	5,375,000				3,125,000				2,859,285				1,520,600			

Projects not funded:

Preserve Management Plans (\$280k)

Coastal Watershed Management Plans (\$3M)

Project Description

Overview and Location

This project involves the complete renovation and expansion of the existing Kingfish Boat Ramp facility located on the north side of Manatee Avenue on the western landing of the Anna Maria Bridge in Manatee County. Location and site photograph shown below.



Need and Justification

Kingfish Boat Ramp is the most heavily utilized boat ramp in Manatee County. The facility's popularity is due, in large part, to its ideal location on Anna Maria Sound in addition to trailer parking capacity and suitability for larger vessels. Kingfish Boat Ramp has served the steadily increasing number of boaters in Manatee County since the 1960's. Major structural components of the facility include over 600-feet of concrete seawall, 350-feet of wooden docks and a 55-foot wide concrete launch ramp comprised of 3 launch lanes and a floating finger dock; all of which are nearing the end of their serviceable lifespan. Emergency repairs at the Manatee County Kingfish boat ramp have uncovered severe structural deficiencies in the existing infrastructure and a decision has been made to commit to proceed toward a total rebuild and capacity expansion of the ramp in the estimated cost range of \$4.5million

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this project to renovate and expand the facility to meet required needs of extended infrastructure lifespan, operational efficiency and capacity. Increased operational efficiency will be achieved through a four single-lane design to shorten launching and landing time for vessels.

Project Components

The project is currently about to enter the engineered design phase which will involve further refinement of the conceptual plan to expand the current three lane launch to four individual lanes, each separated by a finger dock. Individual launch lanes increase capacity and efficiency by allowing boaters to launch and land vessels separately without being affected by other vessels or vehicles.

The docks will be constructed with durability and longevity in mind, utilizing concrete piling and composite decking. The project also involves planning for the eventual expansion of trailer parking to the east. Manatee County is currently coordinating with the Florida Department of Transportation on plans for this expansion when the western landing of the new Anna Maria/Manatee Avenue Bridge is shifted to the south.

The plans also call for the resurfacing of the parking lot to better control stormwater runoff and reduce maintenance.

Contributions to the Overall Economic and Ecological Recovery of the Gulf

The Kingfish Boat Ramp facility plays a significant role in the water-access based economy of Manatee County and is heavily utilized used by local residents, neighboring county residents, tourists and various commercial operations offering charter fishing, eco-tourism, recreational boat rental, sightseeing, kayak rental and other services. Kingfish Boat Ramp is strategically located and provides easy access to many desirable destinations including the Gulf of Mexico, Tampa Bay, Manatee River, Intracoastal Waterway, Palma Sola Bay and Sarasota Bay.

Eligibility and Statutory Requirements

This project is consistent with, and addresses, the following RESTORE Act eligible activities:

- Eligible Activity 6: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.
- Eligible Activity 10: Promotion of Tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing (primary).

Comprehensive Plans Goals and Objectives

This project is consistent with, and addresses, the following Comprehensive Plan Goals:

- Goal 5: Restore and Revitalize the Gulf Economy (primary)
- Goal 3: Restore and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources

This project is consistent with, and addresses, the following Comprehensive Plan Objectives:

- Objective 8: Restore, Diversify, and Revitalize the Gulf Economy with Economic and Environmental Restoration Projects (primary)
- Objective 3: Protect and Restore Living Coastal and Marine Resources

Implementing Entities

Manatee County will be the sole implementing entity and grant sub-recipient responsible for the design, construction, and success monitoring of the project.

Best Available Science and Feasibility Assessment

As discussed, the Kingfish Boat Ramp facility has existed since the 1960's as an extremely popular and heavily utilized public water access point.

Manatee County expects no difficulties in obtaining the necessary State and Federal permits to conduct the project.

Risks and Uncertainties

No significant risks or uncertainties have been identified that would preclude conducting the project.

Success Criteria and Monitoring

As this project addresses improvement of boater access to both the internal waterways of Manatee County and the Gulf of Mexico success criteria will be developed for the following:

- Public recreational use statistics
- Recreational for-hire charter fishing use statistics

Milestones and Schedules

	2019	2020	2021	2022
	1	2	3	4
	Funds available \$5.4M			
Carryover from previous year				
Total to start				
Kingfish Boat Ramp (\$4.5M)				
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Construction		4,500,000		
Success Monitoring				

Budget and Funding Sources

The Gulf Consortium State Expenditure will be the sole funding source.

