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AGENDA

Board of County Commissioners

Special Meeting –April 16, 2015– 9:00 a.m.

Pensacola Bay Center – First Floor, Room "A"

1. Call to Order.

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2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?
4. Are there any items to be added to the agenda?

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the agenda as prepared **(or duly amended)**.

5. Recommendation Concerning the RESTORE Act and Development of the Multi-Year Implementation Plan - Keith T. Wilkins, Community & Environment Department Director

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  2. Determining whether all projects are to be scored against each other or only scored within specific categories (Economic, Infrastructure, and Environment);
  3. Sponsoring or partnering with groups that cannot develop a project on their own;
  4. Offering sub-grant funds and/or County procurement for selected projects;  
and
  5. Allocating funding set-asides or not for specific categories.
6. Adjourn.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Escambia County, Florida

**Special BCC Meeting - RESTORE**

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**Meeting Date:** 04/16/2015

**Issue:** RESTORE Act and Development of the Multi-Year Implementation Plan

**From:** Keith Wilkins, Department Director

**Organization:** Community & Environment

**CAO Approval:**

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**Information**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The RESTORE Act Advisory Committee began meeting in February 2013 to investigate the needs within Escambia County that can be filled by RESTORE funds and fulfill the tasks of the Board of County Commissioners as outlined in their guidance resolutions. The Committee received input over a period of 15 months from experts in many fields such as economic, environmental and social challenges, and suggestions on actions that would alleviate or help address those challenges. Afterwards, the Committee developed and approved a comprehensive Needs Assessment capturing the issues brought before them and discussed at Committee meetings.

On April 6, 2015, the Committee agreed on a set of criteria and scoring for project consideration that addresses those needs. The Needs Assessment, Project Criteria and Scoring are attached to this recommendation for Board review and consideration.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Funds for the Plan Development are eligible for reimbursement through RESTORE and the Treasury Department. An application for \$438,405.55 has been submitted to Treasury to recapture county funds expended or encumbered in this effort. Funds were advanced from the Economic Development Fund.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS/SIGN-OFF:**

This recommendation is for discussion and guidance purposes only. Legal considerations are not applicable at this point.

**PERSONNEL:**

This recommendation has been coordinated with Community & Environment Department staff, Administration, the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee and the consultant, Dewberry.

**POLICY/REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD ACTION:**

To fulfill the requirements for RESTORE funding, a Multi-Year Implementation Plan has to be submitted to the US Treasury Department. The Committee's actions are compliant with their guidance resolutions adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

**IMPLEMENTATION/COORDINATION:**

Implementation and coordination are occurring between the Community & Environment Department, Administration, the Committee and consultant. Many NGO's, citizens and other interested parties have provided input to the Committee for their consideration.

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**Attachments**

[RESTORE-Selection Criteria](#)

[RESTORE-Resolution 2012-150](#)

[RESTORE-Resolution R2014-80](#)

[RESTORE-HR 4348-186](#)

[RESTORE-Needs Assessment](#)



## Escambia County Draft Project Selection Criteria

The project selection criteria presented below are derived from the Interim Needs Assessment for Escambia County v2.2 and will be used to evaluate projects submitted to Escambia County for funding consideration and inclusion in the Multiyear Implementation Plan (MYIP) required by the RESTORE Act. The criteria are divided into five major categories: Baseline Criteria, Environmental Criteria, Economic Criteria, Infrastructure Criteria, and Bonus Criteria.

Each project will be evaluated for its eligibility for RESTORE funding and the degree to which it addresses the previously defined needs of Escambia County. Therefore, each project will be scored against all criteria in each category. Projects will receive an overall score that will be the accumulation of the points awarded. The criteria in each category contain brief descriptions to serve as guidance examples to the project applicants. This guidance is meant to assist applicants in obtaining the maximum number of available points for each criteria. The guidance is not meant to be an exhaustive listing of all possible strategies to achieve the criteria. Projects will be evaluated by the County based upon the best available science to determine the full range of benefits provided by the project and the feasibility to achieve the described results. Applicants are encouraged to provide a thorough explanation of the project, expected outcomes and include supporting documentation to assist the County in its evaluation.

<p><b>Baseline Criteria</b> (Regulatory and Programmatic) -- ALL submitted projects must meet the minimum criteria in this category</p>	<p>BC Subtotal 15</p>
<p><b>1. Regulatory Compliance.</b> Applicant has described how proposed project will conform to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and codes including, but not limited to American’s with Disabilities Act, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, U.S. Access Board, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Davis-Bacon Act, Florida Building Code, and Escambia County Land Development Code.</p> <div style="background-color: #fce4d6; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant has read and agreed that the project must meet all applicable federal, state, and local laws and codes including, but not limited to American’s with Disabilities Act, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, U.S. Access Board, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Florida Building Code, and Escambia County Land Development Code</li> </ul> </div>	<p># of av. Points  3</p>
<p><b>2. Project Justification.</b> Proposed project is adequately described to determine feasibility and the budget includes reasonable and justifiable costs.</p> <div style="background-color: #fce4d6; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project budget provides detailed expenditure plan</li> <li>• Costs are practical and are appropriately aligned with project activities</li> <li>• Proposed project includes all supporting documentation to justify proposal</li> </ul> </div>	<p># of av. Points  3</p>
<p><b>3. Timing.</b> Proposed project can be implemented and benefits realized within a reasonable and acceptable timeframe.</p>	<p># of av. Points  3</p>

