

# **Gulf County, Florida**

RESTORE Act Local Advisory  
Committee (RAC)

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

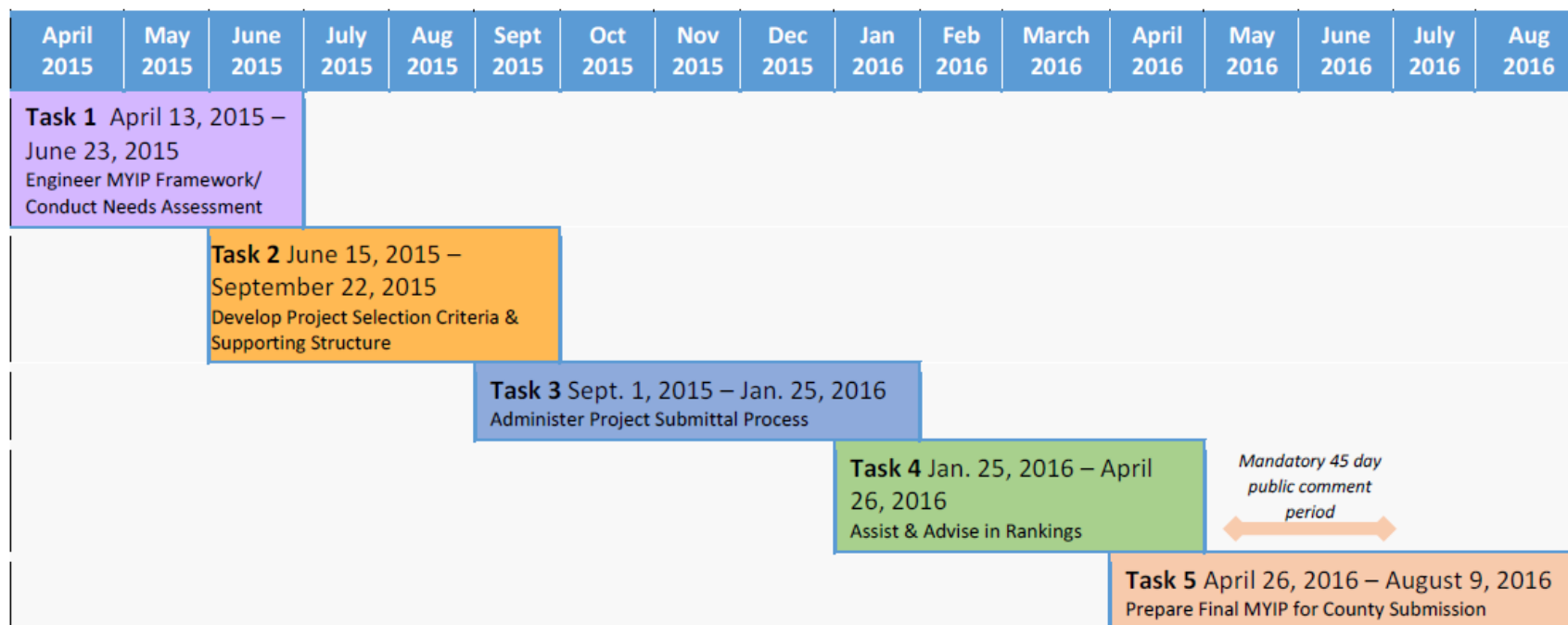
# Today's Agenda

- Introduction / Overview of Process
- Consideration of Final Needs Assessment
- Presentation and Discussion – Draft Selection Criteria
- Open Discussion / Q&A

# Multi-Year Implementation Plan Process



# Proposed Gulf County RESTORE MYIP Schedule



## Public Meetings:

Task 1: RAC – April 13, 2015; BOCC – April 14, 2015; May 26, 2015; RAC – June 23, 2015

Task 2: RAC – August 11, 2015; RAC - September 8, 2015; BOCC – September 22, 2015

Task 3: RAC – October 13, 2015; Workshop – November 3, 2015

Task 4: RAC – March 1, 2016; Workshop – March 8, 2016; RAC – April 12, 2016; BOCC – April 26, 2016

Task 5: RAC – May 10, 2016; RAC – August 2, 2016; BOCC – August 9, 2016

## Draft Needs Assessment for Gulf County RESTORE MYIP

### 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

# Draft Needs Assessment

- Questions?
- Recommendation: If no changes, recommend approval of Interim Needs Assessment

# Draft Selection Criteria

## Programmatic

**1. Project Feasibility.** Proposed project is adequately described to determine feasibility, including references to best available science where appropriate, and the budget includes reasonable and justifiable costs.

**2. Public Interest.** Proposed project clearly demonstrates public benefit.

**3. Project Timing.** Proposed project can be implemented and benefits realized within a reasonable and acceptable timeframe.

**4. Partnerships and Leveraging.** Proposed project is supported by multiple partners and leverages funds by including cash or in-kind matching funds towards the project.

**5. Monitoring Plan.** Proposed project includes a comprehensive monitoring and success measurement plan, including a maintenance plan, if applicable.

**6. Sustainability and Efficiency.** Project approach utilizes efficiency measures and provides long term benefits. Proposed project builds upon existing assets, links outcomes, partners, or lands, and does not produce negative environmental impacts.

## Environment

**1. Habitat Conservation and Preservation.** Proposed project maintains or improves the structure and function of uplands, bays, bayous, rivers, lakes, streams, or marine natural systems, benefiting native plants and wildlife.

**2. Habitat Restoration.** Proposed project improves, enhances, or restores the structure and function of uplands, bays, bayous, wetlands, rivers, lakes, streams, or marine natural systems, benefiting native plants and wildlife.

**3. Water Quality.** Proposed project reduces point and nonpoint sources of pollutants entering local waterways, provides treatment to improve water quality, or proposes other measures which will improve water quality such as watershed BMPs.

