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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016

MEETING

BAY COUNTY RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3:00 PM – BAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
840 WEST 11TH STREET, COMMISSION CHAMBERS
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

- A. Call to order and roll call
- B. Approval of minutes (July 19, 2016)
- C. Announcements
- D. Agenda – additions, deletions, changes and acceptance
- E. Public participation (Limited to items on agenda, remarks limited to three (3) minutes)
- F. Update on Gulf restoration topics: Jim Muller, Bay County RESTORE Act Coordinator
- G. Recommendation of projects to be funded with Bay County's allocation of RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component (Pot 3) funds.

Recommendation: The Committee select and recommend to the Bay County Board of County Commissioners projects to be funded with Bay County's allocation of RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component (Pot 3) funds.

Background: The Gulf Consortium, made up of a representative from each of Florida's 23 Gulf coastal counties plus six Governor appointees, is responsible for preparing Florida's State Expenditure Plan for the Spill Impact Component of the RESTORE Act ("Pot 3"). The Consortium voted to allocate the funds evenly for projects in each of the 23 Gulf coastal counties. This equals about \$12 million allocated for projects in each county. According to the BP Deepwater Horizon settlement, Pot 3 funds will be paid in approximately equal amounts over 15 years.

The Consortium has asked each County to identify projects to be funded through the County's allocation. At the September 13, 2016 Consortium meeting, the consultant preparing the State Expenditure Plan will present a summary of projects submitted by the 23 counties.

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likely to attract matching funds include those providing significant, long-lasting impacts, especially to a larger area.

Activities eligible to be funded with Pot 3 funds are the same as for Pot 1 funds (see attachment), with a restriction that the plan may not use more than 25 percent of the funding for infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, or coastal flood protection and related infrastructure. The plan can exceed this 25 percent if the plan certifies that ecosystem restoration needs in the State will be addressed by the projects in the proposed plan and additional investment in infrastructure is required to mitigate the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill to the ecosystem or economy.

At its July 19 meeting, the Committee approved a motion for County staff to compile a list of projects related to the water quality and habitat of the bay, meet about the potential projects with groups involved in the health of the bay, and bring a consolidated list of projects back to the Committee in two weeks.

Bay County staff drafted a list of potential Pot 3 projects, and met with environmental groups to receive input and recommendations regarding the potential projects and additional projects.

County staff then sorted the proposed projects into three tiers with descriptions and estimated cost of each project (see spreadsheet and maps in background information for Item G). Tier 1 contains the highest-priority projects. Projects are not ranked within tiers.

H. Meeting schedule

Recommendation: Committee discuss the need for additional meeting dates

I. Public participation (Open to any issues related to the Committee's responsibilities, remarks limited to three (3) minutes)

J. Adjournment

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Attachments

- B. Draft minutes
- G.1 prioritized list of projects – spreadsheet
- G.2 maps of projects
- G.3 Description from RMA project
- G.4 List of eligible activities
- G.5 Additional background information

Item B. Approval of minutes (July 19, 2016)



DRAFT MINUTES
BAY COUNTY RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 19, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Bishop, Chairman
Wayne Stubbs, Vice-Chairman
Adam Albritton
George Bishop
Kimberly Bodine
Gail Carmody
Becca Hardin
W.C. Harlow
Todd Neves

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Muller, Bay County RESTORE Act Coordinator
Pam Stanley, County Planning Staff

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and asked the clerk to call roll. The clerk noted a quorum was present.

B. Approval of Minutes (May 12, 2015)

Ms. Carmody made a motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2015. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion carried 8 to 0 to approve the minutes. Dr. Bishop abstained as he was not a Committee member during the last meeting.

C. Announcements

Mr. Muller announced that the meeting was being streamed on the internet/recorded audio and video. Meeting agenda and documents are downloadable from <http://tinyurl.com/BayRESTOREdocs>

Mr. Muller introduced and welcomed Dr. George Bishop, representing FSU PC, to the Committee. Mr. Muller also introduced Pam Stanley, the new Staff Assistant for Planning and Zoning.

D. Agenda – additions, deletions, changes and acceptance

The agenda was accepted with no additions, deletions, or changes

E. Public Participation (Limited to items on the agenda)

Jessica Koelsch with the National Wildlife Federation addressed the Pot 3 definitions, the 25% cap on infrastructure and advocated for big water quality projects.

