

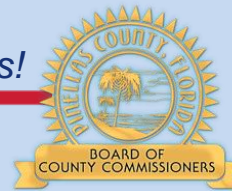


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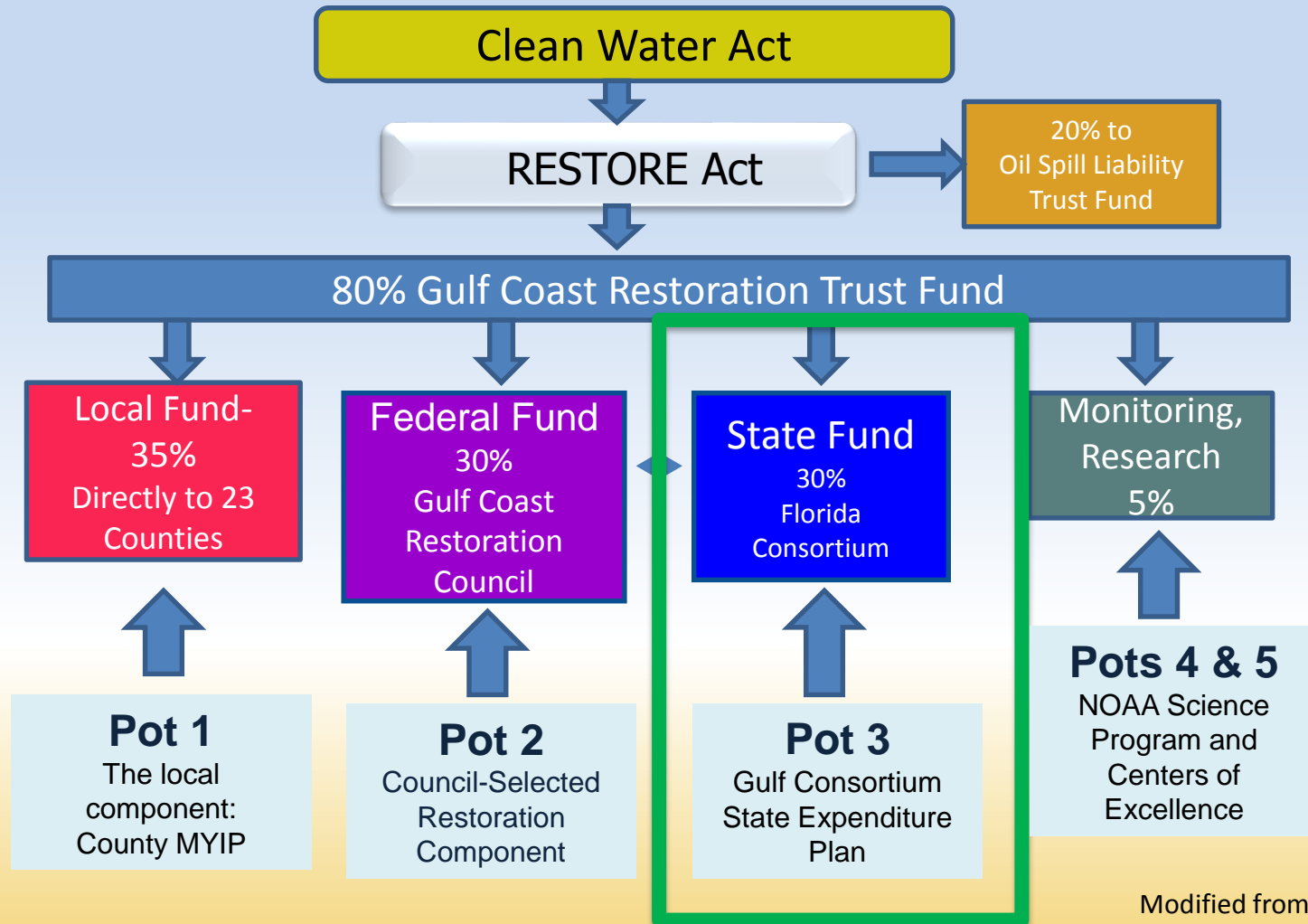
Gulf Consortium