RESTORE ACT PROJECTS

The following projects have been approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and each respective RESTORE funding source:

Direct Component, Administered by US Department of the Treasury (Pot 1)

- Robinson Preserve Restoration Expansion Phase III: Plant and establish desirable and appropriate coastal upland habitats in a stable and low maintenance condition on the 150-acre expansion. \$600,000
- Workforce Development: Create a pilot workforce development program with a five-year period of performance delivering each participant more than 400 hours of job-relevant classroom training and 3,000 hours of on-the-job-training in a variety of disciplines. \$619,758
- Coastal Watershed Program: Develop a coastal watershed management plan to assess improvements needed for 14 project areas of the County which were developed under old flood and drainage standards. \$620,309
- Florida Maritime Museum Facility Enhancement: Preserve and share the maritime heritage of the Historic fishing village of Cortez through expanding the capacity of the Folk School program by improving site facilities. \$225,000
- Gulf Shellfish Institute Sea Farm to Table: Provide planning assistance to be conducted by the Gulf Shellfish Institute to promote the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region. \$100,000

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Connecting Coastal Waters \$1.8 million. (Pot 2)

- Robinson Preserve Wetlands Restoration Implementation: Restore 140 acres of upland and wetland habitat on a fallow parcel recently acquired to expand Robinson Preserve. \$1.5 million
- Tampa Bay Estuary Program Implementation: This project is part of seven elements of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program that will reduce 16.5 tons of nitrogen per year, restore more than 250 acres of coastal habitat, and create 200 acres of seagrass. \$271,000

Gulf Consortium State Expenditure Plan (Pot 3)

The RESTORE Act specifies that this source of dedicated funding, identified as the Spill Impact Component, be distributed in accordance with guidelines of a State Expenditure Plan agreed to by all 23 Gulf coastal counties in the state of Florida, chartered by interlocal agreement as the Florida Restore Act Gulf Consortium.

On June 20, 2017, the Commission authorized the Chairperson to sign the transmittal letter to the Florida Gulf Consortium Chair naming the proposed State Expenditure Plan for Manatee

County's participation in the Florida Gulf Consortium RESTORE Act Program. The letter included the following projects:

1. Manatee River Oyster Restoration Project: Restore productive oyster reefs lost or degraded primarily from combined stresses of reduced freshwater flows, sea-level rise, water quality declines, historic dredging for construction materials, and associated disease and predation. \$3 million
2. Living Shoreline Creation: Portosueno Park: Replace the seawall with a linear living shoreline, as well as marsh plantings on the east side of the basin, to improve both habitat quality and diversity, as well as water quality. \$1 million
3. Palmetto Greene Bridge Fishing Pier Replacement: Demolish and replace an old concrete highway bridge, currently functioning as a public fishing pier, with a new wooden fishing pier. \$5 million
4. Applied Research for Shellfish Aquaculture and Habitat Restoration: Fund the Gulf Shellfish Institute, Inc, a non-profit organization, to conduct an applied research program to increase the production and availability of locally grown and sustainably produced shellfish for local markets. \$300,000
5. Preserve Management Plans: Develop updated natural resource management plans for preservation lands owned and operated by Manatee County. \$300,000
6. Larry Borden Artificial Reef Enhancement: Acquire, transport and deploy natural limestone boulders into an existing permitted Manatee County artificial reef site. \$1 million
7. Trail and Boardwalk Enhancements on Coastal Preserves: Construct trails and boardwalks at three County-owned coastal preserves. \$2 million
8. Coastal Watershed Management Plans: Develop watershed Management Plans for priority tributaries and their watersheds in coastal Manatee County. \$2.5 million
9. Urban Park Stormwater Improvements (G.T. Bray Park): Improve the surface water management system at G.T. Bray Park to partially restore the natural hydrologic storage, water quality treatment, and habitat functions that existed on this site prior to development. \$2.1 million
10. Robinson Preserve Expansion Coastal Uplands: To recreate coastal land to functional habitats. \$1.25 million.

The Robinson Preserve expansion coastal uplands project proposal was deleted from the 10-project list after successfully obtaining an amount from the FY19 Florida Legislative appropriation, which will be sufficient to complete the current restoration goals for the project.