<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicable permits and permissions have been identified</li> <li>• Project timeline is sufficiently detailed to determine duration of design and construction and anticipated milestones for completion and monitoring</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Public Interest.</b> Proposed project is in the public interest.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects performed by a public entity on public property or property under public control are deemed to be in the public interest</li> <li>• Projects performed, in part or whole, on private property must provide evidence of public benefit as determine by Escambia County</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>3</p>
<p><b>5. Monitoring Plan.</b> Proposed project includes a comprehensive monitoring and success measurement plan.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed project includes applicable periodic maintenance</li> <li>• Proposed project establishes monitoring plan and applicable success measures</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>3</p>

<p><b>Environmental Criteria</b></p>	<p>EVC Subtotal 20</p>
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<p><b>1. Habitat Restoration.</b> Proposed project improves, enhances, or restores the structure and function of upland, coastal, bays, bayous, wetlands, rivers, lakes, streams, or marine natural systems, benefiting native flora and fauna.</p> <div style="background-color: #fce4d6; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restores, improves, or enhances ecological function – natural hydrological function, tidal connections, soil composition, vegetation diversity and renewal</li> <li>• Restores, improves, or enhances community structure – Increases native vegetation, biodiversity, or beneficial substrate</li> <li>• Removal of non-native species</li> <li>• Removal of fish passage barriers</li> </ul> </div>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>5</p>
<p><b>2. Habitat Conservation and Preservation.</b> Proposed project maintains or improves the structure and function of upland, coastal, bays, bayous, rivers, lakes, streams, or marine natural systems, benefiting native flora and fauna.</p> <div style="background-color: #fce4d6; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes conservation easement or wildlife corridor</li> <li>• Reduces unnatural disturbances</li> <li>• Implements or establishes habitat</li> </ul> </div>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>5</p>
<p><b>3. Water Quality Improvement.</b> Proposed project reduces point and nonpoint sources of pollutants entering local waterways, provides treatment to improve water quality, or proposes other measures which will improve water quality.</p>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>5</p>

<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point Source reduction – reduces pollutant loading from point sources, installation of Best Management Practices (BMP’s)</li> <li>• Nonpoint Source reduction – reduces pollutant loading from nonpoint sources – reduces impervious surface coverage, implementation of BMP’s (such as bioretention, vegetated buffer preservation, etc.), reduces sedimentation</li> <li>• Treatment – provides treatment for nutrients or legacy contaminants</li> <li>• Improves impaired (303d or evidence of impairment) waterway</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Natural Systems Resiliency.</b> Proposed project increases ability of natural systems to withstand disasters and adapt to changing environmental conditions due to climate change, associated sea level rise, and other factors.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabilizes shoreline/provides natural wave attenuation</li> <li>• Increases species and/or ecosystem adaptability to changing conditions</li> <li>• Provides for natural successional progression</li> <li>• Improves air quality</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>5</p>

<p><b>Economic Criteria</b></p>	<p>EC Subtotal 20 pts</p>
<p><b>1. Tourism and Tourism Opportunities.</b> Proposed project provides for increases in tourism activity through new or additional marketing efforts, improvements to existing attractions, or addition of new destinations or attractions.</p>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>4</p>

<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides increased or additional public access to the waterfront or other tourism destinations</li> <li>• Enhances existing attractions or destinations</li> <li>• Increases total annual visitor count</li> <li>• Increases access to cultural tourism or local historical assets</li> <li>• Promotes tourism destinations through marketing or promotional efforts</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. Recreational Fishing and Local Seafood.</b> Proposed project increases recreational fishing opportunities through increased or improved access to fisheries, marketing and promotion of local recreational fishing and seafood, removal of barriers to recreational fishing, and increases in fishing stock/habitat.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves opportunities through addition of artificial reefs, oyster reefs, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), or similar</li> <li>• Increases access to fishing opportunities through addition of fishing piers, boat ramps, or similar</li> <li>• Promotes recreational fishing and/or local seafood consumption through marketing and promotional activities</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>4</p>
<p><b>3. Job Creation.</b> Proposed project provides for new seasonal, temporary, part time, full time, and/or higher wage jobs within the County.</p>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>4</p>

