

Gulf County, Florida

RESTORE Act Local Advisory
Committee (RAC)

June 23rd, 2015

Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Update from Gulf Consortium Meeting (June 19th) – Warren Yeager and Paul Johnson
- Dewberry Presentation - Distribution and Presentation of Draft Needs Assessment
- Discussion, Comments, and Feedback on the Draft Needs Assessment
- Draft Goals and Objectives - Initial Discussion
- Other Business
- Next meeting – August 11 – 4 PM EDT

NEW WEBSITE!

www.gulfcountyrestore.com

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.gulfcountyrestore.com/>. The page features a dark header with the text "Gulf County RESTORE" and a "Home" link. Below the header is a logo for "Gulf County RESTORE" which includes the Gulf County seal and the text "RESTORE Act Advisory Committee (RAC)".

Coming Up

A calendar widget shows the month of June 2015. A specific event is highlighted for June 23rd: "RAC Meeting - Needs Assess..." from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on 2015.06.23.

RAC Meeting Calendar

RAC Membership

External Links

Submit a Project

About the RESTORE Act

The Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act) of 2012 established a trust fund for which 80% of the Clean Water Act civil penalties from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill will be distributed to impacted areas for recovery. Gulf County is a disproportionately affected County and will directly receive funds to the County through the Direct Component of the Act.

[U.S. Treasury Department RESTORE Act – County Allocations](#)

Gulf County Local RESTORE Act Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Gulf County local RESTORE Act Advisory Committee (RAC) was established in 2012 to assist in development of a local plan for implementation of RESTORE Act funding to be received locally through the Direct Component. Twenty-four meetings were held in 2012 and 2013 and a pre-proposal process was solicited. Now that the Interim Final Rule by which Treasury will administer the funds is published and finalized, the RAC will begin the rigorous process of developing the Multiyear Implementation Plan (MYIP).

The MYIP Process

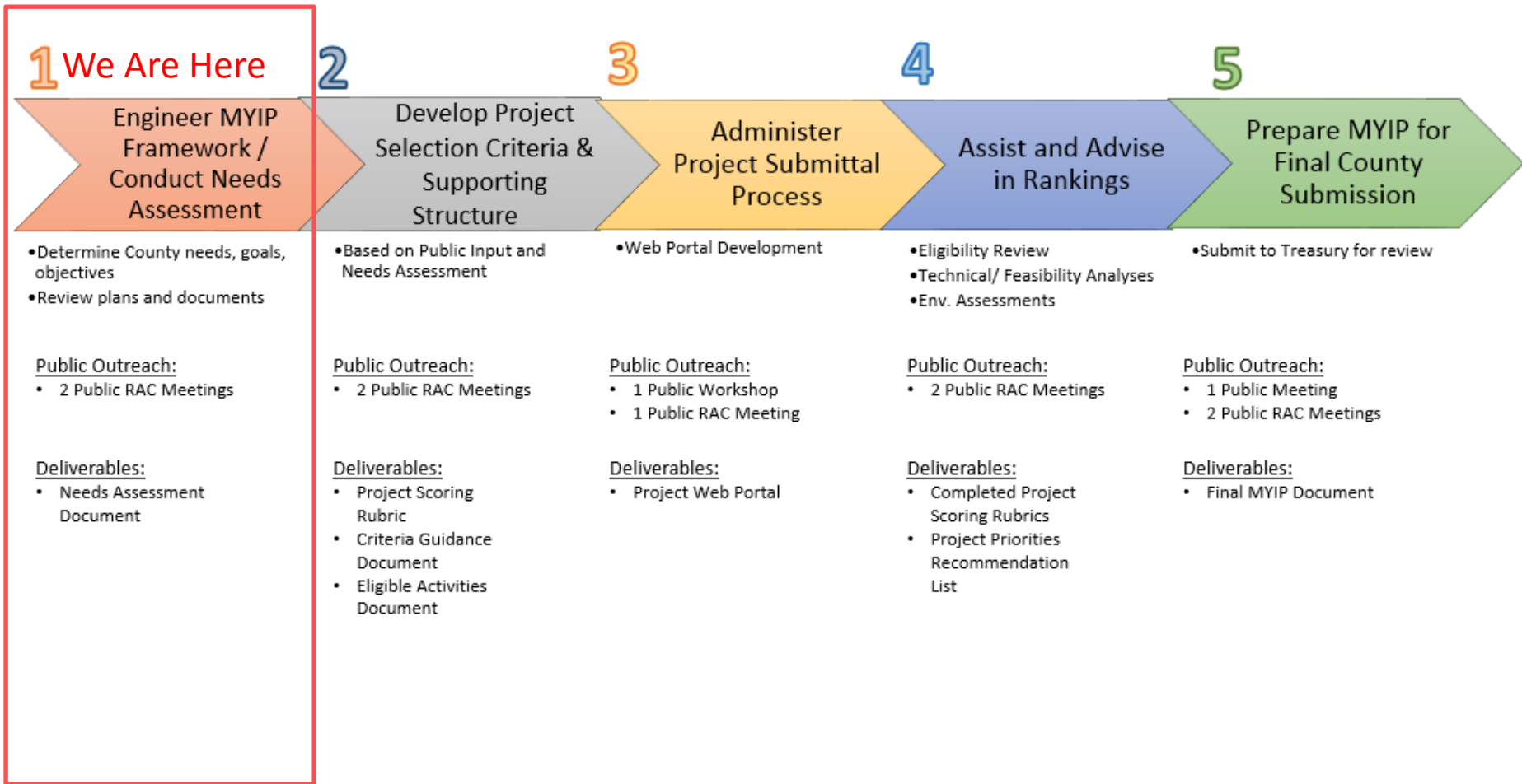
Prior to a County accessing funds from the Direct Component ("Pot 1"), the U.S. Treasury Department requires each County to submit a Multiyear Implementation Plan (MYIP), which is the plan that outlines how the funds will be spent. Gulf County's MYIP will be developed over a period of approximately 14 months beginning May 2015 and wrapping up in August 2016. The County has hired Dewberry Engineers Inc. to assist the County staff, the RAC, and the Board of County Commissioners in development of the MYIP. Several public meetings will be held in 2015 and 2016; the public is encouraged to attend and participate.