Mr. Kent Wimmer with Defenders of Wildlife asked for the County to consider long term sustainable projects and avoid long term maintenance projects.

Ms. Jackie Cole advocated for Project #11.

Mr. Peter Gronbeck, 2130 Fox Run, advised the Committee that they need to do what is necessary to fix the Bay.

Mr. John Lewis, 6939 Hugh Drive, would like the Committee to focus on the Old Pass and the lack of water exchange. Provided Mr. Muller with a copy of an 1855 map of the Old Pass so the Committee could see the difference. Mr. Lewis advocated for Project #5.

Chairman Bishop stated that the Old Pass was a hot topic and expressed its importance on the list.

F. Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion made by Mr. Harlow to continue with current Chair and Vice-Chair. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0 to continue with Mr. Bishop as Chair and Mr. Stubbs as Vice-Chair.

G. Update on Gulf Restoration Topics: Jim Muller, RESTORE Act Coordinator

Mr. Muller gave updates to the Committee on the Gulf restoration funding:

- Pot 1
- Pot 2 and the Gulf of Mexico Estuary Program
- Pot 3
- Natural Resources Damages
- SWIM Plan
- Triumph Gulf Coast

H. Identification, evaluation and recommendation of projects to be funded with Bay County's allocation of RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component (Pot3) funds – Jim Muller, RESTORE Act Coordinator

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Stubbs commented that the Committee will not know which projects to pick until they know how they are funded. Suggested a 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice process. Mr. Muller replied that it could be the same projects as in Pot 1 and he would recommend large dollar projects, one that match funds and adjust as they go.

Mr. Stubbs also wanted to know if they could escrow money. Mr. Muller advised yes, but would not let that limit what they would like to do.

Ms. Hardin asked if the ones that didn't make Pot 1 would roll or do they have to re-apply. Mr. Harlow said he thought they would have to resubmit. Mr. Muller stated that they would not automatically be funded that it was a grant process.

Ms. Carmody asked if the Consortium wanted them to decide which projects? Mr. Muller advised that they wanted us to decide how we spend the funds. It will come down to projects.

Ms. Carmody asked if all counties do the same thing, is there a better chance of doing it and showing progress? Mr. Muller replied that he thought it would.

Mr. Stubbs stated he thinks they need to get the county involved since they are going to need to manage over the 15 years. Would like to invite County staff and environmental groups. Anyone that can show management experience for long term grants can also apply.

Mr. Neves asked if there was anything preventing them from consolidating projects, say, St. Andrews Bay projects? Mr. Muller advised unless they can find some way to bond this money, it will probably be an amount to each county and they decide which one gets done first.

Ms. Carmody stated that SWIM will be complete, DEP will be working on a water quality project, and a storm water project is already underway. We don't want to narrow ourselves now. Mr. Muller advised they could look at sections like the SWIM plan or the Estuary plan as a way of prioritizing.

Mr. Stubbs asked if it would be appropriate for the County to have a workshop with interested groups and come back with recommendations. Chairman Bishop stated that the Bay should be the focus point and that the County had a list of projects on the wall. He would like consolidated ideas from staff and local groups with Mr. Muller as

the moderator. Ms. Bodine wanted to know what type of workshop and would they have to come with an all-in project. Mr. Muller stated that because of the tight timeframe they would have to be. Mr. Stubbs wants comprehensive proposals brought to the Committee for Bay water quality and fisheries.

Mr. Harlow said to tell the Commission that they are going to have to have a later special meeting in August.

Mr. Stubbs made a motion for the County staff to prepare a list of bay water quality and habitat projects, collaborate with environmental groups involved with the bay, and bring a consolidated list of projects back to the Committee in two weeks. Discussion ensued. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0.

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Mr. Muller will email the Committee with future dates.

J. Public Participation (Open to any issues to the Committee's responsibilities)

John Dunaway, 4000 Marriott Drive, advised that tourism was heavily impacted and to keep that thought in mind when considering recommendations.

Kenneth Bostick, 619 Harvard Blvd, stated the importance of the Jetty's and kiddie pool. Stated nothing had been done because there was no money. Advised that the Corps of Engineer had matching funds.

Patrice Couch, Friends of St. Andrews Bay, spoke in support of the Bay/water quality being a priority.

Peter Gronbeck, 2130 Fox Run, stated that there was not enough water exchange when the red tide hit because of the East pass issue. Stated we needed to clean-up storm water pollution from the plant on North Bay and Carl Gray Park.