<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates temporary, seasonal, or part time jobs</li> <li>• Employs 1-10 people with equal to or more than average annual median wage</li> <li>• Employs 11-25 people with equal to or more than average annual median wage</li> <li>• Employs more than 25 people with equal to or more than average annual median wage</li> <li>• Jobs created are in local targeted industries or supporting infrastructure industries as identified by the Pensacola Community Economic Development Association (CEDA) and amended periodically</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Industry and Business Growth.</b> Proposed project directly contributes to expansion of existing industry/business or siting of a new industry/business in local targeted industries.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides for expansion of existing business in local targeted industry</li> <li>• Provides for new business(es) in local targeted industries</li> <li>• Measurable Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increase</li> <li>• Project Return on Investment (ROI) is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3:1 or better</li> <li>○ Between 1:1 and 3:1</li> <li>○ 1:1 or less</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>4</p>
<p><b>5. Workforce Development.</b> Proposed project provides innovative higher education, job training, or other workforce training/career development which increases the total skilled workforce pool and advances opportunities for higher wage employment.</p>	<p># of av. Points</p>

**Criteria Guidance**

- Improvement to existing workforce program which includes multiple career pathway programs
- Provides industry focused training resulting in certification for trainees
- Addresses workforce gaps in specific industries as identified by the CEDA
- Development or expansion of youth employment and training opportunities in STEM fields
- Targets “at-risk” groups for job training

Infrastructure Criteria	IC Subtotal 20
<p><b>1. Transportation Network Improvements.</b> Proposed project improves components of existing transportation network or adds new features to transportation network such as roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, multi-modal paths or trails, streetlights, and urban/street landscaping.</p> <div data-bbox="337 487 1101 1087" style="background-color: #fce4d6; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves existing roads and bridges or provides new roads and bridges</li> <li>• Provides additional bicycle and pedestrian improvements</li> <li>• Incorporates complete streets design including street lighting, traffic calming, and pedestrian safety</li> <li>• Adds to or improves multimodal network including waterways, ports, railways, and mass transit</li> <li>• Improves existing or adds new greenway paths and trails</li> </ul> </div>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>6</p>
<p><b>2. Flooding Improvements.</b> Proposed project provides structural improvements or additions which will reduce flooding to homes and businesses, thereby reducing overall disaster costs and increasing economic resilience.</p> <div data-bbox="337 1243 1101 1696" style="background-color: #fce4d6; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed project will decrease frequency and/or intensity of flooding events (i.e. through reduction of impervious surface coverage or increased storage/retention)</li> <li>• Retrofits, repairs or replaces existing stormwater management infrastructure</li> <li>• Strategically adds new stormwater management components such as attenuation</li> </ul> </div>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>7</p>
<p><b>3. Community Resiliency.</b> Proposed project increases community resiliency by strategically retrofitting, upgrading, or replacing critical infrastructure, utilizing renewable energy, or by implementing other disaster preparatory mechanisms.</p>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>7</p>

<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repairs or upgrades existing infrastructure</li> <li>Repairs or upgrades existing critical infrastructure</li> <li>Strategically adds new critical infrastructure, which reduces community vulnerability to natural and manmade disasters</li> <li>Includes disaster planning measures</li> <li>Includes necessary addition of shelters or evacuation routes</li> </ul>	

<b>Bonus Criteria</b> (Additional Points)	BNC Subtotal 23
<p><b>1. Benefits Traditionally Underserved Persons or Areas.</b> Proposed projects improves opportunities for disadvantaged or traditionally underserved persons or areas, such as low-income areas, areas of minority concentration, persons with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, etc.</p>	# of av. Points  2
<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project is located in low income, very low income, or primarily minority neighborhood (as defined by U.S. Census tract)</li> <li>Project incorporates universal or creative ADA design beyond the minimum requirements, providing increased access for persons with disabilities</li> <li>Training and job creation benefits disadvantaged or traditionally underserved persons</li> <li>Project benefits disadvantaged or traditionally underserved groups in other ways</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. Community Health.</b> Proposed project improves physical or mental health of the community through health improvement programs or health education.</p>	# of av. Points  3

<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project provides affordable access to healthy food</li> <li>• Project proposes to improve public health, disease, or mental health issues</li> <li>• Project provides the public with opportunities for increased physical activity</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. Neighborhood Benefits.</b> Proposed project provides neighborhood benefit such as increased affordable housing, reduction in crime, or significant aesthetic improvements.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases access to affordable housing</li> <li>• Helps reduce crime / increases safety</li> <li>• Project is located in Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), brownfields area, Enterprise Zone, etc.</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>3</p>
<p><b>4. Local Preference.</b> Proposed project utilizes local labor force or promotes local small businesses.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilizes local labor</li> <li>• Promotes small local businesses</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>3</p>
<p><b>5. Education and Awareness.</b> Proposed project enhances childhood education.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project includes pre-k – 12 education or outreach</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>2</p>
<p><b>6. Environmental Outreach.</b> Proposed project includes environmental outreach component.</p>	<p># of av. Points</p>



