

# Escambia County RESTORE Project Application Form

**SAMPLE**

## Section A – Requirements and Eligibility

1. Enter the proposed Project Name (This must be an original name and will be used for reference to this project henceforth *(No Points)*) :

### Scenic Bayou Restoration Phase I

2. Enter the street (postal) address as shown from the final location when entered via the interactive GIS map. *(No Points)*

**5460 – 5500 Scenic Highway Pensacola, FL 32504**

3. Qualifying Primary Eligible Activity *(select only one (No Points))*:

- Restore and protect natural resources
- Mitigate damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources Implement Federally-approved conservation plans
- Workforce Development
- Improve State parks located in coastal areas affected by the spill
- Infrastructure projects for local economy
- Coastal flood protection
- Planning assistance**
- Promotion of tourism
- Promote consumption of seafood for the Gulf

4. Qualifying Secondary Activities *(select up to three as secondary activities (No Points))*:

- Restore and protect natural resources**
- Mitigate damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources**
- Implement Federally-approved conservation plans
- Workforce Development
- Improve State parks located in coastal areas affected by the spill
- Infrastructure projects for local economy
- Coastal flood protection
- Planning assistance
- Promotion of tourism
- Promote consumption of seafood for the Gulf

5. Was this activity included in a claim paid out of the Oil Spill Trust Fund? *(No Points)*

*If activity was included in a claim paid out of the Oil Spill Trust Fund it is not eligible for RESTORE funding under the Direct Component Pot 1.*

- Yes
- No**

6. Provide a short narrative describing how the work associated with the proposed project will be performed in the Gulf Region. (250 words maximum – No Points)

**The proposed project will provide direct benefits to the area of the canals and near shore waters of Basic Cove and Scenic Bayou (approx. 33 acres) and indirect benefit to Greater Basic Cove, Scenic Bayou and Perdido Pass (approx. 546 acres) which discharges to the Gulf of Mexico.**

7. Provide a short narrative describing how the 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. (250 words maximum – No Points)

**The project will be designed in accordance with local, state and federal permit requirements. Procurement for design and construction services will be in accordance with County and State laws as reviewed and approved by US Treasury. No public access or facilities are anticipated as part of this project so Building Codes and ADA requirements are not applicable.**

## **Section B – Baseline Criteria**

1. Provide an overall description of the proposed project. Include references to the specific needs addressed, goals to be achieved and benefits provided by the project. (500 words maximum - 3 points maximum (combined with 2 below))

**The City of Anywhere Town, FL has identified a restoration project that will serve to remedy harm and reduce the risk of future harm to Gulf Coast natural resources that were impacted by the DWH oil spill. Scenic Bayou and its associated two canals are located in the heart of Anywhere Town and are connected to the Gulf of Mexico by Perdido Pass. The canals and other shallow waters of Scenic Bayou historically served as nursery habitat for aquatic and avian wildlife. Over the years of development and re-development the natural canal shoreline has been replaced with seawalls and the canals have accumulated sediments that limit tidal circulation, contribute to long-term degradation in ambient water quality, reduce dissolved oxygen concentrations and support algae blooms. The City's proposed project has the goals of preserving and increasing native habitat for aquatic and avian wildlife, enhancing circulation patterns in the canals, restoring water quality and serving as a model for similarly impacted communities along the Gulf Coast. The project approach is designed to leverage public funds to implement this restoration project and re-establish resources that will serve to restore impacted species from the Macondo oil spill such as shrimp, crab, oysters, sea grasses and blue herons. The project approach was developed with a long term vision composed of three phases utilizing the best available science to ensure maximum success:**

- **Phase I is a proof of concept. During this phase we will gather information, define the problems, identify potential solutions, and determine the feasibility of implementation. This first step will serve to bring the stakeholders together with the City and define the intended goals for the project(s).**

- **Phase II will develop the design and environmental permitting for the selected project(s), establish costs and prepare construction Bid Documents.**
- **Phase III will facilitate construction of the project(s) and set the stage for the community to start receiving the benefits.**
- **Phase IV is the on-going operation and maintenance of the constructed facilities and monitoring of the improvements.**

**Phase I, II and III will each develop documents as deliverables that support the next funding request. In this way each installment of funds can be measured against the veracity of the documentation to ensure a cost effective approach is being employed at each stage of investment and to ensure maximum environmental benefits are realized.**

