

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Implementation Plan Narrative

Department of the Treasury

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

Multiyear Implementation Plan Version (Initial or Amendment Number):	MIP Amendment 1
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Eligible Entity Name:	Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (RA)
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:
<p>1. Please provide the following for EACH proposed activity (i.e. project or program) listed in the matrix:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Description of the proposed activity (i.e. project or program); - If the activity includes third-party funding, describe the amount and current status of funding (e.g., for another grant, whether the funds have been requested or awarded; if requested, where they are in the approval process) from other sources and provide a description of the specific portion of the project to be funded by the RESTORE Act Direct Component; - Need (i.e., What is the problem this activity seeks to address, or the anticipated benefit to the community?); -Purpose and objective(s) (i.e., How will the proposed activity address the need? What are the desired outcomes?); -Anticipated milestones (i.e. What are key phases and milestones by which the entity will monitor progress towards completion?); -Milestones for each activity -Criteria applicant will use to evaluate the success of each activity (project or program), (i.e., How will the entity determine that the activity achieved its objectives and solved or ameliorated the problem the activity(project or program) sought to address or provided the anticipated benefits? Note that this does not need to be at the level of proposed performance metrics, which will be negotiated with Treasury at the time of application for an award.) <p>Please also provide either a) an individual map of each and every proposed activity listed on the matrix, clearly showing the location of the activity or b) a single map showing all proposed activities listed on the matrix. Note that all proposed activities must be carried out in the Gulf Coast Region, as defined by 31 C.F.R. 34.2 and pursuant to 31 CFR 34.201, except activities designed for the promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including promotion of</p>

recreational fishing; the promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region; and planning assistance.

Project No. 5 - Philippe Park Seawall Enhancement Segments 1 & 2

Description: The project will demonstrate two seawall enhancement methods along hardened seawall shoreline to restore coastal habitat and reduce erosion from wave energy or storm surge. The benefit of extending the life of the seawall is necessary to preserve the park's indigenous historical landmarks and exhibit coastal ecosystem features. Segment 1 will demonstrate the "mini eco-rap" with reef domes and Segment 2 will demonstrate the terraced riprap with marsh grass method. The overall project has been fully designed and permitted to implement five methods by segment.

Funding: The remaining three segments are funded through a local Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund (TBERF) grant award with County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) matching funds. Segments 1 & 2 will be installed using these requested RESTORE funds.

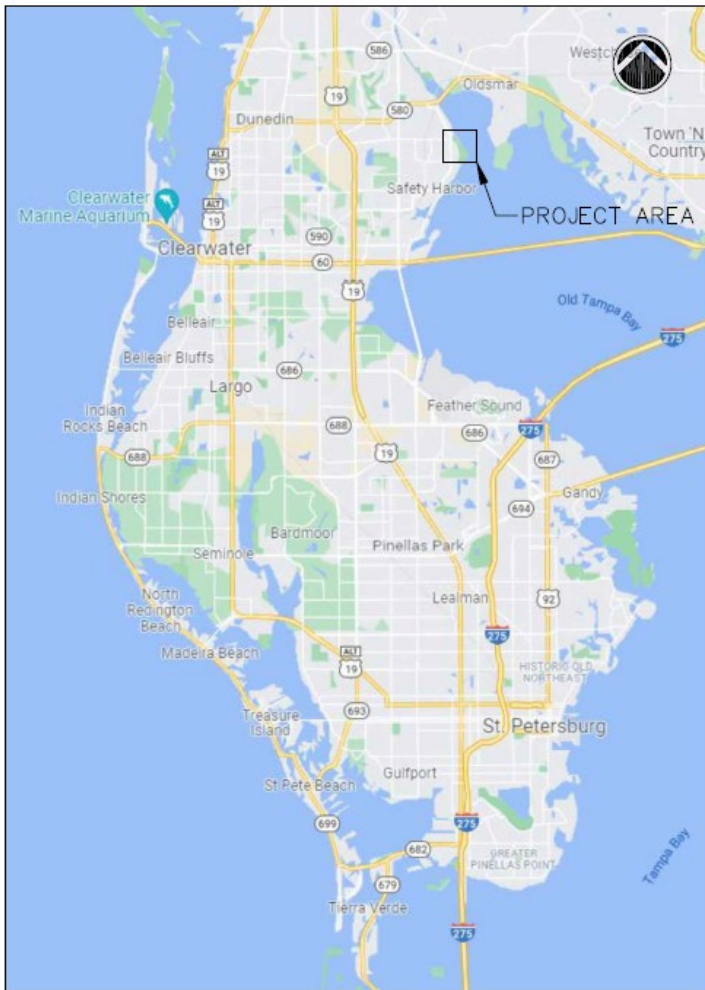
Need: The overall benefit of this project is to explore seawall enhancement method performance and determine optimal restoration solutions for the Old Tampa Bay coast and address impacted habitat for more than 300 miles of hardened shoreline along Pinellas County coasts and inlets.