<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed project engages citizens in the active preservation, protection, or restoration of natural resources</li> <li>Proposed project provides for environmental education signage at the project site</li> </ul>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>7. Cultural and Historic Resources.</b> Proposed project provides for preservation, protection or restoration of cultural, historical, or archaeological significant resources above and beyond minimum regulatory requirements.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project may include adaptive reuse of buildings or other existing assets</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>2</p>
<p><b>8. Consistency with Local Plans.</b> Proposed project is consistent with or implements existing adopted plans.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project is identified in an adopted plan such as the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program, Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP), Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), or other City, County, State, or Regional plan</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>2</p>
<p><b>9. Green Design.</b> Project incorporates green design elements such as Leadership in Energy &amp; Environmental Design (LEED) principles or other energy and water efficiency/conservation measures.</p>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>2</p>

<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project integrates LEED principles or other energy efficiency and conservation design features</li> <li>• Project integrates water conservation design features beyond minimum standards</li> <li>• Project includes renewable energy component</li> <li>• Project integrates recycling and reuse of materials</li> <li>• Project includes other sustainable or low impact design feature</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. Leverages funds.</b> Proposed project provides for in-kind or other supplemental funding, increasing fund leveraging.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-kind matching funds provided</li> <li>• Other local/state grant matching funds provided</li> <li>• Parallel other matching grant funds provided</li> <li>• Parallel federal matching grant funds provided</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>2</p>
<p><b>11. Sustainability and Efficiency.</b> The project approach utilizes efficiency measures and provides long term benefits.</p>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>2</p>

<p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed project links outcomes, partners, or lands to leverage overall impact</li> <li>• Proposed project provides long-term benefit(s) beyond life of funding period</li> <li>• Proposed project builds upon existing community assets</li> <li>• Proposed project does not produce negative environmental impacts</li> </ul>	
<p><b>12. Planning and Partnerships.</b> Project planning and design are complete; project includes beneficial partnership.</p> <p><b>Criteria Guidance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project includes beneficial partnership</li> <li>• Project planning and design is complete / project is shovel ready</li> </ul>	<p># of av. Points</p> <p>2</p>

**Definitions**

1. Project Applicant – an individual, company, agency, organization, or other entity which submits a project proposal or idea to the project portal for consideration in the Escambia County MYIP; a project applicant can be anyone
2. Award Recipient – an organization or company which has been selected to receive funds for purposes of implementing a project included in the adopted MYIP; an award recipient must meet all federal and local grant and procurement requirements
3. Natural successional progression – the specific process by which the structure of a biological community evolves over time; stages of succession depend on community type
4. Average annual median wage – the estimated total annual wages of an occupation divided by its estimated employment

5. Community Economic Development Association of Pensacola (CEDA) – an organization formed in 2015 whose core mission is creating, growing and retaining good paying jobs for the community
6. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – the total value of goods and services provided over a period of one year in Escambia County
7. Return on Investment (ROI) – a metric used to evaluate and project the returned benefits of a project compared with the monetary inputs
8. STEM fields – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
9. “At-risk” groups (as applicable to workforce development) – groups of persons who are unemployed, underemployed, working poor, or disenfranchised due to disability, place of residence, geographic location, age, race, sex, or socioeconomic status; may include, but not limited to, public assistance recipients, ex-offenders, persons with disabilities or chronic health issues, single parents, domestic violence victims, dislocated workers, homeless, multi-generational poverty, minorities, veterans, disconnected youth (ages 16-24 not in school, unemployed/ underemployed), older individuals (ages 55+), persons with limited English proficiency, or transportation disadvantaged
10. Community resilience – a measure of the sustained ability of a community to utilize available resources to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations, including disasters
11. Critical infrastructure – the assets, systems, or networks considered essential to Escambia County’s public health, safety, security, or economy; may include energy transmission, communications, water supply, hospitals, etc.
12. Traditionally underserved persons or groups – a group of individuals who, because of disability, place of residence, geographic location, age, race, sex, or socioeconomic status, have historically faced barriers to participation in the decision making and public policy process; may include, but not limited to, elderly people, culturally diverse populations such as African-Americans, Native American Indians, non-English speaking persons, persons living in rural, isolated areas, persons with disabilities such as deaf-blindness, and persons who are medically fragile such as persons with AIDS
13. LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design; a development rating system of the U.S. Green Building Council
14. Beneficial partnership – a well-defined relationship entered into by two or more organizations to achieve a common goal of project implementation; includes outline of jointly developed structure, shared responsibility, accountability for success, and sharing of resources

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RESOLUTION NUMBER R2012 - 150

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE RESTORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill during the summer of 2010, the United States Congress has enacted the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012, also known as the "RESTORE Act;" and

**WHEREAS**, one purpose of the RESTORE Act is to ensure that the federal government distributes a substantial portion of fines or settlement amounts collected as a result of the oil spill to communities affected by the oil spill; and

**WHEREAS**, the RESTORE Act empowers the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners with the authority to distribute certain amounts for various purposes and projects as designated by the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds that an advisory committee would assist the Board in determining which projects qualify for funding under the Act, and therefore would serve the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.**

The aforementioned recital clauses are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

**SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners hereby establishes the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee.

Date: 10/19/2012 Verified By: B. Schuyler



**SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

The RESTORE Act Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. That within the first six months of formation, the committee shall develop a plan, taking public input into consideration, that sets forth the final goals for the community's use of the subject RESTORE funds.