2. **Provide total budget costs and leveraging within each of the following categories as applicable. Provide sufficient detail in the budget narrative to justify the feasibility of the proposed project. Additional budget breakdown information can be provided as a PDF attachment. Please address the following minimum categories in the proposed project budget: Planning, Design, Construction, and Monitoring. Please enter "See attached" here if you are submitting a budget as an attachment (250 words maximum – 3 points maximum (combined with 1 above))**

**The project approach was developed with a long term vision composed of 4 phases: Phase I is planning (a proof of concept), estimated cost \$500,000; Phase II will develop the design and environmental permitting for the selected project(s), establish costs and prepare construction Bid Documents, from past experience it is estimated the cost will be \$500,000; Phase III will facilitate construction of the project(s), from past experience it is estimated the cost will be \$3,000,000. Phase IV is the on-going maintenance of the constructed facilities and monitoring of the improvements, and 2 years monitoring will cost will be \$250,000. (See attached Detailed Phase 1 Budget)**

3. **Provide a brief project development schedule showing that the proposed project can be implemented and benefits realized within a reasonable and acceptable timeframe. At a minimum please address Planning, Design, Construction, and Monitoring time frames. (250 words maximum – 3 points maximum)**

**The project is proposed in 4 phases. It is anticipated that the Planning phase (this application) will require 12 months to complete. From past experience it is estimated that the next phases will require:  
**Design/permitting/bidding - 12 months;  
 Construction - 12 months;  
 Monitoring – 24 months.****

4. Provide a short narrative describing how the proposed project is in the public interest. (250 words maximum – 3 points maximum)

**The proposed project will provide the direct benefit of preserving and increasing native habitat for aquatic and avian wildlife, enhancing circulation patterns in the canals, restoring water quality which will support the re-establishment of nursery habitat for aquatic and avian wildlife. It is also anticipated that the goal of restoration of nursery habitats in the canals will provide benefits to greater Basic Cove, Scenic Bayou and Perdido Pass. The proposed project will serve as a model for similarly impacted communities along the Gulf Coast.**

5. Provide a short narrative describing the comprehensive monitoring and success measurement plan for the proposed project. (250 words maximum– 3 points maximum)

**Phase IV is the on-going operation and maintenance of the constructed facilities and monitoring of the improvements. While the Monitoring Plan is not yet fully developed it is anticipated that the project's success will be measured by acres of native habitat for aquatic and avian wildlife preserved and created, increases in DO concentration and reductions of TN and TP as measured pre and post project.**

One or more of the following questions in Section C-E should relate to the proposed project. When responding please consider how the proposed project addresses the needs of Escambia County (see *Interim Needs Assessment v2.2* posted on [MyEscambia.com](http://MyEscambia.com)). Please enter N/A if not responding to a question.

## **Section C1 – Environmental Criteria:**

1. **Habitat Restoration** - Provide a short narrative on how the 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 (Examples include: Restoration, improvement, or enhancement of ecological function such as natural hydrological function, tidal connections, soil composition, vegetation diversity and renewal; Restoration, improvement, or enhancement of community structure such as increased native vegetation, biodiversity, or beneficial substrate; removal of non-native species; removal of fish passage barriers; or benefits threatened and endangered fish or wildlife). (500 words maximum– 5 points maximum)

**The proposed project includes the goal of increasing native habitat for aquatic and avian wildlife, enhancing circulation patterns in the canals, restoring water quality which will support the reestablishment of nursery habitat for aquatic and avian wildlife in the canals and shallow water canal discharge areas into Scenic Bayou and Basic Cove.**

2. **Habitat Conservation and Preservation** - Provide a short narrative on how the 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 (Examples include: Establishing conservation easement or wildlife corridors, reducing unnatural disturbances, implementing a habitat management plan or other best practice). (500 words maximum – 5 points maximum)

**Phase III of this project is anticipated to include preservation of existing native habitat in Scenic Bayou and Basic Cove.**

3. **Water Quality Improvement** - Provide a short narrative on how the 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 (Examples include: Reduces pollutant loading from point sources, installation of Best Management Practices (BMP's); reduces pollutant loading from nonpoint sources such as impervious surface coverage, implements stormwater Best Management Practices such as bioretention, vegetated buffer preservation, etc. to reduce sedimentation or provides treatment for nutrients or legacy contaminants; Improves impaired waterway). (500 words maximum – 5 points maximum)