Purpose: Monitoring of established methods will determine the success and viability of the options and compare the ease of installation and costs.

Milestones: Completing the 6-month installation of segment 1 method and the 30-day installation of segment 2 method are anticipated milestones. Elements will be installed according to design. As-built surveys will be available after installation to confirm compliance with design.

Criteria: Success of each method will be determined through completed installation and observations of reduced erosion, recruited habitat, and reinforced bulkhead.

Project No. 5 - The location of the project activity is in Old Tampa Bay:



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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

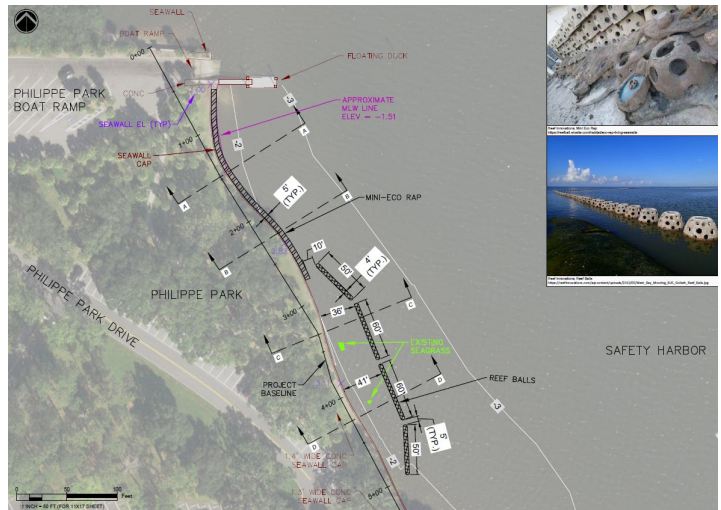
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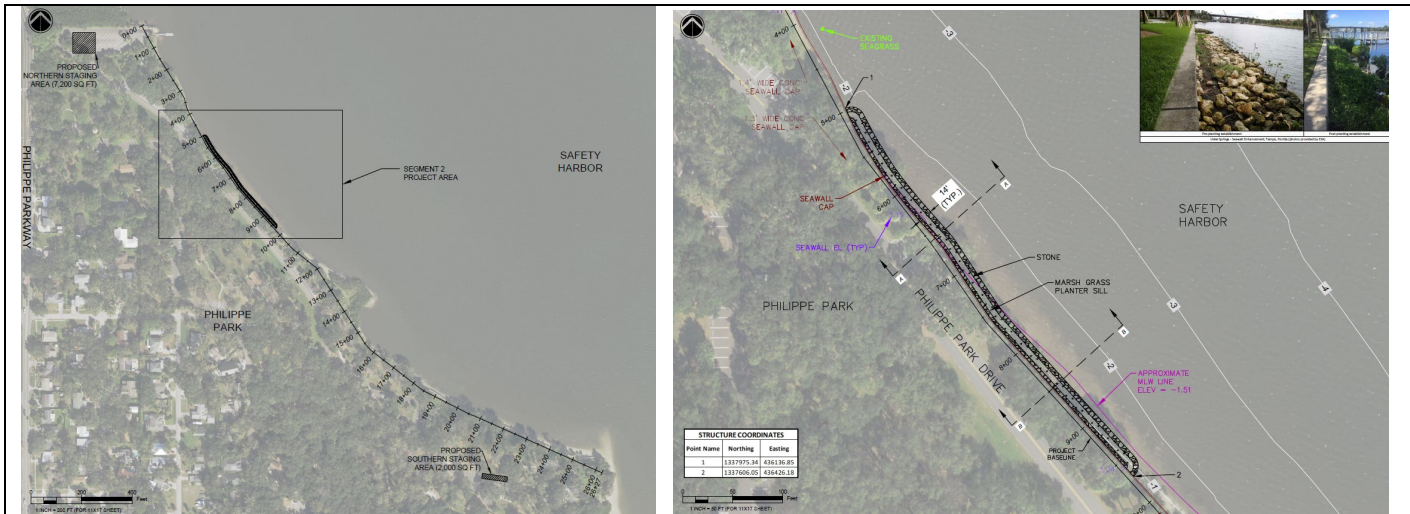
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Project No. 5 - Segment 1: Mini Eco Wrap with Reef Domes