B. The Committee shall review projects submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration of funding pursuant to the RESTORE Act. The Committee shall assign each project proposal into one of three categories: economic development and job creation, environmental, and infrastructure. A project may only be submitted for funding in one category. At the Committee's discretion, similar projects may be combined into a unified project proposal. Projects with a total estimated cost lower than \$500,000.00 will not be considered for funding using RESTORE Act funds.

C. The Board of County Commissioners shall establish ranking criteria for the Committee to use. The Committee shall rely solely on the ranking criteria established by the Board of County Commissioners.

D. The Committee shall rank each project and compile aggregate ranked lists of the projects submitted in each category. The Committee shall then submit the lists to the Board of County Commissioners for review and approval. The Board of County Commissioners may adopt a timeline for the ranking and approval process and any other deadlines it deems necessary. This timeline and other deadlines shall be binding on the Committee.

**SECTION 4. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE.**

The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members who are residents of Escambia County and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. A representative of the financial industry (economist, banker, accountant, or financial planner with five (5) or more years experience in the financial industry).
2. A business leader with five (5) or more years of economic development experience.
3. An individual with five (5) or more years of experience in the area of transportation.
4. An individual with five (5) or more years of complex governmental experience.
5. An at-large citizen representative.
6. An individual appointed by the City of Pensacola. This Committee member cannot be an elected official or a regular or contract employee of the City of Pensacola unless the City of Pensacola is not going to request funding for a project under consideration by the Committee.
7. An individual representing local environmental advocacy groups.

A committee member may not be employed by or be a member of any organization that requests funding from, or that will be making recommendations to, the committee.

**SECTION 5. TERMS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

Committee members shall serve on the Committee until it has made all recommendations and completed its assignments as designated by the Board of County Commissioners. Should any Committee member cease to be an elector of the County, he or she shall cease to be a Committee member and shall be replaced by the Board of

County Commissioners. Except for the Committee member representing the City of Pensacola, Committee members may also be removed by the Board of County Commissioners. Additionally, the Committee shall recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the removal of a Committee member who accrues three unexcused absences from regularly-scheduled meetings of the Committee during the calendar year. Absences may be excused by a vote of the members present at any meeting.

**SECTION 6. OFFICERS.**

A. **Chairperson.** The Committee shall elect a Chairperson to preside at all meetings. The Chairperson shall be elected at the first meeting in January of each year and shall serve until the first meeting in January of the following year. There shall be no term limits for a member to serve as Chairperson.

B. **Vice-Chairperson.** The Committee shall elect a Vice-Chairperson to preside and act on behalf of the Chairperson during his or her absence. The term of office and method of election for the Vice-Chairperson shall be the same as the Chairperson.

**SECTION 7. REGULAR MEETINGS.**

The Committee shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be held at least every other month. A schedule of each year's regular meetings shall be distributed to all Committee members in December of the preceding calendar year.

**SECTION 8. QUORUM AND VOTING.**

Four (4) Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. Each member shall exercise one vote on all matters subject to a vote of the Committee. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote of the members

present. No member shall abstain from voting unless the member has a conflict of interest.

**SECTION 9. SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

The Chairperson may call a special meeting of the Committee on his or her initiative and shall call a special meeting at the request of any four members.

**SECTION 10. LOCATION OF MEETING.**

Committee meetings shall be held in a public facility of sufficient size to accommodate those present and at such locations as the Committee may determine from time to time.

**SECTION 11. RULES OF PROCEDURE.**

The Committee shall conduct its meeting in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except to the extent that the provision thereof is inconsistent with this Resolution.

**SECTION 12. SUNSHINE LAW.**

The Committee shall be subject to and each member shall be responsible for compliance with the Florida Sunshine Law and the Florida Public Records Act.

**SECTION 13. AGENDA.**

The Chairperson shall prepare an agenda for all meetings. Any Committee member may request that a matter be placed on the agenda. The agenda and related materials shall be distributed at least one day prior to the meeting date.

**SECTION 14. MINUTES.**

Minutes shall be kept at each Committee meeting. The written summary of each meeting shall be submitted for approval of the members at the next regular meeting. Each written summary shall reflect the persons in attendance, items discussed, each action taken at the meeting, and the vote of the members on each item presented at the meeting.

**SECTION 15. NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING.**

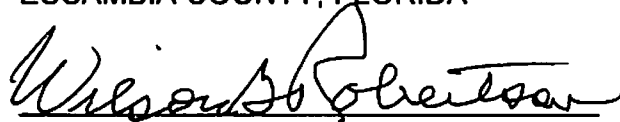
Notice of regular or special meetings of the Committee and the time and location of each meeting shall be published to the public.

**SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.


ADOPTED this 18th day of October 2012

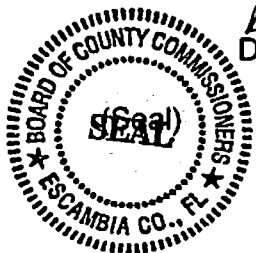
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
Wilson B. Robertson, Chairman

ATTEST: Ernie Lee Magaha  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

  
Deputy Clerk

This document approved as to form  
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By   
Title County Attorney  
Date 10/18/12



Date Executed  
October 18, 2012

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RESOLUTION R2014 - 80

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 3 OF RESOLUTION R2012-150, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE DUTIES OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; DELETING A TIME RESTRICTION FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE USE OF RESTORE FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP GOALS AND RANKING CRITERIA SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; ALIGNING PROJECT CATEGORIES WITH THE FEDERAL RESTORE ACT; ELIMINATING THE \$500,000.00 MINIMUM LIMIT FOR PROJECTS; DELETING A PROHIBITION ON COMMITTEE MEMBERS BEING MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING FUNDING FROM OR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2012, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution R2012-150, which established a RESTORE Act Advisory Committee to assist the Board in allocating its share of certain fine and settlement amounts pursuant to the federal Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2012, the Board amended Resolution 2012-150 by adopting Resolution R2013-5, which increased the membership of the Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has selected the membership of the Committee and the Committee has subsequently held several meetings and heard from several interested groups regarding appropriate ranking criteria for the evaluation and selection of projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee is seeking to clarify its role in developing ranking criteria for its use in the evaluation and selection of projects; and

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Date: 8/26/2014

**WHEREAS**, the Committee had further determined that it needs more than the allotted six months to develop a plan that sets forth the final goals for the use of RESTORE funds; and

**WHEREAS**, based on its discussions and the receipt of public input, the Committee proposes additional amendments to Resolution R2012-150 to align its project categories with those established by the RESTORE Act and its implementing regulations, and to increase the number and types of projects eligible for RESTORE Act funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board concurs with these requests from the Committee and seeks to consequently amend Resolution R2012-150.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.**            **RECITALS.**

The aforementioned recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

**SECTION 2.**            **AMENDMENT TO RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DUTIES.**

Section 3 of Resolution R2012-150, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

The RESTORE Act Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A.     ~~That within the first six months of formation, t~~The committee shall develop  
recommend a plan adhering to the RESTORE Act and its implementing regulations,  
taking public input into consideration, that sets forth the final goals for the community's use of the subject RESTORE funds.

B. The Committee shall review projects submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration of funding pursuant to the RESTORE Act. The Committee shall assign each project proposal into one or more of the three nine categories identified for eligibility by the RESTORE Act: economic development and job creation, environmental, and infrastructure

(I) Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.

(II) Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources.

(III) Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.

(IV) Workforce development and job creation.

(V) Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

(VI) Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

(VII) Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

(VIII) Planning assistance.

(IX) Administrative costs of complying with the RESTORE Act.

~~A project may only be submitted for funding in one category. At the Committee's discretion, similar projects may be combined into a unified project proposal. Projects with a total estimated cost lower than \$500,000.00 will not be considered for funding using RESTORE Act funds.~~



C. ~~The Board of County Commissioners Committee shall establish~~  
~~recommend~~ ranking criteria for the ~~Committee to use~~ its review of project proposals.  
~~The Committee shall rely solely on the ranking criteria established by the Board of~~  
~~County Commissioners.~~ The Board of County Commissions shall review and approve  
the ranking criteria developed by the Committee prior to the ranking of project  
proposals.

D. The Committee shall rank each project and compile aggregate ranked lists of the projects submitted in each category. The Committee shall then submit the lists to the Board of County Commissioners for review and approval. The Board of County Commissioners may adopt a timeline for the ranking and approval process and any other deadlines it deems necessary. This timeline and other deadlines shall be binding on the Committee.

**SECTION 3. REVISION TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIRMENTS.**

Section 4 of Resolution R2012-150, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:  
The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members who are residents of Escambia County and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. A representative of the financial industry (economist, banker, accountant, or financial planner with five (5) or more years experience in the financial industry).
2. A business leader with five (5) or more years of economic development experience.
3. An individual with five (5) or more years of experience in the area of transportation.
4. An individual with five (5) or more years of complex governmental experience.

5. An at-large citizen representative.

6. An individual appointed by the City of Pensacola. This Committee member cannot be an elected official or a regular or contract employee of the City of Pensacola unless the City of Pensacola is not going to request funding for a project under consideration by the Committee.

7. An individual representing local environmental advocacy groups.

~~A committee member may not be employed by or be a member of any organization that requests funding from, or that will be making recommendations to, the committee.~~

8. Two individuals representing the citizens of Escambia County and selected by the Board of County Commissioners only after it has selected the other seven members.

A Committee member shall follow applicable state and local ethics laws and codes governing voting conflicts if the Committee member is employed by or is a member of any organization requesting or receiving funding from the Committee.

