

Okaloosa RESTORE Advisory Committee (ORAC)



April 2, 2015

6:00 PM

Emerald Coast Convention Center

Agenda

- * **Minutes Approval**
- * **Consultant's Administrative Report**
- * **Scheduled Presentations - None**
- * **Regional Updates**
 - * **Consortium**
 - * **Other Counties**
- * **Workshop Update**
- * **Application Process Update**
- * **ORAC Members Open Discussion**
- * **Public Comment**

Consultant's Administrative Report

- * **Regular scheduled meeting dates and locations:**
 - * ECCC, various rooms, 6:00 PM (Thursdays) -- Jun 4
 - * ECCC, various rooms, 2:30 PM (Wednesdays) -- May 6
- * **Application window scheduled to close May 8**
- * **Presentation options**
 - * Will require additional ORAC meetings
 - * Option to delay our May 6 meeting

Roadmap

Public Input / Full Transparency

- ✓ Form the ORAC
- ✓ Establish administrative ground rules
- ✓ Educate the ORAC on the RESTORE process
- ✓ Establish ORAC mission statement and goals
- ✓ Evaluate Treasury Rules
- ✓ Develop model to help evaluate projects
- ✓ Test the model with several projects – we are here
- ✓ Refine model as necessary
- ✓ Develop project submission protocol
- ✓ Develop project information collection tool
- Collect project requests**
- Use model to score and rank projects
- Develop Multi-Year Implementation Plan

Funding Sources / Rigorous Evaluation

Regional Updates

		NRDA	NFWF	RESTORE Act					Triumph Gulf Coast
Natural Resources	Restoration & Protection	✓	✓	Pot #1 Local	Pot #2 GCERC	Pot #3 Consortium	Pot #4 Research	Pot #5 Research	
	Mitigation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Federally Approved Management Plan Implementation				✓		✓			
Workforce Development / Job Creation				✓		✓			✓
Infrastructure: Economic & Ecological				✓		✓			✓
Flood Protection				✓		✓			
Administrative / Planning Assistance				✓	✓	✓			
Promotion	Tourism			✓		✓			
	Seafood			✓		✓			
Research / Monitoring							✓	✓	
Economic/Community Resilience					✓				✓

Regional Update - Consortium

- * **March 25, Tallahassee; 23 Counties + appointees**
- * **Attended by Commissioner Windes**
- * **Public Comment – NWF presented status matrix**
- * **DEP Restoration Council Update**
 - * **NRDA: All \$100M in motion from Phases 1 – 3; still unobligated federal funds, so there may be an opportunity to access more**
 - * **NFWF: \$50M in motion from 2013 and 2014 programs; 2015 restoration strategy under development; \$300M+ remains**
 - * **RESTORE Pot #2: Florida submitted 5 proposals (20 projects) worth \$78M to Council (water quality, habitat restoration, etc); Council received \$788M in requirements for \$150M**

Regional Update - Consortium

- * **Goal Setting Workshop for development of State Expenditure Plan (SEP) set for Aug 26**
- * **Consortium passed independent audit**
- * **Update on MYIPs for all county's Direct Component Activity**
 - * **Relatively consistent progress**
 - * **Details of several counties follow**
- * **Next Meeting:**
 - * **Friday, June 19 @10:00 am ET**
 - * **Sawgrass Marriott—St Johns County**

Pasco County

- * **Port Richey Waterfront Park Improvement Project**
 - * Dredge canals; improve waterway quality; increase access
 - * Improve aquatic life
 - * Direct Component: \$667,000 (of \$1,042,000)
- * **Orange Lake Restoration Project**
 - * Improve water quality; remove manmade contaminants
 - * Improve stormwater control
 - * Direct Component: \$100,000 (of \$400,000)
- * **SunWest Park Improvement Project**
 - * Repurpose abandoned quarry to park
 - * Improve tourism; increase value of surrounding area
 - * Direct Component: \$195,000 (County has spend \$3.7M to date)
- * **Administrative costs, \$29,060**

Sarasota County

- * **Sarasota Bay Urban Low-Impact Development Implementation Program**
 - * Assist the city of Sarasota in the restoration and green infrastructure development of a trail system at the North Water Tower Park
 - * Direct Component: \$500,000
- * **North and South Lido Park Restoration**
 - * Construct a 0.85 mile recreational trail to connect the nature parks with educational signage and boardwalks over Sarasota Bay wetlands and surface water
 - * Direct Component: \$250,000
- * **Palmer Point Park Environmental Restoration**
 - * Remove exotic and invasive species and restore the mangrove areas in the piece of land connecting Siesta and Casey Keys
 - * Direct Component: \$150,000

Bay County

- * **RESTORE Act Advisory Committee selected 22 of 47 pre-proposals to advance to the full proposal stage - Dec 9**
- * **Applicants of selected pre-proposals prepared full proposals and made presentations - Feb 24**
- * **Proposals to be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners - Apr 14**
- * **Bay County has \$6.3M from Transocean**
 - * **Total request - \$46.8M (47 projects)**
 - * **Full proposals - \$11.8M (22 projects); 3:1 leverage (total cost \$36.8M)**
- * **Wide variety of projects**
 - * **Economic: parks; boat ramp; sports village; RESTORE jobs; business incubation; artificial reef**
 - * **Environmental: postsecondary partnerships; beach restoration study; sediment outfall; sanitary sewer; storm water**

Santa Rosa County

- * **Four project categories: Environmental, Economic (Job Creation + Workforce Development), General Infrastructure, & Tourism**
- * **No funding allocation per category (i.e. all categories may not be funded)**
- * **Technical Team to hold advertised project scoring meetings; grade proposals April/May**
- * **Deadline for proposals extended to April 3 (was March 13)**
- * **All previously submitted proposals required to be re-submitted**
- * **RESTORE Council to review scores in May/June; revise MYIP; 45-day public review starts July 20**
- * **Submit MYIP to Treasury: September 18**
- * **First slug: \$4.3 million**

Santa Rosa County

- * **Approx. 15 proposal submitted; expecting 30 or more; most from cities and county**
- * **Nine from County for \$23.6M**
 - * **Navarre Beach Berm and Dune Renourishment (\$18.4M)**
 - * **Bagdad Mill Site Passive Park Coastal Access (\$700K)**
 - * **Milton Bagdad Pedestrian Connector (\$368K)**
 - * **Navarre Park Water Quality Enhancement Program (\$724K)**
 - * **Floridatown Park Water Quality Enhancement (\$463K)**
 - * **Dirt Road Paving on Peninsula (\$1.2M)**
 - * **South End Health Department Mitigation (\$475K)**
 - * **Marketing/Promotion of Shoulder Season Events (\$375K)**
 - * **Whiting Aviation Park Construction Plans (\$850K)**
- * **Two projects identified for “Future Rounds”**

Workshop Update

- * Held Mar 4 at ECCC
- * Attended by approximately 80 people
- * Topics covered
 - * ORAC composition
 - * Roadmap
 - * Evaluation Tool
 - * “Rules of Engagement”
 - * Application details
 - * Website
 - * Q&A
- * Extremely positive feedback

Application Process Update

- * Application went live Mar 9 (Part A and B)
- * Accept applications for until May 8 (60 days)
- * Score applications
- * Presentations for highest ranked proposals (10 min max)
- * Finalize scoring and submit draft MYIP to BCC
- * BCC approves draft MYIP; start 45-day comment period
- * BCC submits final MYIP to Treasury for approval
- * Treasury approves MYIP; successful applicants complete Part C

- * Applications received to date: xx

ORAC Open Discussion

Public Comment