State Expenditure Plan for Pinellas County

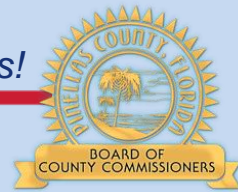




Refresher on Funding Pots

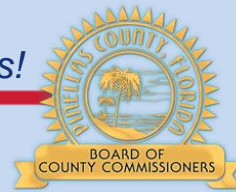


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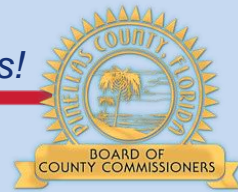
Gulf Consortium (GC)

- Public entity created in October 2012
- Consists of the 23 Gulf Coast Counties
- GC Board of Directors consists of one representative from each county government
- Development of State Expenditure Plan (SEP) for economic and environmental restoration projects to address impacts from Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010



Gulf Consortium SEP Guidance

- GC agreed on an even split of funding to each County
 - ~12.8M over a 15 year period
- Projects must be consistent with:
 - RESTORE Act eligible activities
 - The Gulf Restoration Council's Comprehensive Plan
 - The GC's Objectives
 - Overarching recommendation: Water quality projects are highly recommended

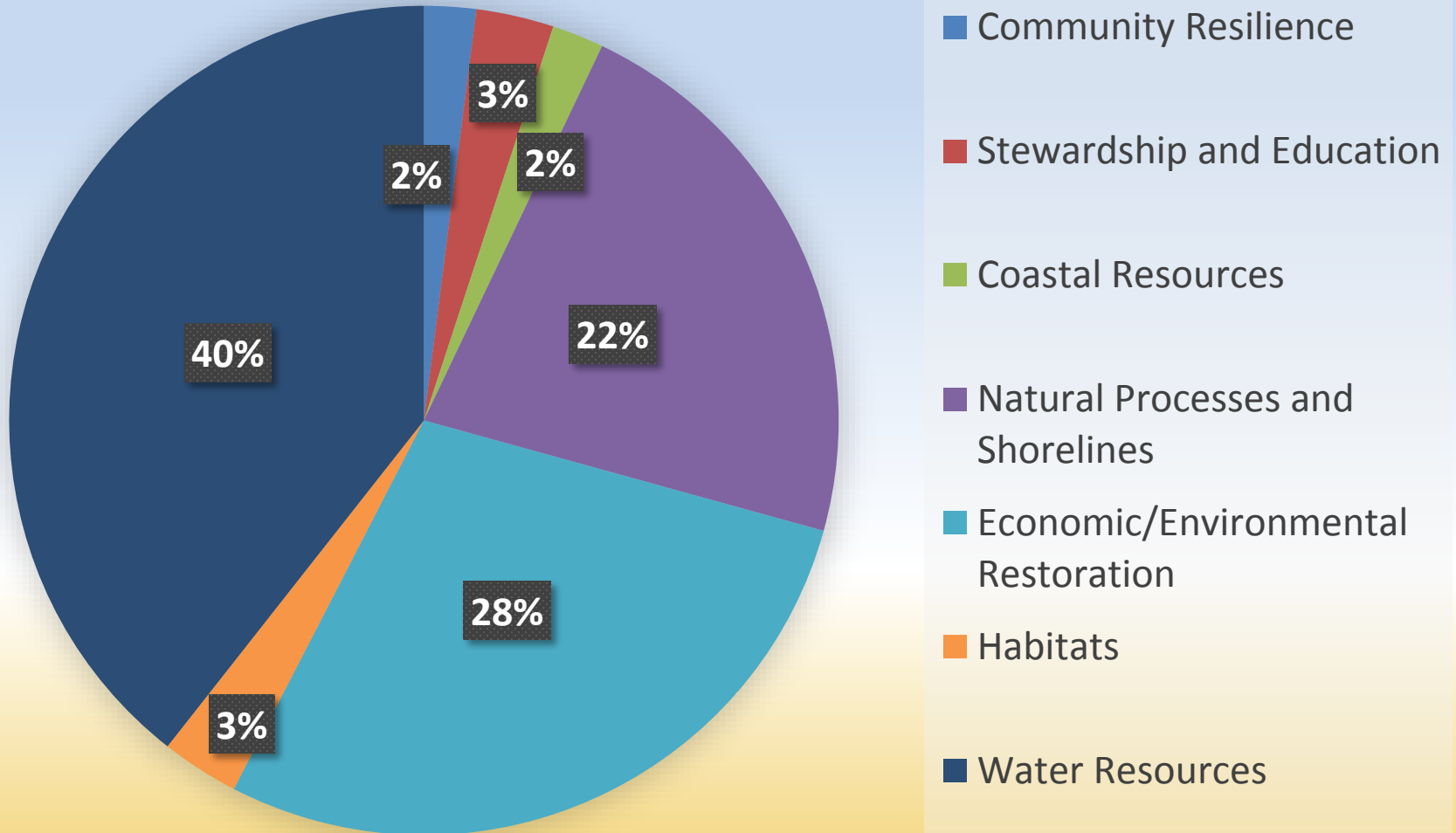


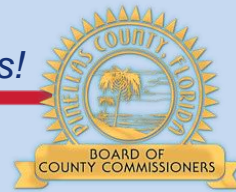
State Expenditure Plan

- The GC was awarded \$4.6M to develop the SEP
- The GC hired Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to coordinate
- ESA worked with counties to guide project development to maximize opportunities for bundling and leveraging funding sources
- Each county is required to submit an approved list for inclusion in the SEP
- The final SEP must be approved by the Governor



Statewide SEP Projects By Category





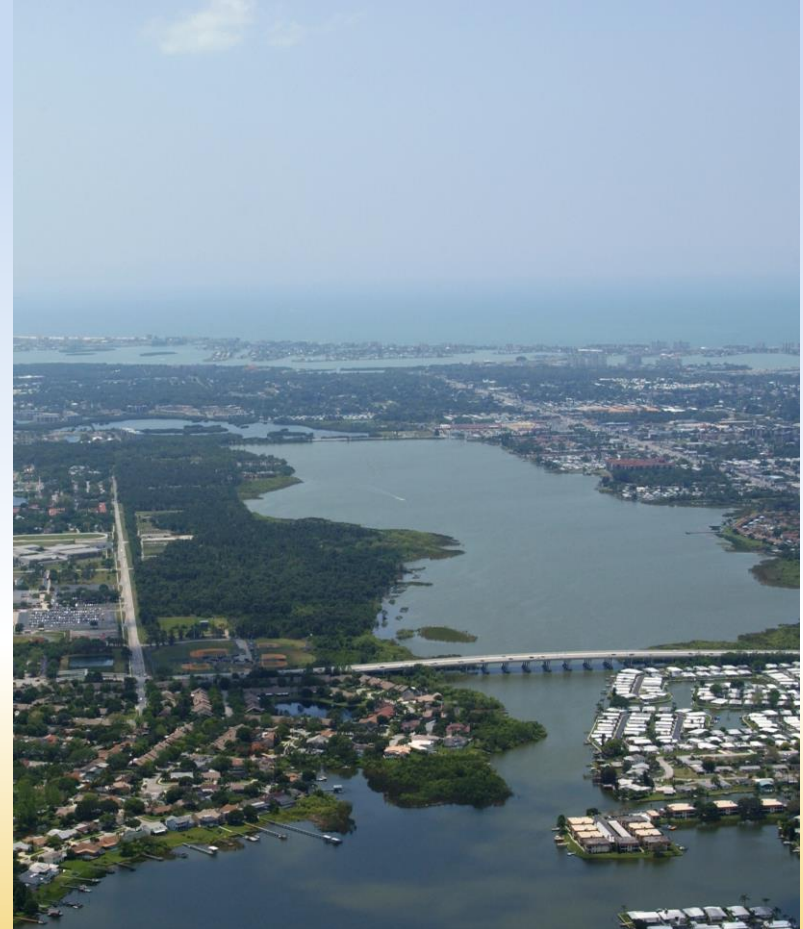
Recommended Projects

5 projects totaling \$30.9M:

- Lake Seminole Sediment Removal, \$5.2M
- Wastewater Collection System Improvements, \$18.2M
- Vulnerable Property Acquisition for Floodplain and Environmental Restoration, \$5M
- Public Access to Waterways, \$2M
- Artificial Reef Program, \$500K

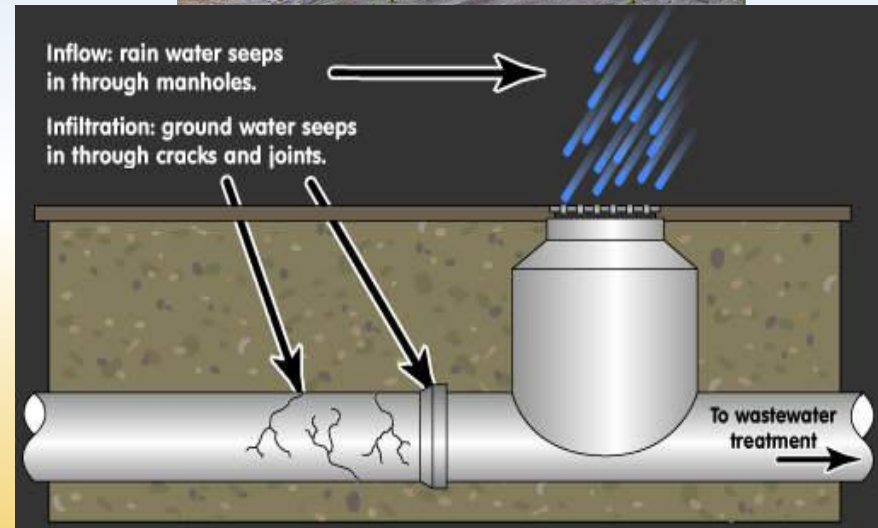
Lake Seminole Sediment Removal

- Removal of organic sediments to restore water quality and habitat
- GCC Objective: Restore, Improve, and Protect Water Resources
- Request: \$5.2M



Wastewater Collection System Improvements

- Restore/replace deficient wastewater infrastructure to reduce impacts from I&I in the Lake Seminole and Joe’s Creek watersheds
- Overflows resulting from I&I impact water quality
 - Both waterways are Impaired/TMDL waters
- GCC Objective: Restore, Improve, and Protect Water Resources
- Request: \$18.2M



Vulnerable Property Acquisition for Floodplain & Environmental Restoration

- Acquire vulnerable properties located in the Brooker Creek, Cross Bayou, Smith Bayou, Stevenson's Creek and Curlew Creek watersheds
- Restore properties to maximize floodplain function:
 - Water quality treatment
 - Habitat creation
 - Flood control
 - Long-term adaptability to sea level rise
- GCC Objective: Restore, Improve, and Protect Water Resources
- Request: \$5M

Public Access to Waterways

- Acquire strategically located properties for kayak launches, docks, fishing piers, educational kiosks, and complimentary amenities
- Provide access to waterways where none exist now; promote passive uses and stewardship
- GCC Objective: Promote Natural Resource Stewardship and Environmental Education
- Request: \$2M



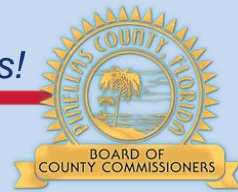
Artificial Reef Program

- Acquire clean concrete material and transport to currently permitted artificial reef locations to expand and enhance high quality fish habitat
- Locations provide public access for recreational fishing and diving
- GCC Goal: Restore, Enhance, and Protect Habitats
- Request: \$500K



Summary

- Gulf Consortium (GC) is developing the SEP for submittal to the Governor
- Each County is developing a list of projects that are consistent with the specified requirements
- Each County is working with the consultant to team to select projects that achieve the requirements and maximize bundling and leveraging opportunities
- Each County formally approves the list for inclusion in the SEP



Questions?