**SECTION 5.**      **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 21 day of August, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Lumon J. May*  
Lumon J. May, Chairman

Date Executed

8/21/2014

ATTEST: PAM CHILDERS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: *Pam Childers*  
Deputy Clerk



This document approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By: *[Signature]*

Title: ASST. COUNTY ATTORNEY

Date: AUG. 19, 2014

“(C) all Federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico;

“(34) the term ‘Gulf Coast State’ means any of the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and

“(35) the term ‘Trust Fund’ means the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund established pursuant to section 1602 of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012.”;

(2) in subsection (s), by inserting “except as provided in subsection (t)” before the period at the end; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(t) GULF COAST RESTORATION AND RECOVERY.—

“(1) STATE ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amounts made available in any fiscal year from the Trust Fund, 35 percent shall be available, in accordance with the requirements of this section, to the Gulf Coast States in equal shares for expenditure for ecological and economic restoration of the Gulf Coast region in accordance with this subsection.

“(B) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(i) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES IN THE GULF COAST REGION.—Subject to clause (iii), amounts provided to the Gulf Coast States under this subsection may only be used to carry out 1 or more of the following activities in the Gulf Coast region:

“(I) Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wild-life habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.

“(II) Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources.

“(III) Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.

“(IV) Workforce development and job creation.

“(V) Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

“(VI) Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

“(VII) Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

“(VIII) Planning assistance.

“(IX) Administrative costs of complying with this subsection.

“(ii) ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE TOURISM AND SEAFOOD IN THE GULF COAST REGION.—Amounts provided to the Gulf Coast States under this subsection may be used to carry out 1 or more of the following activities:

“(I) Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing.

“(II) Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region.

“(iii) LIMITATION.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts received by a Gulf Coast State under this subsection, not more

## Interim Needs Assessment for Escambia County RESTORE Planning



### **Introduction:**

Coastal communities throughout the Gulf region continue the costly and arduous task of repairing the damages inflicted on their ecological, environmental, economic, and social assets and supporting systems as a result of long standing decline and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010. In response to the unfolding requirements for RESTORE Act Escambia County took the initiative to construct and administer a community inclusive collaborative planning structure. As part of that process the Escambia County RESTORE Advisory Committee was convened in May 2013. Made up of community leaders with experience that spans the breadth of the major RESTORE components in Environment, Infrastructure and Economy this group was tasked with amassing knowledge on the existing condition of Escambia County and understanding how that condition may be advanced on a positive trajectory by RESTORE based projects. In June 2014 Escambia County again chose to step off of the sidelines and take a strategic leadership position on behalf of its citizens by hiring Dewberry and securing the integrated professional services needed to successfully guide the development of the County's multi-year implementation planning (MYIP) and recovery framework.

The following tables summarize issues and ideas presented to: the Escambia RESTORE Advisory Committee at their monthly public meetings<sup>1</sup>; to the County through information and reference document submissions; and to Dewberry during initial meetings with stakeholders at the launch of this project and subsequent follow-up.

The goal of this exercise is to provide a comprehensive list of issues/challenges facing the County which should be considered for holistic planning purposes. The first three topic categories are based groupings of the eligible criteria under the Direct Component of the RESTORE Act of 2012 (see first table). The final category (social issues) represents issues that may not be eligible for RESTORE funding, but eligible for other sources of federal and state funding. This document considered the specific needs of minority groups and persons with disabilities.

## Interim Needs Assessment for Escambia County RESTORE Planning

### Environment

Environmental Needs			
<p>Improve surface water quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce point sources (industry, septic tanks, WWTPs<sup>1</sup>)</li> <li>• Reduce nonpoint sources (303d impaired waters, TMDL's, stormwater runoff)</li> <li>• Utilize watershed approach</li> </ul>	<p>Monitor and restore habitats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terrestrial and aquatic habitats</li> <li>• Promote healthy populations of fish and shellfish</li> <li>• Promote adequate and healthy populations of impacted species – marine mammals, birds, and sea turtles</li> <li>• Manage invasive species</li> <li>• Continue clean-up efforts</li> <li>• Local post-disaster DWH<sup>2</sup> spill monitoring</li> </ul>	<p>Improve ambient air quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce water quality effects (mercury and nitrogen)</li> <li>• Reduce ground level ozone</li> </ul>	<p>Conserve and preserve ecologically sensitive areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threatened and endangered species</li> <li>• Land acquisition</li> <li>• Wildlife corridors</li> <li>• Preserve biodiversity</li> </ul>
<p>Expand environmental education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best management practices for agricultural industries</li> <li>• Watershed education</li> <li>• Promote expansion of recycling programs</li> </ul>	<p>Remediate contaminated sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superfund sites</li> <li>• Cleanup and removal of improperly operated landfills and pits</li> <li>• Legacy contaminants (PCB's, PAHs)</li> </ul>	<p>Natural systems resiliency (see also Infrastructure Needs – Improve manmade infrastructure resiliency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address loss of habitat</li> <li>• Address erosion/sedimentation</li> </ul>	<p>Improve drinking water quality</p>

