

# INSHORE ARTIFICIAL REEF

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Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources



Harborpointe Dr  
Gulf Coast  
Income Strategies

Pithlachascotee  
River

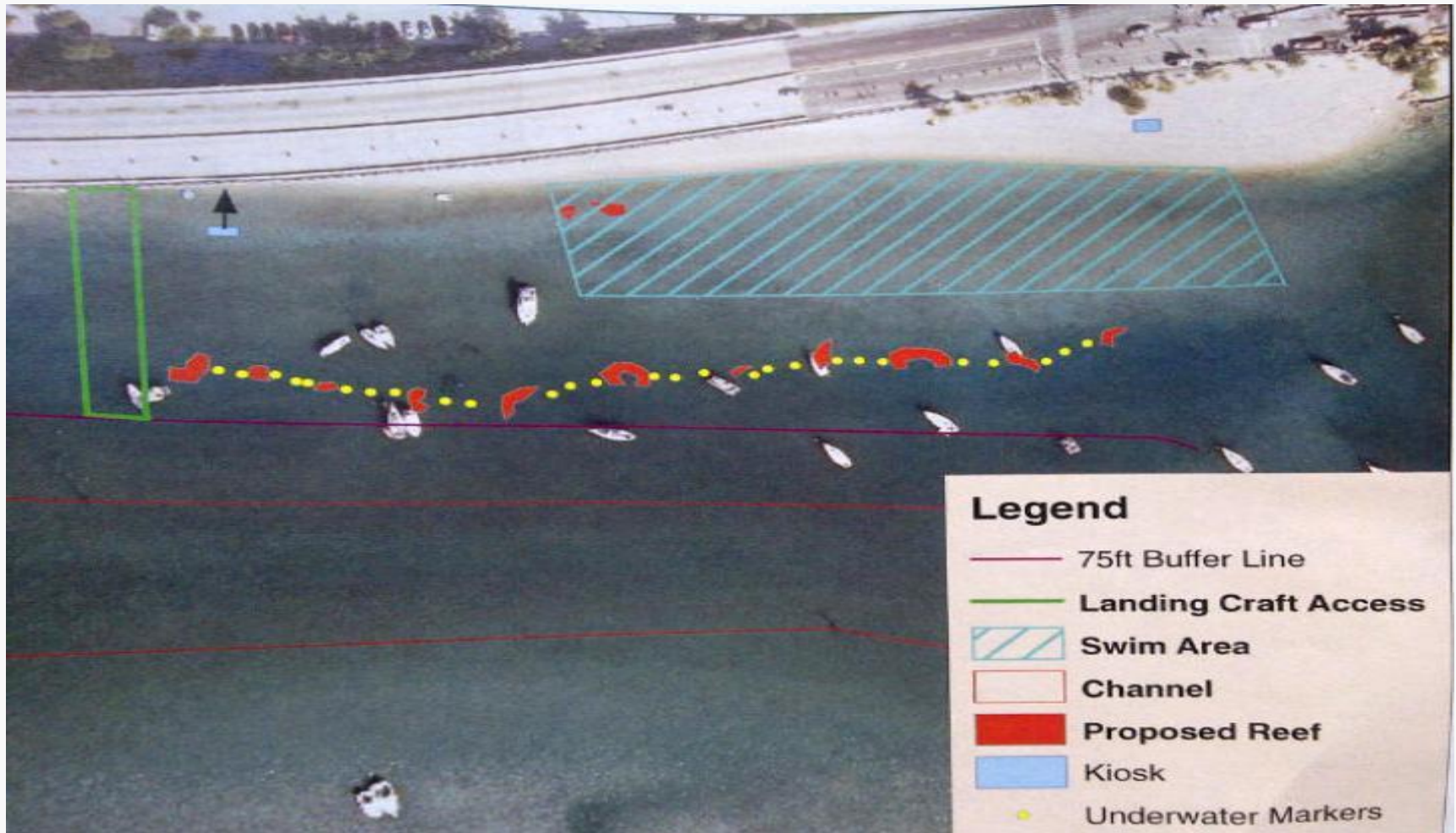


Green = Warning Pilings  
Brown = Mooring balls  
Yellow = boundary  
Tan = trail

# Project Components

- Establish a boater exclusion area in already hazardous area.
- Permit and establish a inshore reef area where people can pull up, moor a vessel and follow a snorkel trail.
- Establish unique features in rocky or sandy area. Minimize impact on existing grass beds.
- Similar projects in other locals. Nothing like it in this geographical region.
- Use signage to broaden public knowledge on features of near shore areas.
- Hernando County very interested in similar features, as is Citrus. Potential to become the spring coast inshore reef trail.

# Phil Foster Snorkel Trail



A bit of creativity could make this  
standout!



# Applicability to RESTORE

## ➤ 1. Provides Restoration and Protection of Natural Resources (NR)

- Long term benefits greater than 20 years (as proven in the last reef assessment)!
- Breeding areas for juvenile game fish and bait fish
- Prevent damage to seagrass area from prop scarring.

## ➤ 2. Mitigates damage to fish, wildlife or natural resources

- Project intentionally halts existing impacts. It provides long term indirect impact with a positive impact to recreational and commercial fishing.

# Applicability Continued.....

- 3. Implements a federally approved marine or coastal plan.
  - Conforms and meets the National Artificial Reef Plan as outlined by NOAA.
  - Supported by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Artificial Reef Plan.
- 4. Workforce Development and Creation
  - Positively affects local marine based economies. Tourism draw potential to the area!
- 6A. Infrastructure Projects Benefitting Economy
  - Positive benefit is realized by a more than one neighborhood.
- 6B. Infrastructure Projects Benefitting Ecological Resources
  - Project has a direct measurable benefit to an ecological resource with benefit, enhancement, or restoration goals, and the benefit corrects a deficiency or restores a function to at least (75% of such goals).



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## ➤ 9. Promotes Tourism and Recreational Fishing

- Some effect on tourism expected on a seasonal basis. Some economic income for the local area or city created as well as for small businesses.