Lilly Newsome, commercial oyster harvester, stated they were working hard on the recycle oyster shells program to rebuild beds. Also stated that the red tide and the Massalina Bayou issue had impacted their progress.

Kent Wimmer with Defenders of Wildlife stated that he supports what Patrice Couch said with regard to Bay water quality.

K. Adjournment at 4:43 p.m.

*******ACTION SUMMARY*******

1. Minutes Motion carried unanimously 8 to 0 to approve the minutes from May 12, 2015. Dr. Bishop abstained.

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Item G1. Bay County, FL, Draft List of Projects for Funding through the RESTORE Act
Spill Impact Component (Pot 3)

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St. Andrew Bay / Grand Lagoon Regional Stormwater Treatment Facility	Bay County Public Works	\$4,300,000	\$4,300,000
Septic Tank to Central Sewer – Deerpoint Lake Protection Zone (Phase 1)	Bay County Utility Services	\$6,500,000	\$5,500,000
	Subtotals Tier 1	\$12,300,000	\$11,300,000
Tier 2			
Highway 388 Sewer Forcemain / Reuse Line	Bay County Utility Services	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000
North Bay Unpaved Road Stabilization Project	Bay County Public Works	\$5,900,000	\$5,900,000
	Subtotals Tier 2	\$8,900,000	\$7,900,000
Tier 3			
Septic to Sewer – Deerpoint Lake Protection Zone (Phase 2)	Bay County Utility Services	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
North Bay Raw Water Line	Bay County Utility Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Oyster shell recycling	SeaGrant	\$250,000	\$250,000
	Subtotals Tier 3	\$6,250,000	\$6,250,000
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St. Andrew Bay Water Quality Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting	Bay County/RMA	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	<p>This project would provide \$100,000 annually for 15 years to the St. Andrew Baywatch/Resource Management Association for water quality monitoring and analysis/report card for St. Andrew Bay. Analyses would help focus water quality projects on areas most in need and help identify projects that would provide the best return on actions and infrastructure. Monitoring program data will also show the effect of water quality improvement projects.</p>
St. Andrew Bay / Grand Lagoon Regional Stormwater Treatment Facility	Bay County Public Works	\$4,300,000	\$4,300,000	<p>This project is a new 10 +/- acre stormwater treatment facility serving an existing 329 acre drainage basin which currently has little to no stormwater treatment being developed prior to stormwater regulations. The facility will provide an estimated annual reductions in nitrogen (1426 pounds, 43%), phosphorus (286 pounds, 65%) and sediments (58,243 pounds) to Grand Lagoon.</p>
Septic Tank to Central Sewer – Deerpoint Lake Protection Zone (Phase 1)	Bay County Utility Services	\$6,500,000	\$5,500,000	<p>Approximately 50 million gallons per day of water is pumped from Deerpoint Lake, the main source of drinking water for Bay County. In addition to supplying drinking water, between 500 million and 1 billion gallons per day of fresh water spills over Deerpoint Dam into North Bay and subsequently into St. Andrew Bay. The quality of this water is extremely important to the sensitive ecological balance of the bay systems.</p> <p>Because of the absence of a centralized sewer system, there is a high density of septic tanks located within the Deerpoint Lake Protection Zone. A large percentage of the septic tanks in this area are old, failing, and/or do not meet the current standard for construction. This allows high levels of nutrients and bacteriological pollution to infiltrate Deerpoint Lake.</p> <p>As a result of septic tank removal, the water quality of the Deerpoint Lake Reservoir, North Bay and the entire St. Andrew Bay system will be greatly improved by reducing nutrient loading and bacteriological pollution.</p> <p>Phase 1 consists of providing a centralized sewer system within the southwestern portion of the Deerpoint Lake Protection zone. The installation of this project will also provide the backbone for future phases of septic to sewer transition. Some matching State grant funding has been secured and other partnership opportunities are being developed.</p>
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Tier 2

Currently, RiverCamps Subdivision and the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (NWFBIA) wastewater is treated at the RiverCamps package treatment plant, which is approaching maximum capacity. Bay County Utility Services is working on a sewer forcemain project along Hwy 388 to divert the wastewater flow from the airport vicinity to the North Bay regional wastewater treatment and reuse facility and decommission the old River Camps wastewater treatment facility.

