

# Deepwater Horizon Program RESTORE 2026 Funded Priorities List Project Proposal Planning Sheet and Guidance

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All projects must be submitted online via the [Protecting Florida Together Grants Portal](#). Email submissions will not be accepted.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is seeking project proposals for consideration of RESTORE Act funds to be distributed as grants to governmental entities and non-governmental organizations for [2026 Funded Priorities List Programs in Florida](#). To prepare for submitting a project for funding consideration, it is recommended to review the information on the RESTORE [2023 Planning Framework Techniques](#) for each Florida Program and the RESTORE [2022 Comprehensive Plan Goals](#), these documents can also be found within the 2026 Funded Priorities List. The Department will post communications through GovDelivery and the Deepwater Horizon Program [website](#). Once open, the Department will accept proposals for at least 60 days. Project proponents are strongly advised to become familiar with RESTORE FPL Program [FAQs](#) before using this form. Required items marked with a red asterisk “\*”.

## Contact Information

**Contact Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

## Portal Questions

**Florida 2026 FPL Program:**  \*

- Gulf Coast Resilience Program (GCRP)
- Tributaries Hydrologic Restoration Program (THRP)
- Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP)

## Project Details

**Project Sponsor:**  \*

**Project Title:**  \*

**Existing [DWH Portal ID](#) Number:** *(if applicable)*

**RESTORE Planning Framework Technique(s): \*** *(Select all that apply within the selected 2026 FPL program)*

- GCRP-Protect Natural Shorelines
- GCRP-Land Acquisition
- THRP-Restore Hydrologic Connectivity
- THRP-Restore Natural Salinity Regimes
- THRP-Land Acquisition
- WQIP-Reduce Excess Nutrients and other Pollutants to Watersheds-Stormwater Management
- WQIP-Reduce Excess Nutrients and other Pollutants to Watersheds-Erosion and Sediment Control
- WQIP-Reduce Excess Nutrients and other Pollutants to Watersheds-Wastewater System Improvements

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**RESTORE Comprehensive Plan Goal:** Note: The portal will populate the [Comprehensive Plan](#) Goal automatically based on the 2026 FPL Program selected above. For your convenience, the goals are also listed in the dropdown box below.

Choose an item.

- GCRP- Enhance Community Resilience
- THRP- Restore Water Quality and Quantity
- WQIP- Restore Water Quality and Quantity

*Use the space below to describe how the proposed project will address the comprehensive plan goal. (2,500 character limit)*

Click or tap here to enter text.\*

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**RESTORE Comprehensive Objective:** Note: The portal will populate the Comprehensive Plan Objective automatically based on the 2026 FPL Program selected above. For your convenience, the objectives are also re-listed here.

Choose an item.

- GCRP- Promote Community Resilience
- THRP- Restore, Improve and Protect Water Resources
- WQIP- Restore, Improve and Protect Water Resources

*Use the space below to describe how the proposed project will address the comprehensive plan objective. (2,500 character limit)*

Click or tap here to enter text.\*

**Project Description:** Provide a description of the project that includes each of the following: anticipated environmental benefits such as lbs of nitrogen/ phosphorus reduced, acres of shoreline protection and habitat restoration benefits, environmental stressor(s) being addressed such as shoreline or stream erosion, habitat loss, or nutrient runoff, general project location, estimated cost, approximate timeline, partners and community support, project

readiness, and other information that might be needed to provide the reader with a full understanding of the project. (5,000 character limit)

Click or tap here to enter text.\*

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**Is the proposed project identified in a federal, statewide, or regional plan or has a vulnerability assessment or adaptation plan been performed for Coastal Resiliency-focused projects?**

- Project is not identified in an existing plan or vulnerability assessment.
  - Alternative Restoration Plan (ARP)
  - Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP)
  - Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL-TIG) Restoration Plan
  - Minimum Flow Level (MFL)
  - Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF) Restoration Strategy
  - Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP)
  - State Expenditure Plan (SEP)
  - Surface Water Improvement Management (SWIM) Plan
  - Other (Please describe)
  - Mitigation or Adaptation Strategies (Coastal Resiliency Program only)

If yes, use the space below to provide the name of plan(s) and link, or details on the vulnerability assessment that was performed (if available). *Note: The portal will omit this space if “project is not identified in an existing plan” is checked above.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Project-specific Methods:** Describe the methods to be used in the project, and the reasons that the methods were selected.

All methods should be justified using best available science (provide citations); and methods may also be justified by other reasons (e.g., cost-effectiveness, technical feasibility).

Address how the chosen methods support project resilience, or the extent to which the project is vulnerable to applicable climate risks under varying future scenarios, including but not limited to sea level rise, alterations in rainfall patterns, and/or potential increases in hurricane intensity. Consider how such risks might affect the benefits and duration of the project.

