

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment

Early Restoration - Phase IV Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessments

On September 23, 2015, the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees published the Final Phase IV Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessments. The plan includes 10 projects that have a combined estimated cost of \$134 million. The projects will benefit sea turtles, birds, and fish; increase recreational opportunities; and improve nearshore and reef habitats.

The final Phase IV plan can be viewed at **www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov**. The Trustees received more than 2,600 submissions from individuals and organizations on the draft plan, which were carefully considered by the Trustees. The comments, as well as the Trustees' responses to them, are included in the final Phase IV plan.



Projects	Location	Estimated Cost	Projects	Location	
Dsprey Restoration in Coastal Mabama	AL	\$45,000	Bike and Pedestrian Use Enhance- ments at Davis Bayou, Gulf Islands	MS	
Point aux Pins Living Shoreline	AL	\$2,300,000	National Seashore		
Shell Belt and Coden Belt Roads Living Shoreline	AL	\$8,050,000	Restoring Living Shorelines and Reefs in Mississippi Estuaries	MS	
Bon Secour National Wildlife Ref- uge Trail Enhancement	AL	\$545,110	Texas Rookery Islands– Galveston Bay and East Matagorda Bay	TX	
Seagrass Recovery at Gulf Islands	FL	\$136,700	Sea Turtle Early Restoration	Gulf-wide	
National Seashore			Pelagic Longline Bycatch Reduction	Gulf-wide	

Alabama • Florida • Louisiana • Mississippi • Texas

NOAA • Department of the Interior • U.S. Environmental Protection Agency • U.S. Department of Agriculture

Early Restoration for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

On April 21, 2011, an agreement was announced under which BP committed to provide up to \$1 billion toward implementation of early restoration projects.

This agreement is the largest of its kind ever reached. It represents an initial step toward fulfilling the responsible parties' obligation to fund the complete restoration of injured resources.

These early restoration funds are divided as shown below:

- \$500 million split equally among Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas
- \$200 million split equally between NOAA and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)
- \$300 million to fund additional state-proposed restoration projects selected by NOAA and DOI

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Early Restoration Phases I – IV

The Trustees have approved four early restoration plans, which together include 64 projects across the Gulf at a combined estimated cost of \$832 million. The Trustees have also approved a Programmatic Early Restoration Plan and a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, which identifies 12 types of projects that are most suitable for implementation during early restoration.

Early Restoration Project Types

- Create and improve wetlands
- Protect shorelines and reduce erosion
- Restore barrier islands and beaches
- Restore and protect submerged aquatic vegetation
- Conserve habitat
- Restore oysters
- Restore and protect finfish and shellfish
- Restore and protect birds
- Restore and protect sea turtles
- Enhance public access to natural resources for recreational use
- Enhance recreational experiences

Promote environmental and cultural stewardship, education and outreach

Allocation of \$1 billion early restoration agreement



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among Gulf state trustees