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Pasco County RESTORE Act MYIP Addendum
Public Comment Period Opens January 9, 2018

The Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf States Act of 2012, or RESTORE Act, and the U.S. Department of Treasury's regulations have directed Pasco County to prepare a Multi-Year Implementation Plan, or MYIP addendum for the 2017 School Board Restoration Project. The MYIP explains the restoration project selected in 2017 by Pasco County for Direct Component (also known as Pot 1) funds awarded to Pasco County through the Deepwater Horizon Settlement and the RESTORE Act. In order to achieve the broad based participation from the citizens, businesses, Indian Tribes, and non-profit organizations, Pasco County announces the Public Comment Period will be open January 9, 2018 through February 22, 2018. For more information, visit the Pasco County RESTORE website: <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/index.aspx?nid=1766>.

The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted Resolution 13-111 on February 19, 2013 to establish the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee. In order to ensure that the Committee is comprised of members with diversified backgrounds as well as the knowledge to meet the requirements described in the Resolution, the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee is comprised of the following board appointed members:

- One member from the County Commission (the Chairman of the BCC or his designee)
- One member of the District School Board of Pasco County or its administration
- One member from a higher education institution (college or university)
- One member from the aquaculture or marine industries
- One member from the workforce development/job creation industry
- One member with experience in economic development efforts
- One member from the tourism industry
- One at-large citizen member
- One member from the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce

The MYIP addendum consists of a narrative, matrix, map, and attachments with information on the Pasco County RESTORE Act's Direct Component Project selected by the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee and approved by the BCC.

The project selected in this addendum is the School Board Restoration Project. Funding from the Direct Component will be used to support equipment purchases to remove invasive species from Durney Key and restore oyster beds in Salt Springs Bayou just east of the Energy and Marine Center. Equipment purchases include a pontoon boat, dock and dock lift, and scientific equipment needed to conduct the project as well as monitor the project for a period of five years.

In preparation for submitting the final MYIP, Pasco County is accepting public comment for the required 45 days for this project in the 2017 MYIP addendum.

The RESTORE Act Advisory Committee and the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners have authorized staff (RESTORE Act Coordinator) to conduct the required 45-day public comment period. Public comments may be submitted via email or by mail as follows:

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- Mail: Curtis Franklin, RESTORE Project Coordinator
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Following the comment period, comments will be reviewed and submitted to the Board of County Commissioners along with a recommended course of action.

Pasco County will finalize and submit the MYIP addendum to the U.S. Department of Treasury for review and approval. This process typically takes 30 to 60 days to complete. The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners anticipates approval of the MYIP in Spring of 2018. Upon this approval, grant application preparation will begin for the School Board Restoration Project in the MYIP addendum. The projects are expected to commence following grant approval.