Include any design or other measures taken to mitigate climate risks and increase resilience. (5,000 character limit)

Click or tap here to enter text.\*

**Does the project require ongoing operation and maintenance?**  Yes  No

For projects that will require ongoing operation and maintenance, describe the project sponsor's capacity to manage the proposed project, as strong operation and management

capabilities, including financial resources, will be needed to assure the long-term success of the project. This is not intended to discourage participation by small or disadvantaged communities. *Note: The portal will omit this space if “no” is selected above for ongoing operation and maintenance. (1,500 character limit)*

Click or tap here to enter text. \*

**If applicable, please provide details on pre and/or post monitoring plan for project (e.g., number of sites, proposed locations, description of what will be monitored or modeled, etc.)?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Project-specific Risk:** Using best available science, summarize risks and uncertainties associated with the overall project, along with proposed measures to mitigate such risks and uncertainties. In general, risks and uncertainties should be considered in both the near- and long-term, and with respect to the anticipated lifespan of the proposed project. *(5,000 character limit)*

Click or tap here to enter text. \*

**Project Support:** Indicate the level of public support, if known, and/or the potential for socio-economic benefits or unintended adverse impacts that may affect public support for the project. *(1,500 character limit)*

Click or tap here to enter text.

## Funding Request

**Amount of RESTORE funds requested for project planning (e.g., Engineering, Design, Permitting):** Enter “\$0” if the project is fully designed and permitted, or if no 2026 FPL funds are requested for project planning. Additional information may be requested if funds are requested for implementation.

Click or tap here to enter text. \*

**Amount of RESTORE funds requested for project implementation (e.g., Construction, Land acquisition):** Enter “\$0” if the project will use RESTORE funds for planning activities only:

Click or tap here to enter text. \*

**Is it anticipated that the project will include leveraging?**  Yes  No  Undetermined

If yes, provide information on leveraging opportunities below. If multiple sources of leveraged funding are anticipated, provide information for each source of leveraged funding. See the FAQs document for an explanation of the types of leveraging. Only funds designated as Co-funding are factored into the total cost of the project. *Note: The portal will omit this space unless the response is checked yes to the leveraging question above.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

Total estimated cost of project:  Click or tap here to enter text.\*

### Proposed Project Readiness to Proceed

Is this a new project or a new phase of an existing project?

Click or tap here to enter text.\*

Status of Project Design\*:  Not Started/Not Applicable  30%  60%  90%  100%

Status of **implementation** project permitting/environmental compliance. *Note: The options below will only be visible in the portal if the funding request above includes funds for implementation. Leave blank in this planning sheet if the funding request is for planning projects only.*

- Not Started
- Permit Applications Submitted
- Some Permits Approved
- All Required Permits Approved

Proposed project start date:  Click or tap here to enter text.\*

Proposed project end date:  Click or tap here to enter text.\*

List any information regarding the design, permitting, or timing of the project that may be useful to the reviewer.

Click or tap here to enter text.\*

### Proposed Project Location

Indicate the county and watershed where the project will **primarily** be implemented or **administered**. If the project will occur in more than one county or watershed, please provide narrative details in the space at the end of this section.

**County:** *Note: Only counties marked with a "\*" are eligible for funding under the Gulf Coast Resilience Program.*  Choose an item.\* (Dropdown)

**HUC-8 (cataloguing unit) Watershed:** A [mapping tool](#) is available to assist with locating hydrologic unit code (HUC-8) watershed information. Watersheds that are not eligible for Gulf Coast Resilience Program are noted in the pick list.  Choose an item.\* (Dropdown)

Can the project be considered a “regional project”, meaning it will be implemented in more than one county, municipality, water management district, or a combination thereof?\*

- Yes       No       Undetermined

Provide a brief narrative description of location of the project.

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### Additional Information

**Will the project provide benefit to, or be located within a state-designated financially disadvantaged community?\*** *Check all that apply.* Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) communities are described in Chapter 288.0656, Florida Statutes, (F.S.). Fiscally Constrained County is defined in 218.67(1), F.S.

- REDI. If checked, provide the name of the community(s) within the associated Rural Area of Economic Opportunity:
- Fiscally Constrained County per 218.67(1), F.S.
- Yes, another designation by State (describe):
- No, or Not Applicable

**Please provide any additional information that would be beneficial in the evaluation of the project.**

**Optional:** If you would like to submit any supplemental documents, please coordinate transmission of uploads by contacting [DeepwaterHorizon@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:DeepwaterHorizon@dep.state.fl.us) with the Project Name in the subject line.

**Please visit the Protecting Florida Together portal at  
<https://protectingfloridatogether.gov/grants>  
to submit your proposal.**