Project No. 5 - Segment 2: Marsh Grass Terrace with Riprap



Project No. 6 - Fort DeSoto Living Shoreline Implementation

Description: the project aims to restore or enhance approximately 1,350 linear feet of coast along the campground shoreline and approximately 950 linear feet of shoreline within a southern cove along Bunces Pass.

Funding: Design of the project will be completed using Pinellas County Stormwater Assessment Fee and Parks and Conservation Resources operating funds. Along with RESTORE Act Direct Component funds, Pinellas County plans to fund implementation through the Tampa Bay Estuary Habitat Management Plan allocation and Penny for Pinellas funds.

Need: The existing campground area seawall is nearly 40 years old. An informal 2023 seawall assessment identified non-reparable deficiencies that were further exacerbated following the 2024 Hurricane season. Fort De Soto Park, beaches, and campground welcomes over 2.7 million visitors annually to enjoy access to Boca Ciega Bay, Tampa Bay, and the Gulf of America. In 1977 the Fort De Soto batteries were added to the National Register of Historic Places, therefore preservation, stewardship, resiliency, and recreational services will be maintained or improved through living shoreline design and installation.

Purpose: Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources is undergoing design to remove seawalls where feasible, incorporate resilient living shoreline elements, and further stabilize the shoreline. Living shoreline and enhancement options will provide sustainable wave attenuation and infrastructure to restore and maintain coastal habitat, improve water quality, promote public access, and realize long-term coastal resiliency.

Milestones: Installation of living shoreline solutions along two barrier island park and refuge areas are anticipated milestones. Anticipated milestones, as identified by to Florida Sea Grant and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, for living shoreline projects include “a shoreline management practice that provides erosion control benefits; protects, restores, or enhances natural shoreline habitat; and maintains coastal processes through the strategic placement of plants, stone, fill, and other structural organic materials,” to create long-term coastal ecological, recreational, and resiliency benefits.

Criteria: Success of the project will be measured by linear foot of hardened seawall converted to enhanced or restored shoreline habitat based on design.

Project No. 6 – Living Shoreline Project Location Map



Project No. 7 Keystone Ranchettes Phase 1A & 1B Septic to Sewer

Description: Pinellas County Utilities (PCU) is embarking on a septic-to-sewer conversion program to provide centralized wastewater collection service to septic system users to ensure public health and environmental protection in several communities. The Keystone Ranchettes community resides within the Lake Tarpon and Brooker Creek Watersheds and will provide septic-to-sewer conversion, stormwater retrofit, and septic tank abandonment to approximately 40 homes.