The Gulf Consortium, acting by consensus as a quasi-legislative body, determined those eligible projects through an extensive application and review process, including public comment and multiple environmental agencies' review. In 2018, Florida's Governor and the RESTORE Council approved a \$292M portfolio of projects which divides the allocation equally, at \$12.7M for each of the 23 counties.

The project implementations are spread out over a 15-year timeframe of RESTORE Act structured payments. The first individual project application cycle will open January 31, 2019 following the procedures made available by the Consortium to member counties.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Kingfish boat ramp is the most heavily used of all boat ramps in Manatee County. Emergency repairs at the Manatee County Kingfish boat ramp has uncovered severe structural deficiencies in the existing ramp and a decision has been made to commit to proceed to a total rebuild and capacity expansion for the ramp in the estimated cost range of \$4.5 million.

No other funding source is available to initiate this expansion and repair. Therefore, two SEP projects which can be implemented with alternative funding sources are being dropped from the plan, with funding freed up to be reallocated to the cost of the Kingfish boat ramp expansion.

The projects proposed to be removed are: Preserve Management Plans (\$280k) and Coastal Watershed Management Plan (\$3M), both of which may be funded through alternative funding sources.

The Gulf Consortium, in consultation with the RESTORE Council, specifies the following steps to accomplish the amendment:

1. Obtain approval from Manatee County BCC for the proposed SEP project changes
2. Provide the complete project narrative to RESTORE Council for preview
3. Present the complete project narrative and BCC approval to the Gulf Consortium with a request for action to make the SEP amendment available for public review
4. Make the SEP amendment public with a forum to receive comments for a 45-day period
5. Submit the SEP amendment to RESTORE Council after the 45-day comment period, including a statement of public participation and any necessary edits or responses to comments. Pending no significant issues, the amendment will also be submitted for final Board approval via consent agenda.
6. After RESTORE Council reviews and approves the SEP amendment, individual applications for funding can be submitted to the Gulf Consortium.

APPROVED in Open Session

Manatee County Board of County
Commissioners

Manatee County Government Administrative Center
Patricia M. Glass Commission Chambers, First Floor
9:00 a.m. - December 18, 2018

December 18, 2018 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #59

12/18/19

Subject

RESTORE Act State Expenditure Plan Project Amendment

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Charlie Hunsicker, Parks and Natural Resources Director, ext. 6001

Action Requested

In matters pertaining to RESTORE Act projects:

- Approval to request the Gulf Consortium to post a proposed State Expenditure Plan Manatee County project amendment for forty-five (45) day comment period.
- Approval and Execution of a letter to the United States Department of Treasury, authorizing the Fiscal Services Manager and Grants Coordinator of the Parks and Natural Resources Department, as the staff authorized to submit and certify RESTORE Act projects in the GrantSolutions.gov website.
- Authorize the realignment priority of funding for the Kingfish Boat Ramp, rebuilding the ramp to correct emergency structural deficiencies, for a not to exceed amount of \$4.5 million, RESTORE Act funding.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

F.S. 125 - County Commissioners, Powers and Duties

Background Discussion

- As a Gulf Coast County, Manatee County is eligible to receive a dedicated source of funding provided to all Gulf coastal counties for RESTORE Act-eligible activities. Manatee County has participated in the Gulf Consortium through its Commission delegate representative Carol Whitmore and alternate Charlie Hunsicker with the Department of Parks and Natural Resources since 2013.
- Approved projects will be sent Notices of Awards, which will undergo Requests for Legal Review, prior to being returned to the BCC for final approval to accept funds and proceed with project implementation.
- Additionally, the U.S. Department of the Treasury requires a letter of authorization from Manatee County that designates the appropriate Parks and Natural Resources Department staff, Fiscal Services Manager (Luz McQuiston) and Grants Coordinator (Nan Summers), as the persons authorized review, certify and electronically submit RESTORE projects to the Treasury via the GrantSolutions.gov application portal.
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County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Send Board approval verification to proceed with SEP amendment to Nan Summers,
nan.summers@mymanatee.org.

Send signed designation letter of authorization to Nan Summers: nan.summers@mymanatee.org.

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Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

TBD upon Notices of Award for RESTORE projects

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

Attachment: [SEP Timeline revised 12-11-18.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [Kingfish Narrative 2.pdf](#)
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