[Gulf County MYIP Process Calendar](#)

RAC Agenda and Minutes

Date	Agenda	Minutes
May 26, 2015	Agenda	Minutes
June 23, 2015	Agenda	

Multi-Year Implementation Plan Process



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RESTORE ACT ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

RESTORE Act Citation	RESTORE Language	Equivalent Needs Assessment Topic
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(I)	Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.	Environment
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(II)	Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources.	Environment, Economy
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(III)	Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management, including fisheries monitoring.	Environment
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(IV)	Workforce development and job creation.	Economy, Community
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(V)	Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill	Environment, Economy, Infrastructure, Community
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(VI)	Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Environment, Economy, Infrastructure
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(i)(VII)	Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure	Environment, Economy, Infrastructure
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(ii)(I)	Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	Environment, Economy
§1603(3)(t)(1)(B)(ii)(II)	Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region.	Environment, Economy

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Economy

Economic Needs		
<p>Permanent full-time residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create local jobs with higher wages• Target industries	<p>Port Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Port Dredging• Port Expansion	<p>Economic Diversification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean industry and light manufacturing growth• Marine commerce• Water sports• Seafood
<p>Workforce Development & Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry focused• Technical skills• Adult Education• Upgrade educational and career training tools and technologies• Establish programs to target up and coming career paths	<p>Increase Tourism Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ecotourism• Cultural and historic tourism• Year round tourism• Sports tourism• Create destination points	<p>Coastal park improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dog park• Memorial park• Sports complex

Economy cont..

<p>Encourage new companies and businesses to establish in the area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in overnight stays (through number and proximity of destination points)• Enhance local property values• Increase average trip spending value• Increase traffic flow in shops and restaurants• Promote rural development incentives• Promote brownfields and infill redevelopment	<p>Tourism Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update and unify branding initiatives• Align wayfinding mediums with current initiatives	<p>Update and market existing assets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighthouse• Coastal parks• Event venues• Historic buildings• Bikeways and walking trails• Port• Local businesses• Arts and cultural venues• Recreational facilities (water sports, golf, etc.)• Promote projects in Apalachee Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
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Environment

Environmental Needs		
<p>Surface water quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Septic to sewer conversions• Nonpoint source pollution (stormwater runoff)• Seagrass restoration• Monitoring program	<p>Solid waste management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landfill• Yard Debris	<p>Enhance marine habitats and fisheries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase scallops, oysters, estuarine and reef fish populations• Install artificial reefs• Vegetated riparian buffers and wetlands
<p>Habitat protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dune walkovers• Shoreline erosion• Prevent and remove invasive species	<p>Promote the use of Agricultural, Silvicultural, and Rural BMPs</p>	

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Needs		
<p>Beach nourishment</p>	<p>Disaster Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emergency generators ● Fire station improvements ● Emergency patient transport ● Upgrade and/or replace degraded infrastructure 	<p>Port Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Port dredging ● Port expansion ● Port promotion
<p>Protect water resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stormwater management & flooding controls ● WWTP / sanitary sewer expansion and upgrades ● Dirt road paving and stabilization 	<p>Increase public access to waterfront</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boat ramps ● Fishing piers ● Beach parking 	<p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support renewed use of the AN railway from Port St. Joe to the CSX trunk ● Bikeways, Greenways, Trails ● Road improvements and bridge replacements ● Community transportation system
<p>Technology Upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WiFi and broadband infrastructure 	<p>Expand health care services for the elderly</p>	

Community

Community Needs*		
Affordable housing	Higher education and technical training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade educational tools and technologies • Increase professional development opportunities 	Increase access to reliable transportation
Dependable Child Care	Enhance youth recreation opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic programs • Sports • Arts, theatre, music 	

*Community Needs may be non-RESTORE eligible activities, but may be if properly incorporated into overall project.

Draft Needs Assessment

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- **Make Changes**
 - Any needs that are missing?
 - Any items to be removed (not priorities)?
 - Wording changes?
- **Adopt Interim Document**

Goals & Objectives

- Where would you like to see Gulf County in 5 years?
- 10 years?
- 20 years?

Some examples:

- Multiple use, multiple benefit
- Leveraging
- Watershed based approach

GCERC Goals

- (1) Restore and Conserve Habitat – Restore and conserve the health, diversity, and resilience of key coastal, estuarine, and marine habitats.
- (2) Restore Water Quality – Restore and protect water quality of the Gulf Coast region’s fresh, estuarine, and marine waters.
- (3) Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources – Restore and protect healthy, diverse, and sustainable living coastal and marine resources.
- (4) Enhance Community Resilience – Build upon and sustain communities with capacity to adapt to short- and long-term changes.
- (5) Restore and Revitalize the Gulf Economy – Enhance the sustainability and resiliency of the Gulf economy

Next Steps

- Next meeting – August 11, 2015 4 p.m. EDT