Expanding capacity at the River Camps package plant would have a much greater negative environmental impact on resources in the impaired West Bay waters than diverting flow to the already constructed North Bay Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility that has available capacity and the current ability to deliver reuse quality water that the River Camp’s plant does not. By eliminating the River Camps facility, nutrient loading into West Bay will be significantly reduced.

This project is part of a Master Planning effort to protect Class I (potable water) and Class II (shellfish harvesting) water ways and bayous by reducing nutrient loading with Advanced Wastewater Treatment methods and providing future reuse. This project will provide sewer service to the entire Hwy 388 corridor resulting in decreased environmental impacts to the St. Andrew Bay system, reduced annual utility operating costs, more employment opportunities and increased property values.

This project has completed 90% plans and documents for construction bid advertisement and the State Environmental Resource Permits (ERP) have been obtained. Some matching State grant funding has been secured and other partnership opportunities are being developed.

The project includes the stabilization of approximately 11 miles of dirt roads which currently directly discharged into North Bay, the northern arm of St. Andrew Bay. The project will reduce by over 90 % the total suspended solids and other pollutants they carry into North Bay which is a conditionally approved shellfish (oyster) harvesting area. The reduction in sediments and pollutants will enhance the harvesting area.

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North Bay Raw Water Line	Bay County Utility Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	<p>Bay County Utility Services is working on a project to construct a wastewater reuse line from the North Bay Wastewater Treatment Facility (NBWWTF) to provide a cooling water supply for Gulf Power’s Lansing Smith Power Plant. In order to implement the project, a new raw water line from Resota Beach Road to the NBWWTF will be required to supplement the reuse demands and provide sufficient capacity of cooling water to the Lansing Smith Plant. It is expected that the raw water demand will be reduced as effluent from the NBWWTF increases. This project is part of a Master Planning effort for improving water quality and implementing water conservation within the St. Andrews Bay watershed. This project will result in overall improved water quality by significantly reducing wastewater and pollutant discharges into North Bay.</p>
Oyster shell recycling	SeaGrant	\$250,000	\$250,000	<p>This project would provide \$25,000 annually for 10 years to establish an oyster shell recycling program. Shell recycling would benefit the water quality of the bay by enhancing restoration and establishment of oyster reefs. It would also benefit oyster harvesters as they seek to create a sustainable fishery. Additionally, a recycling program holds promise to support living shoreline projects that require breakwaters in order to protect vegetation. Amounts of shell for living shoreline are minimal and easily obtainable with this type of program. The majority of the shell would go into replenishing and completing the life cycle of oyster production. Additional oyster reefs would provide essential fish habitat.</p>
Subtotals Tier 3		\$6,250,000	\$6,250,000	
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Item G2. Maps of proposed projects