**Phase III of this project is anticipated to include removal of accumulated sediments in the canals which will enhance circulation patterns in the canals, reducing algae blooms and restoring water quality in the canals and shallow water canal discharge areas into Scenic Bayou and Basic Cove.**

4. **Natural Systems Resiliency** - Provide a short narrative on how the 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 (Examples include: Stabilizes shoreline/provides natural wave attenuation, increase species and/or ecosystem adaptability to changing conditions, provide for natural successional progression, or improve air quality). (500 words maximum – 5 points maximum)

**Phase III of this project is anticipated to include removal of accumulated sediments in the canals and the addition of interconnections which will modify and enhance circulation patterns. This will reestablish the flow capacity of the canals allowing better flushing and removal of future sediment inputs. The preservation and restoration of native habitats within the canals will serve to stabilize shorelines and reduce future erosion.**

## Section C2 – Economic Criteria:

1. ***Tourism and Tourism Opportunities*** - Provide a short narrative on how the 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. (Examples include: Provides increased or additional public access to the waterfront or other tourism destinations, Enhances existing attractions or destinations, Increases total annual visitor count, Increases access to cultural tourism or local historical assets, Promotes tourism destinations through marketing or promotional efforts). (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)

N/A

2. ***Recreational Fishing and Local Seafood*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides for increases in tourism activity or encourages the consumption of Gulf seafood through new or additional marketing efforts, improvements to existing attractions, or addition of new destinations or attractions (Examples include: Improves opportunities through addition of artificial reefs, oyster reefs, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV); increases access to fishing opportunities through addition of fishing piers, boat ramps; or promotes recreational fishing and/or local seafood consumption through marketing and promotional activities) (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)

N/A

3. ***Job Creation*** - provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides for new seasonal, temporary, part time, full time, and/or higher wage jobs within the County. If applicable, explain how the proposed project can provide jobs that meet or exceed the Escambia County average annual median wage and/or are within local targeted industries or supporting infrastructure industries. (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)

N/A

4. ***Industry and Business Growth*** - provide a short narrative on how the proposed project directly contributes to expansion of existing industry/business or siting of a new industry/business in local targeted industries. Provide evidence of a measurable Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increase if possible. (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)

N/A

5. **Workforce Development** - provide a short narrative on how the 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 (Examples include: Providing industry focused training resulting in certification for trainees, addressing workforce gaps in specific target industries, development or expansion of youth employment and training opportunities in STEM fields, job training targeting “at-risk” groups). (500 words maximum – 4 points maximum)

N/A

## Section C3 – Infrastructure Criteria:

1. **Transportation Network Improvements** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project improves components of existing transportation network or adds new features to transportation network such as roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, greenway trails, streetlights, and urban/street landscaping (Examples Include: Use of “complete streets” design including street lighting, traffic calming, and pedestrian safety; improvements to the multimodal transportation network including waterways, ports, railways, and mass transit). (500 words maximum - 6 points maximum)

N/A

2. **Flooding Improvements.** Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides structural improvements or additions which will reduce flooding to homes and businesses, thereby reducing overall disaster costs and increasing economic resilience. (Examples include: decreasing the frequency and/or intensity of flooding events through impervious surface reduction or increased storage/retention or retrofit, repair or replace existing stormwater management infrastructure to improve drainage). (500 words maximum - 7 points maximum)

N/A

3. **Community Resiliency** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project increases community resiliency by strategically retrofitting, upgrading, or replacing critical infrastructure to reduce community vulnerability to natural and manmade disasters; utilizes renewable energy; or implements other disaster preparatory mechanisms such as additional improved planning, shelters or evacuation routes. (500 words maximum - 7 points maximum)

**The proposed project includes restoration and enhancement of the existing shoreline, which will mitigate wave action and surge rise during storm events. The project will be designed to provide enhanced coastal protection along this section of the Bayou.**

## Section D – Bonus Points:

One or more of the following questions may relate to the proposed project. Fill in each question that applies to receive bonus points. When responding please consider how the proposed project addresses the needs of Escambia County (see *Interim Needs Assessment v2.2 posted on MyEscambia.com*). Please enter N/A if not responding to a question.