Funding: The RESTORE Act Direct Component funds will be used as the 50% match required for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Wastewater Grant (WG003) program to fund Lake Tarpon septic-to-sewer conversion for Phase 1A & 1B areas.

Need: The hydrologic characteristics of the watershed create a connected ground and surface water system because of sandy soils and limited urban development. The lake or watershed discharges to Old Tampa Bay through the Lake Tarpon Canal control structure. Lake Tarpon is designated as a Florida Outstanding Water (62-302.700 F.A.C.) and offers the community various recreational, fishery, ecosystem, and water supply benefits.

Purpose: The project will remove aging septic sewer systems and eliminate wastewater nitrogen and/or pathogen loadings to ground or surface waters to benefit creek and lake water quality. In Florida, permitting practices and nitrogen reducing priorities exist to address pollution from these conventional septic systems within impacted areas. This project will aid with

Project No. 8 Septic-to-Sewer Improvements: Lofty Pines Phase 1 Septic Tank Abandonment

Description: The Lofty Pines neighborhood septic to sewer conversion project was initially prioritized by a 2019 State Legislative appropriation to address pollution sources within the City of Dunedin and Pinellas County Utilities service area for approximately 120 parcels and build upon the City's septic to sewer conversion project.

Funding: The City of Dunedin used the \$500,000 state appropriation to construct service laterals to the neighborhood for resident connection. The requested Direct Component funds are intended to fund septic tank decommissions for 15 parcels within the Phase 1 project boundary.

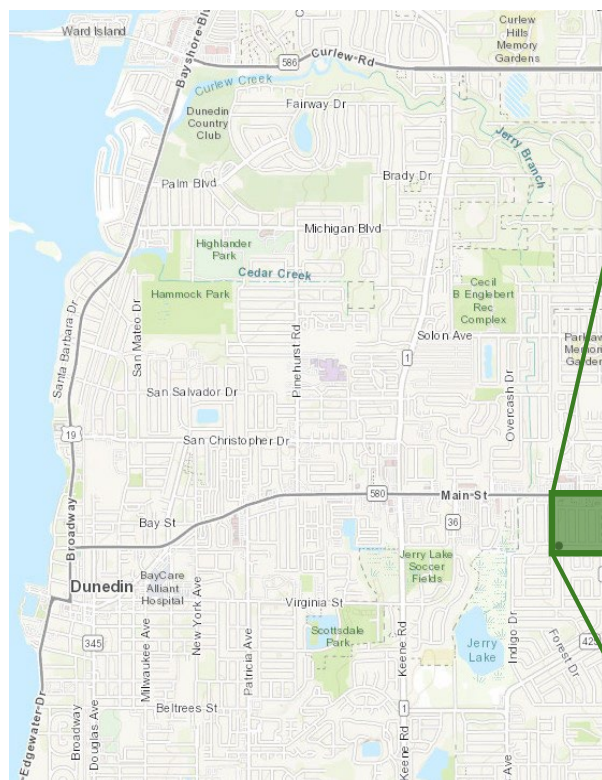
Need: Pinellas County, in partnership with the City of Dunedin, has identified that aging onsite sewage systems in the Lofty Pines Subdivision are significantly contributing to water quality impairment within the Curlew Creek watershed. Curlew Creek discharges to the Gulf Coast Intracoastal Waterway.

Purpose: The ability to offset costs for residents who connect to the new centralized sewer system will help ensure septic tank abandonment ensure public health concerns and bacteria pollution sources are addressed within the watershed.