Bay County Utility Services Proposed Restore Act Projects

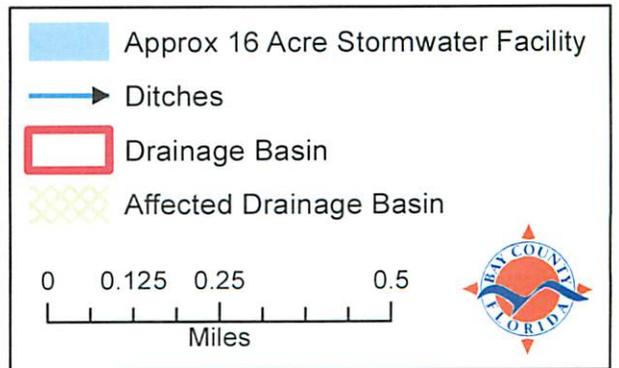
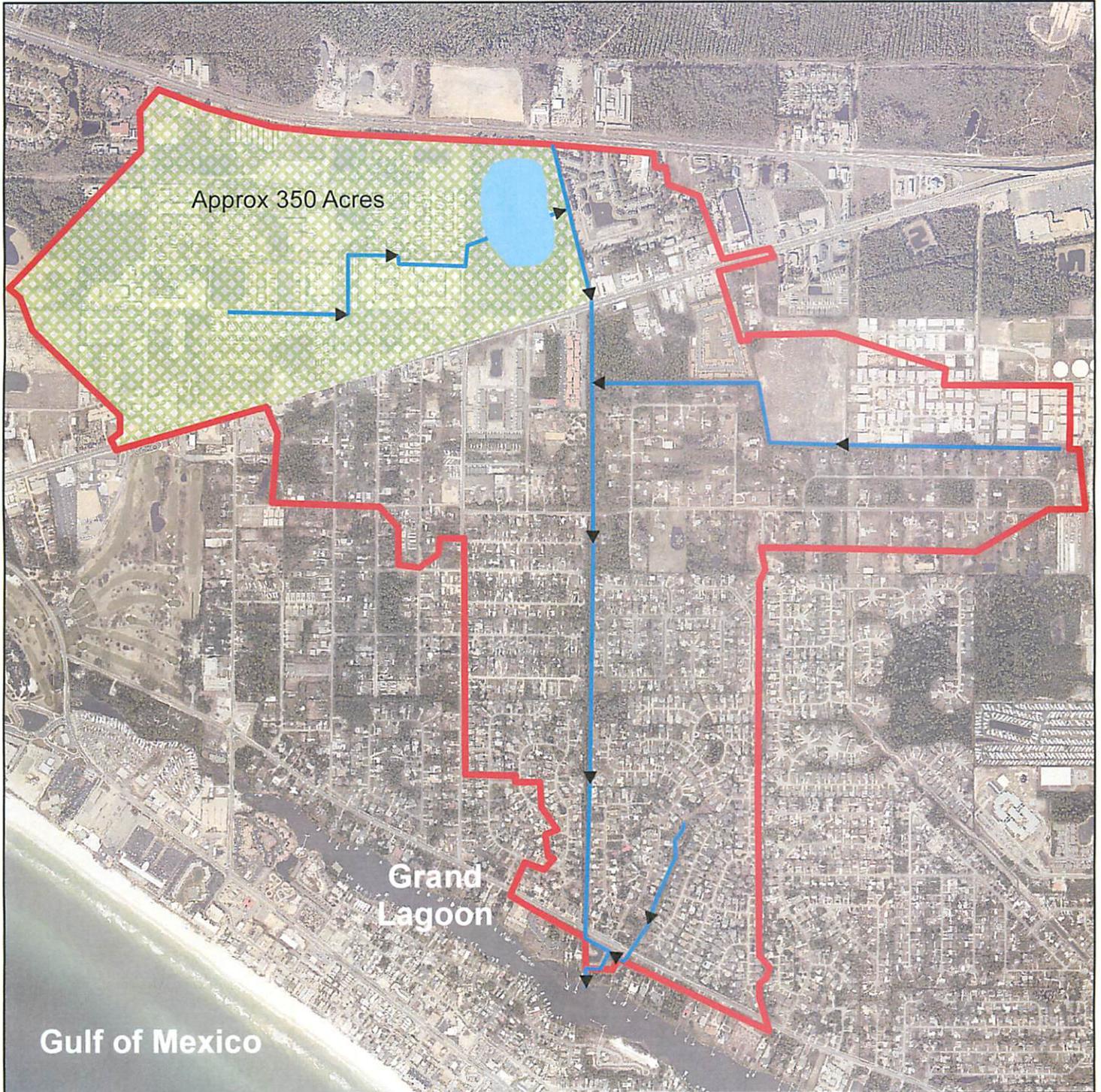


Proposed Restore Act Projects

- Reuse Line - North Bay WWTP to Lansing Smith
- North Bay Raw Water Line - Edwards Rd
- Hwy 388 Sewer Force / Reuse Line
- Septic to Sewer - Deerpoint Lake Protection Zone Phase 2
- Septic to Sewer - Deerpoint Lake Protection Zone Phase 1