1. ***Benefits Traditionally Underserved Persons or Areas*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project 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. (Examples Include: Project is located in low income, very low income, or primarily minority neighborhood (as defined by U.S. Census tract); Project incorporates universal or creative ADA design beyond the minimum requirements providing increased access for persons with disabilities; Training and job creation benefits for disadvantaged or traditionally underserved persons; Project benefits disadvantaged or traditionally underserved groups in other ways) (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

**The proposed project is located in an environmental justice area and a Community Redevelopment Area, both of which have documented minority and disadvantaged populations. The proposed project will improve water quality and increase the aesthetics of the area.**

2. ***Community Health*** - Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project improves physical or mental health of the community through health improvement programs or health education (Examples include: Project provides for improved affordable access to healthy food; project targets improvement of public health, disease, or mental health issues; or project provides the public with opportunities for increased physical activity such as parks, greenways and community centers). (250 words maximum- 3 points maximum)

**The proposed project will improve surface water quality in the local Bayou where many locals fish and swim.**

3. ***Neighborhood Benefits***. Provide a short narrative on how the proposed project provides neighborhood benefits such as increased affordable housing; reduction in crime; located in Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), brownfields area, or Enterprise Zone or provides significant aesthetic neighborhood improvements. (250 words maximum - 3 points maximum)

**The proposed project is located in a Community Redevelopment Area. Improving the health of the Bayou is a goal outlined in the CRA Plan (2007).**

4. ***Local Preference***. Provide one or more specific examples on how the proposed project can incorporate the use of local labor forces or promotes local small businesses. (250 words maximum - 3 points maximum)

N/A

5. ***Education and Awareness*** - Provide one or more specific examples on how the proposed project enhances education or early childhood education programs or incorporates education outreach. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

N/A

6. ***Environmental Outreach***. Provide one or more specific examples of environmental outreach components included in the proposed project (Examples include: Project engages citizens in the active preservation, protection, or restoration of natural resources or provides publicly accessible environmental education signage at the project site). (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

N/A

7. ***Cultural and Historic Resources***. Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project provides for preservation, protection or restoration of cultural, historical, or archaeological significant resources above and beyond minimum regulatory requirements (Examples may include adaptive reuse of buildings or other existing assets) (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

N/A

8. ***Consistency with Local Plans*** - Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project is consistent with or implements existing adopted plans (Plans may include 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). (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

**The proposed project is identified in the Scenic Bayou Basin Management Action Plan (2008) as well as the Escambia County Comprehensive Plan.**

9. **Green Design.** Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project incorporates green design elements such as Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) principles or other energy and water efficiency/ conservation measures (Examples include: Project integrates water conservation design features beyond minimum standards; or Project includes renewable energy component, recycling and reuse of materials, or other sustainable or low impact design features). (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

N/A

10. **Leverages funds** - Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project can provide for in-kind or other supplemental funding, increasing fund leveraging (Examples include: Project can include local/state/Federal grant matching funds, Volunteer labor, Etc.) (250 words maximum - 7 points maximum)

**The City has invested approximately \$70,000 in pre-construction water quality monitoring in the project area to date. No other matching funds are proposed for Phase I.**

11. **Sustainability and Efficiency.** Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project approach utilizes efficiency measures and provides long term benefits (Examples include: Project links outcomes, partners, or lands to leverage overall impact; project provides long-term benefit(s) beyond life of funding period; project builds upon existing community assets or proposed project avoids or minimizes negative environmental impacts). (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

N/A

12. **Planning and Partnerships.** Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project includes beneficial partnership or is complete and shovel ready. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

**The proposed project has committed partners including the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the City of Anywhere Town. Please see attached letters of support which outline commitment activities from each partner.**

13. **Enhanced Tourism Opportunities.** Provide one or more specific examples of how the proposed project provides for enhanced tourism opportunities during the “off season” of September 1 through March 31. (250 words maximum - 2 points maximum)

## Section E – Permitting and Ownership:

1. Are permits required to construct or implement the proposed project?
- Yes
  - No

If Yes, list specific required permits and status of each. (100 words maximum – No Points)

**No permits are required for Phase 1. However, environmental permitting is anticipated to construct improvements which include ACDNR Dredge Permit, Erosion and Sediment Control Permit, USACE Temporary Wetland Impacts**

2. Is land acquisition required to construct or implement the proposed project?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, what legal rights will be acquired (title, easement, other)? *Select one or more*

- Titles
- Easements
- Other

If easements, what are the terms of the easement? *(100 words maximum– No Points)*

**No land acquisition is required for Phase 1. However, permanent easements are anticipated for restoration areas and conservation easements are anticipated for preservation areas.**

3. Will the proposed project cause displacement of persons or businesses?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, provide a description of the displacement the proposed project may cause including any known addresses that may be impacted. *(100 words maximum – No Points)*