Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment

Florida: Santa Rosa County Projects

Phase III Early Restoration Projects

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

The *Deepwater Horizon* Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees have selected four recreational use projects in Santa Rosa County. As a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the public's access to and enjoyment of their natural resources along Florida's Panhandle was denied or severely restricted. These four recreational use projects seek to enhance and/or increase the public's use and/or enjoyment of those natural resources.

The Navarre Beach Park Coastal Access and Dune Restoration project will construct two beach access boardwalks from the existing pavilion and parking lot areas to the Santa Rosa Sound and will construct a new canoe/kayak launch. The enhancement of the recreational experience from these infrastructure improvements will also be complemented by the restoration of a roughly one acre parcel of degraded dune habitat in the project area.

The Navarre Beach Park Gulfside Walkover Complex project will construct a dune walkover that will provide access to the beach and will construct an entrance, driveway, and parking area at the Navarre Beach Park Gulfside Walkover complex. Furthermore, there will be construction of a restroom facility and pavilions with boardwalk connections.

The Gulf Breeze Wayside Park Boat Ramp project will repair the existing boat ramp and seawall cap, construct a public restroom facility, and repair and enhance the parking area to improve access to the existing boat ramp at Wayside Park located off of

Highway 89 in the City of Gulf Breeze.

The Developing Enhanced Recreational Opportunities on the Escribano Point Portion of the Yellow River Wildlife Management Area project will improve public access and enjoyment of natural resources at the Escribano Point portion of the Yellow River Wildlife Management Area which is uniquely situated in the confluence of the Gulf of Mexico, Pensacola Bay, East Bay, Yellow and Blackwater Rivers. The proposed improvements include a one-time assessment and mapping activities necessary for developing the site for outdoor recreation purposes, hurricane debris removal and road repair, constructing an entrance kiosk, information facilities, parking facilities, a parking area, interpretive fishing facility, interpretive picnicking facilities, primitive camping sites, wildlife viewing areas, and bear-proof containers for trash and food storage.

PROJECT COSTS

The Florida Navarre Beach Park Coastal Access and Dune Restoration project is \$614,630.

The Navarre Beach Park Gulfside Walkover Complex project is \$1,221,847.

The Gulf Breeze Wayside Park Boat Ramp project is \$309,669.

The Developing Enhanced Recreational Opportunities on the Escribano Point Portion of the Yellow River Wildlife Management Area project is \$2,576,365.

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