1. Wastewater Treatment Plants
2. Deepwater Horizon

## Interim Needs Assessment for Escambia County RESTORE Planning

### Economy

<b>Economic Needs</b>			
<p>Expand and diversify target Industries that pay above the average median wage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High tech manufacturing</li> <li>• Aviation/aerospace</li> <li>• IT/cyber security</li> <li>• Telecommunications/ call centers</li> <li>• Renewable energy and sustainability</li> <li>• Young professionals</li> </ul>	<p>Develop/create jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts and entertainment</li> <li>• Cottage industries</li> <li>• Green industries</li> </ul>	<p>Redevelop existing sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote infill development</li> <li>• Limit urban sprawl</li> <li>• Community Redevelopment Areas</li> <li>• Brownfields sites</li> <li>• Port of Pensacola</li> </ul>	<p>Attract and grow small businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve business opportunities for minorities</li> <li>• increase minority business development</li> </ul>
<p>Strengthen tourism industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand heritage and cultural tourism</li> <li>• Expand ecotourism</li> <li>• Incorporate universal design to accommodate people with disabilities</li> <li>• Focus on overnight and day visitors</li> <li>• Expand year-round tourism (arts, sports, heritage, convention sectors)</li> </ul>	<p>Increase tourism marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote local seafood</li> <li>• Publicize beneficial effects of RESTORE activities</li> </ul>	<p>Build upon existing assets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military bases</li> <li>• Multi-modal transportation network</li> <li>• Business parks</li> <li>• Port of Pensacola</li> </ul>	<p>Develop skilled workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve adult basic education/GED</li> <li>• Increase youth employment opportunities and job training</li> <li>• Develop workforce readiness programs</li> <li>• Expand STEM programs</li> <li>• Build employable skills into existing curriculums</li> <li>• Increase technology/media training</li> <li>• Programs for minorities and persons with disabilities</li> <li>• Recruit talent to the area</li> </ul>

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### Infrastructure

Infrastructure Needs			
<p>Improve transportation systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate complete streets – sidewalks, bike lanes, multi-modal paths, tree cover/vegetation, and streetlights</li> <li>• Add more walkable areas</li> <li>• Increase and improve mass transit and carpooling opportunities</li> </ul>	<p>Improve manmade infrastructure resiliency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address critical infrastructure</li> <li>• Stabilize/protect coastal access areas</li> <li>• Ensure adequate hurricane/ disaster evacuation routes</li> </ul>	<p>Incorporate low impact development and sustainable design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retrofit county and city facilities with green infrastructure</li> <li>• Utilize renewable energies such as solar panels on public schools and buildings</li> </ul>	<p>Prepare community for new technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electric/ solar/CNG charging station networks</li> <li>• Connected vehicles</li> <li>• ITS (intelligent transportation systems)</li> </ul>
<p>Enhance infrastructure maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve roads, highways, and bridges</li> <li>• Improve utility lines- gas, sanitary sewer, water distribution</li> <li>• Improve WWTPs</li> <li>• Upgrade/improve port facilities</li> </ul>	<p>Develop and expand stormwater management systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent flooding</li> </ul>	<p>Improve coastal facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve/update coastal parks</li> <li>• Improve parking and public access to waterfront</li> </ul>	



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### Social Issues

Social Needs*			
<p>Improve community health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable health care</li> <li>• Develop anti-tobacco programs</li> <li>• Develop obesity reduction and physical activity programs</li> <li>• Mental health programs</li> <li>• Drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs</li> <li>• Address food deserts</li> <li>• Improve access to nutritious food</li> </ul>	<p>Target traditionally underserved areas and populations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet needs of disabled citizens</li> <li>• Improve literacy efforts</li> <li>• Improve African-American infant mortality rates</li> <li>• Meet needs of minority community</li> </ul>	<p>Reduce crime and improve public safety, especially in traditionally underserved areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize CPTED techniques (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design)</li> </ul>	<p>Support environmental justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure adequate and equal environmental quality for low-income, traditionally underserved, and minority areas</li> </ul>
<p>Improve education system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate early childhood education</li> <li>• Improve schools</li> </ul>	<p>Address poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address homelessness</li> </ul>	<p>Conduct health impact studies for incident and clean-up activities</p>	<p>Reduce/eliminate litter and nuisance species/pests</p>
<p>Provide more affordable housing options</p>	<p>Build family support services</p>	<p>Preserve cultural heritage</p>	<p>Support ex-offender re-entry programs</p>

\*Social Needs are non-RESTORE eligible activities, but are needs represented as community preferences.

## Interim Needs Assessment for Escambia County RESTORE Planning

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVIES UNDER RESTORE CRITERIA

RESTORE Act Citation	RESTORE Language	Equivalent Needs Assessment Topic
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(I)	Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.	Environment
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(II)	Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources.	Environment
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(III)	Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management, including fisheries monitoring.	Environment
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(IV)	Workforce development and job creation.	Economy, Social Issues
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(V)	Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill	Environment, Economy, Infrastructure
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(VI)	Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Environment, Economy, Infrastructure
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(VII)	Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure	Environment, Economy, Infrastructure
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(ii)(I)	Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	Environment, Economy
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(ii)(II)	Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region.	Environment, Economy

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