**4. Natural Systems Resiliency.** Proposed project increases ability of natural systems to withstand disasters and adapt to changing environmental conditions due to climate change, associated sea level rise, and other factors.

# Draft Selection Criteria

## Economy

**1. Tourism and Tourism Opportunities.** Proposed project provides for increases in tourism activity through new or additional marketing efforts, improvements to existing attractions, or addition of new destinations or attractions.

**2. Recreational Fishing and Local Seafood.** Proposed project increases recreational fishing opportunities through increased or improved access to fisheries, marketing and promotion of local recreational fishing and seafood, removal of barriers to recreational fishing, and increases in fishing stock/habitat.

**3. Job Creation.** Proposed project provides for new full time higher wage jobs within the County.

**4. Industry and Business Growth.** Proposed project directly contributes to expansion of existing industry/business or siting of a new industry/business in marine commerce, seafood processing, fishing industries, aviation & aerospace, high tech manufacturing, information technology/cyber security, telecommunications, renewable energy, or other locally targeted industry as identified in the Apalachee Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

**5. Workforce Development.** Proposed project provides innovative higher education, job training, or other workforce training/career development which increases the total skilled workforce pool and advances opportunities for higher wage employment.



# Draft Selection Criteria

Infrastructure
<b>1. Port Development.</b> Proposed project enhances port usage and operability such as expansion, dredging, and marketing/promotion.
<b>2. Transportation Network Improvements.</b> Proposed project improves components of existing transportation network or adds new features to transportation network such as roads, bridges, sidewalks, bike lanes, multi-modal paths or trails, streetlights, right of way landscaping, and public access to the waterfront. May also include services for the transportation disadvantaged.
<b>3. Essential Services.</b> Proposed project provides for new or improved wastewater treatment and management, solid waste management, stormwater management, technological upgrades such as Wi-Fi and broadband, and/or beach stabilization and nourishment.
<b>4. Disaster Resiliency.</b> Proposed project increases community resiliency by strategically retrofitting, upgrading, or replacing critical infrastructure, utilizing renewable energy, improving emergency services, or by implementing other disaster preparatory mechanisms.

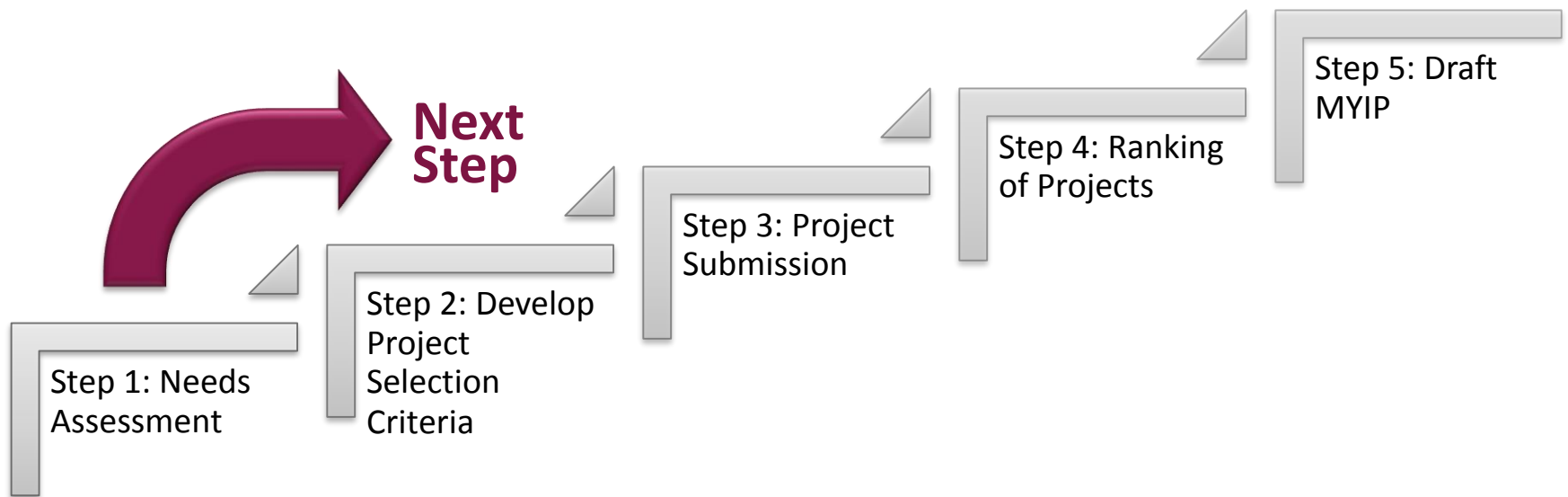
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## Community Preferences

- 1. Cultural and Historic Resources.** Proposed project provides for preservation, protection, restoration, and/or promotion of cultural, historical, or archaeological significant resources.
- 2. Community Health.** Proposed project improves community health through increase in healthcare services, health improvement programs or health education.
- 3. Affordable Housing.** Proposed project provides additional workforce and affordable housing units, beautification of neighborhoods, and/or other housing improvement.
- 4. Higher Education.** Proposed project provides for local new or improved higher education opportunities.
- 5. Youth Opportunities and Child Care.** Proposed project provides for local new or improved youth opportunities in sports, arts, education, and music or affordable child care services to assist working families.

# Next Steps

- Next meeting – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 4 p.m. EDT
  - Finalize Selection Criteria



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## Gulf County RESTORE

RESTORE Act Advisory Committee (RAC)

### Coming Up

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June

23 RAC Meeting - Needs Assess...  
4:00 pm-5:00 pm  
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	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	<a href="#">Minutes</a>
June 23, 2015	<a href="#">Agenda</a>	