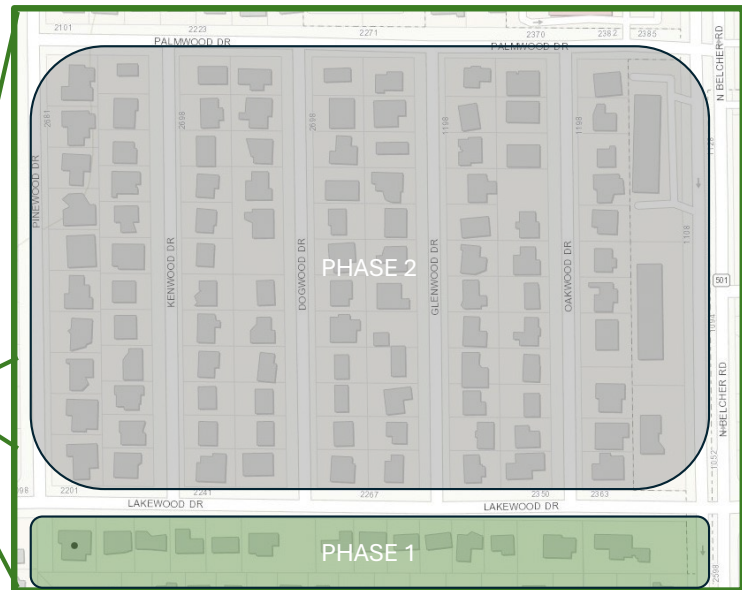
Milestones: The number of parcel connections to the centralized services and the number of decommissioned septic tanks are the anticipated milestones.

Criteria: Success is likely to be realized in the long-term as the watershed recovers with eliminating any of these on-site sewage system pollution sources along with an increased level of service to residents.

Project No. 8 Lofty Pines Septic Tank Abandonment Lakewood Drive Parcel Map



Lofty Pines Phase 1 Septic to Sewer & Stormwater Retrofit Project 8 Project Area



2. Please summarize the process for developing the draft multiyear implementation plan, including how projects were initially evaluated and prioritized, and how the entity made the draft multiyear implementation plan available for a minimum of 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.

Attach:

- Documentation (e.g., a copy of public notices) to demonstrate that the entity made its multiyear implementation plan available to the public for at least 45 days;
- A copy of all meaningful public comments received (OGCR defines “meaningful” as all comments pertaining to the selection of each activity (projects and programs) or the approach to or design of any proposed activities (projects and program));
- Any responses provided to meaningful public comments;
- A list of changes made as a result of meaningful public comments. If critical comments were received but no changes were made, the entity should explain why incorporating these comments is infeasible or not in keeping with the public interest; and
- A letter from the applicant's leadership approving submission of the multiyear implementation plan to Treasury or a resolution approving the applicant's multiyear implementation plan.

Plan Development: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners delegates authority to the Public Works Environmental Management Division to develop the draft multi-year implementation plan.

Project Evaluation & Priority: Projects are prioritized and selected based on proposals from the county's Public Works, Utilities, Solid Waste, and Parks and Conservation Resources department directors and evaluated by a program team of County scientists, financial, grant, and asset management professionals. Proposed project evaluation and selection is determined by reviewing submitted narrative and budget information from departments. The program team scores each project to determine a priority ranking using a project rating worksheet derived from similar County and partner evaluation tools. The projects must demonstrate RESTORE Act Direct Component eligibility and then the ability for department grant and project managers to administer and implement the project within planned funding allocation and budget cycles. Additionally, the selection process identifies important county and regional plans and partnerships that will benefit from completing the proposed project.

Public Comment: After draft review by U.S. Treasury Office of Gulf Coast Restoration, the RESTORE Grants Manager works with Public Works and County Communications teams to undergo a 45-day public review and comment period. Information about the plan and proposed project is available on the Pinellas County RESTORE Act [website](#). An online survey was created to gather any public comments about the plan or amendment and was active from January 25, 2026 through March 11, 2026. Public Works Communications published an ad in the Tampa Bay Times to solicit public comment. The RESTORE Act Grants Manager solicited public comments through email correspondence to individuals representing local governments, non-profit organizations, environmental professionals, community groups, and regulatory entities to encourage them to share with their regional or specific networks.

County Response to Public Comment: The County received no public comments regarding the proposed projects or plan amendment, therefore no action to respond to comments was needed and no changes to the proposed plans were considered.