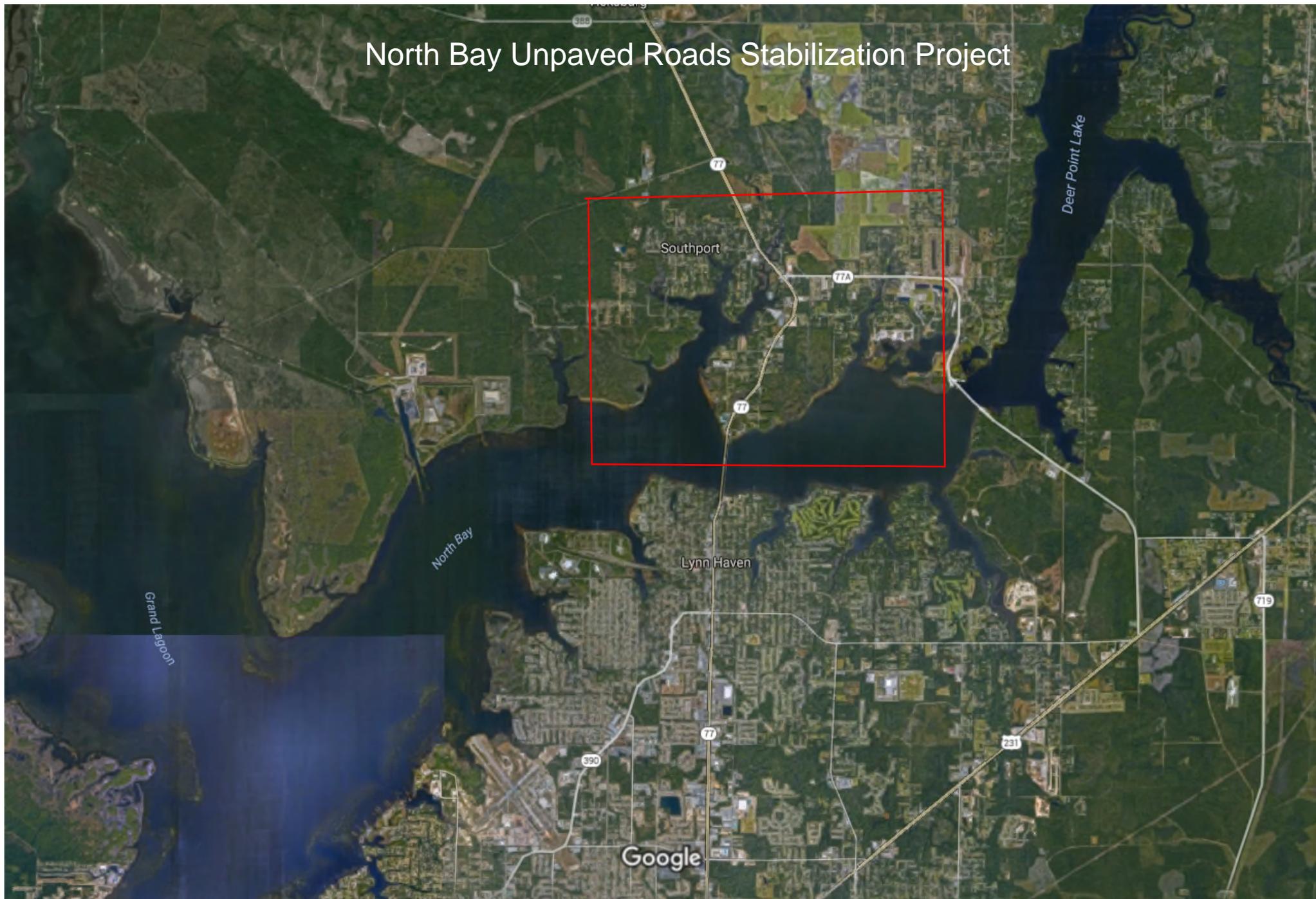
— Existing Alt Water Supply / Raw Water

St Andrews Bay / Grand Lagoon Regional Stormwater Treatment Facility



St Andrews Bay / Grand Lagoon Regional Stormwater Pond Concept

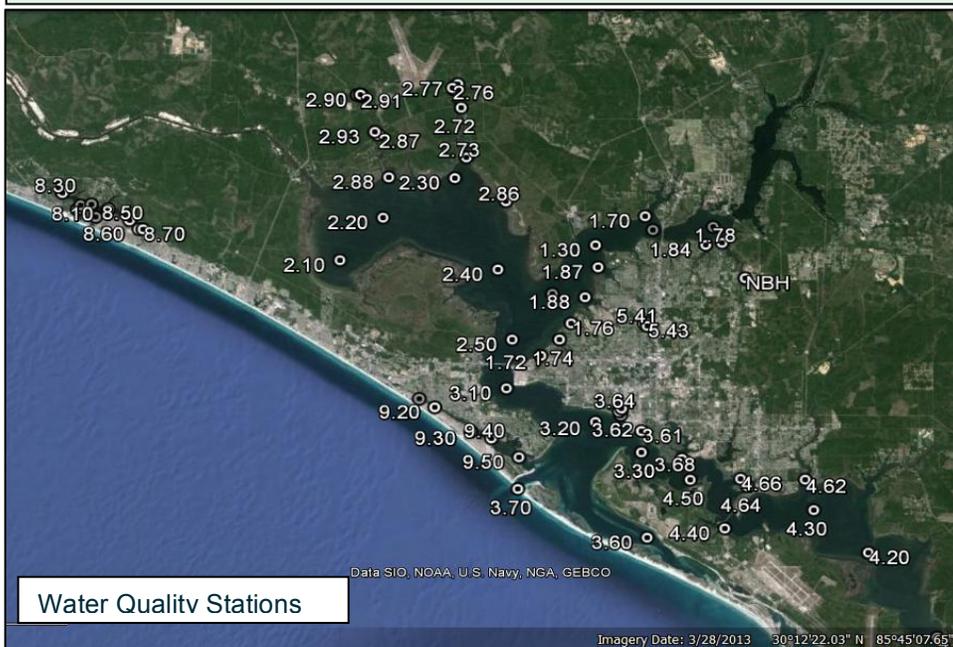




Item G3. Additional information on St. Andrew Bay Water Quality Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting proposed project

St. Andrew Bay Watch – Community-based Water Quality Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting

Project cost: \$100,000 annually



Proposed Project

St. Andrew Bay Watch is a successful community-based program that has monitored water quality in the St. Andrew Bay watershed for 26 years. Staff work alongside trained volunteer “Citizen Scientists” to accomplish field monitoring and laboratory analyses. Water quality data obtained from this project will be used to better understand Bay condition and potential causes for declines in St. Andrew Bay and how water quality affects the biological resources of the Bay, and impacts to the recovery of seagrasses, scallops, and oysters. Data will be published in annual reports, a water quality report card, and will be provided to local, state, and federal agencies working to protect water quality, public health, and advance habitat restoration and species conservation goals. Sustained funding is needed to ensure continuance of the program for the benefit of everyone in Bay County, with Gulf-wide benefits to our coastal neighbors.

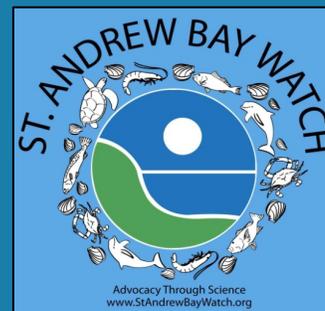
- Monitor water quality at 67 sites throughout the watershed for nutrients, fecal bacteria, turbidity, water temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, salinity, tide, precipitation
- Analyze trends in water quality over time to characterize the health of St. Andrew Bay
- Increase understanding of water quality challenges and promote environmental stewardship through education and outreach activities

Short-term benefits – The public, local leaders, and coastal resource managers will use results as a tool to inform restoration and stormwater management planning that considers St. Andrew Bay health.

Long-term benefits – Increased ability to attract additional federal and state grant funds by leveraging this investment to accomplish locally-driven restoration goals that will directly benefit the Bay.

Proposed by:

St. Andrew Bay Resource Management Association, Inc.



In Partnership With:

University of Florida, UF/IFAS
Florida LAKEWATCH



Bay County District Schools



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Item G4. List of eligible activities defined by the RESTORE Act

RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component Funds

Bay County will propose projects to be funded through Florida's RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component Funds (also known as Pot 3). Projects will be proposed for inclusion in the State Expenditure Plan. According to the RESTORE Act, these funds may only be used to carry out one or more of the following activities:

- Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region
- Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
- Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
- Workforce development and job creation
- Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
- Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
- Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
- Planning assistance
- Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing
- Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf

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The Bay County Board of County Commissioners will decide which Bay County-related projects to propose for inclusion in the State Expenditure Plan.

Item G5. Additional background information

RESTORE Act restrictions –

- Projects must address one of 11 RESTORE Act-defined eligible activities, the same eligible activities as for Pot 1
- Projects must contribute to the overall economic and ecological recovery of the Gulf Coast (same as for Pot 1)
- State Expenditure Plan must take into consideration the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council's (aka Gulf RESTORE Council) Comprehensive Plan and be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Plan (Goals - Restore and Conserve Habitat, Restore Water Quality, Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources, Enhance Community Resilience, Restore and Revitalize the Gulf Economy)

The result of the Committee's efforts will be recommendations to the BOCC on projects to be funded with Bay County's allocation of Pot 3 funds. After the Committee recommends projects:

- The Board will select projects, and may include projects not included in the Committee's recommendations.
- The projects will be forwarded to the Consortium for consideration for inclusion in the State Expenditure Plan.
- The official public input will take place at the Consortium level, with public comment on the draft State Expenditure Plan.
- The Consortium will then approve the Plan and send it to the Governor. The Governor is responsible for submitting the Plan to the Gulf RESTORE Council for approval.

COST of projects on the list

- Limited to about \$12 million in project costs from Pot 3. The timing of Pot 3 funding for projects in each county is unknown. Funds for each county's projects may be available in approximately equal amounts over 15 years, or funding for individual projects in the State Expenditure Plan may be sequenced over the 15 years.
- The Plan consultant does have a grant consultant to help pursue matching funds, from other Gulf restoration funds and other sources
- Success in obtaining matching funds depends on the projects chosen. Projects that have a long-lasting, significant impact and that are regional/cover a larger geographic area will likely be more successful in obtaining matching funds. Pot 3 funds can be used to match federal funds for RESTORE Act-eligible activities.
- The Committee may want to be optimistic in terms of securing matching funds, and compile a list of projects that cost approximately twice the available money. About \$12.3 million is available.

TIMELINE to prepare the list

- The Consortium has recommended that each county submit an initial project list for the Plan consultant to compile and analyze by the Sept. 13 Consortium meeting.

- In order to be included in this initial analysis, it is assumed that Bay County's list will have to be submitted by late August/very early September.
- The BOCC meets on August 2 and 16, so unless the BOCC has a special meeting, the list will have to be approved at the Aug. 16 BOCC meeting.

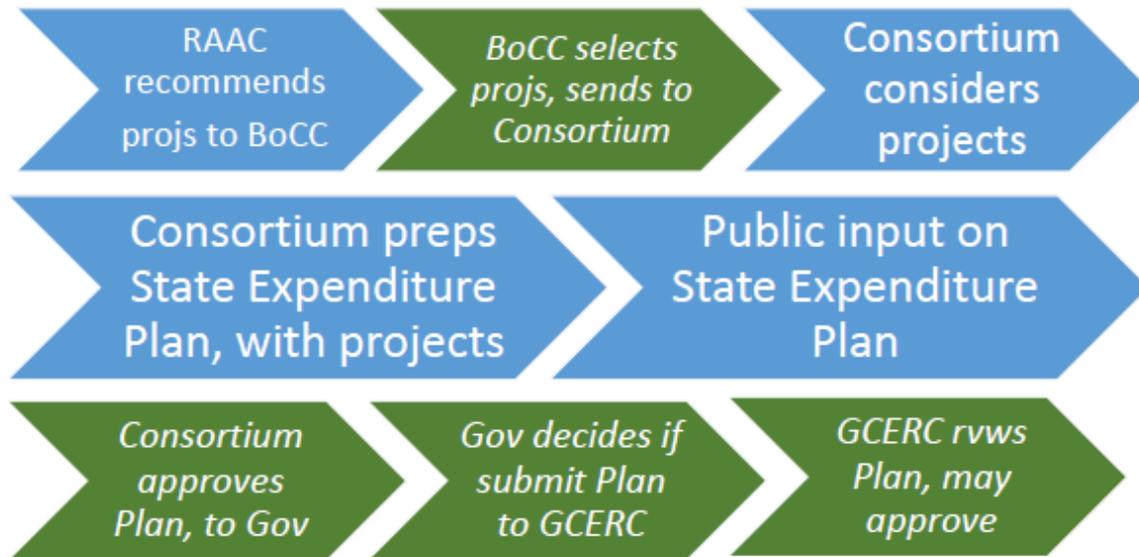
POTENTIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The Committee may want to review the goals and objectives in the Multi-Year Implementation Plan and focus on those that will have the most significant impact on Bay County and the region's environment and economy.
- The Committee may recommend focusing on larger projects. This can reduce the administrative costs compared to managing numerous small projects. Smaller projects may also be less likely to secure matching funds.
- The Committee may want to allocate a percent of the funds for environmental projects and a percent for economic projects.

PROCESS

Bay County Spill Impact Component (Pot 3) Project Selection Process

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Bay County staff drafted a list of potential Pot 3 projects, and met with environmental groups to receive input and recommendations regarding the potential projects and additional projects.

County staff then sorted the proposed projects into three tiers with descriptions and estimated cost of each project (see spreadsheet and maps in background information for Item G). Tier 1 contains the highest-priority projects. Projects are not ranked within tiers.

H. Meeting schedule

Recommendation: Committee discuss the need for additional meeting dates

I. Public participation (Open to any issues related to the Committee's responsibilities, remarks limited to three (3) minutes)

J. Adjournment

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