

Gulf County Restore MYIP

After Action Report

Phase I: County Needs Assessment & Phase II: Develop Selection Criteria

April 13, 2015 - September 22, 2015

At-a-Glance (Summary)

Outreach Type	Measure	Count
Public Meetings (RAC & BOCC)	# of public meetings	7
Public Workshops (RAC/BOCC)	# of public workshops	1
Stakeholder Meetings	# of stakeholder meetings	2
Public Notices (Newspaper Advertisements)	# of newspaper articles	2
Restore Alerts (E-mails)	# of emails	1
Restore Website	# of new content	10

Public Meetings (RAC and BOCC): 7

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Published Advertisement or Announcement	Estimated # of attendees	Speakers
April 13, 2015 10:00 a.m. ETZ	RAC – Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County Florida Government Website: Public Notice	n/a	Bryon Griffith Don Butler Sherry Herring Several other unidentified attendees
April 14, 2015 9:00 a.m. ETZ	BOCC - Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County Florida Government Website: Public Notice	n/a	Bryon Griffith
May 26, 2015 1:00 p.m. ETZ	RAC – Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County, Florida Government Website: Public Notice	14	Pat Hardman Jessica Koelsch Warren Yeager Stella Wilson Mike Nelson Don Butler

June 23, 2015 1:00 p.m. ETZ	RAC – Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County Restore Website	13	Warren Yeager Pat Hardman Mike Dombrowski	Paul Johnson Stella Wilson
August 19, 2015 3:00 p.m. ETZ	RAC – Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County Restore Website	22	Warren Yeager Pat Hardman Dewey Blaylock Christie McCleroy	Bryon Griffith Stella Wilson Paul Johnson Chris Holley
September 15, 2015 4:00 p.m. ETZ	RAC – Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County Restore Website; Notice posted on Admin Building	26	Warren Yeager Pat Hardman Dewey Blaylock Eugene Raffield Guerry Magidson Lynn Lanier an attendee	Jeremy Novak Stella Wilson Paul Johnson Tony Justice Patrick Farrell
September 22, 2015 9:00 a.m. ETZ	BOCC - Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County Restore Website, Gulf County; Florida Government Website: Public Notice	n/a	n/a	

Public Workshops (RAC/BOCC): 1

Meeting Date	Published Advertisement or Announcement	Estimated # of attendees	Speakers
September 2, 2015 4:00 p.m. ETZ	Gulf County Restore Website; Gulf County, Florida Government Website: Public Notice	58	Ward McDaniel Warren Yeager Bryon Griffith Carmen L. McLemore Joanna Bryan Sandy Quinn a Port St. Joe resident

Stakeholder Meetings: 2

Meeting Date	Meeting	Estimated # of attendees	Presenter(s)
May 20, 2015 1:00 p.m. ETZ	Economic Development Council	11	Dewberry Engineers Inc.
June 27, 2015 10:00 a.m. ETZ	Coastal Community Association of South Gulf County	~ 80 – 90	Dewberry Engineers Inc., U.S Representative Gwen Graham, FL Senator Bill Montford, FL Representative Halsey Beshears, Jennifer Jenkins, Ray Loraine (Habitat Conservation Plan), Michael Dombrowski, Mitch Burke

Newspaper Articles: 2

Newspaper Advertisement Date	Subject or Headline	Media Outlet
May 26, 2015	Gulf County RESTORE Act Committee Meeting	The News Herald
September 15, 2015	RESTORE Overview: leveraging \$19 million	The Star: Port St. Joe Newspaper

RESTORE Alerts: 1

Date	Subject
September 14, 2015	E-mail Alert from Stella Wilson: Time Stamped Mon 9/14/2015 4:09 PM

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Content Added	Date
Gulf County Restore Website Activated	June 2015
May 26 RAC Meeting Minutes and Dewberry Presentation	June 2015
June 23 RAC Meeting Minutes and Dewberry Presentation	June 2015
Draft Gulf County Needs Assessment Document	June 2015
August 19 RAC Meeting Minutes and Dewberry Presentation	August 2015
Second Draft Gulf County Needs Assessment Document	August 2015
Draft Gulf County Project Selection Criteria	August 2015
RAC Meeting Agenda for September 15, 2015	September 2015
Final Gulf County Needs Assessment Document	September 2015
Final Gulf County Project Selection Criteria	September 2015

Newspaper Articles

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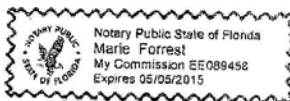
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Gulf County Board of County Commissioners Request for Qualifications (RFQ) # 1415-01

RESTORE ACT CONSULTANT

Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is accepting proposals to provide for Restore Act professional consulting services. GCBOCC is looking for an individual or firm which will assist Gulf County with the interpretation and application of the Restore Act to Gulf County and its various funding sources; compliance with Treasury guidelines in the securing and application of funds; provide technical support for the County in its participation with the Gulf Consortium and those additional consulting services required of the professional with the Restore Act as required by the County.

RFQ with criteria requirements and anticipated scope of work will be provided upon written request by contacting directly: Deputy Grant Administrator, Karl Summers, ksummers@gulfcoun...

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Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked with the name of the proposer, the RFQ number and the word "RESTORE ACT CONSULTANT". Each proposal must be submitted in original and two copies of the proposal. Proposals must be delivered to the Gulf County Clerk at 1000 Cecil Cox Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456-1000, no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 23, 2014. RFQ responses will not be opened at this time. Late proposals will not be accepted. Proposals received after 4:00 p.m. on October 23, 2014 will be rejected. The Board will not be responsible for the loss of proposals. Proposals that are not correctly addressed delivered in person, by mail or any other type of delivery service.

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and any part thereof and the determination of this award. If an award is made, it will be based on the final evaluation of the submitted proposals and the negotiable professional fee. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the proposal.

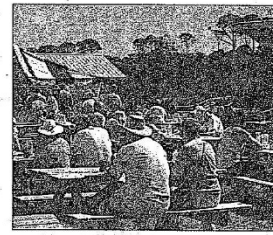
Any questions concerning this RFQ must be submitted in writing no later than 4:00 p.m. EST on October 20, 2014 and should be directed to Lynn Lantier, Deputy Administrator at lantier@gulfcounclerk.gov and a copy of your correspondence to ksummers@gulfcounclerk.gov.

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RESTORE overview: Leveraging \$19 million

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The denominator is coming into focus.

The multiplier is the key.

That was the presentation before an overflow crowd last week from the county's Restore Act coordinator, former commissioner Warren Yeager, and the consultant hired by the Board of County Commissioners to craft a "multi-year implementation plan" for monies earmarked to the county.

That plan, a "business plan"

one expert urged, will be the final ledger the county will use to spend whatever dollars will be coming from BP's global settlement in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

"This is a project for Gulf County," said Commissioner Ward McDaniel. "We make it what it is."

If the current consent decree entered into between BP and the federal government is approved by a federal judge, the county would stand to see nearly \$19 million in direct allocation dollars.

That would be, as it has become known under Restore Act,

so-called pot one which represents direct allocations to the most-impacted counties in Florida, a unique provision in such Congressional legislation.

That money would be paid out over 15 years, Yeager said, meaning after what is already in the bank, roughly \$2.8 million, including from a global settlement with Deepwater contractor Transocean, \$1.2 million-\$1.5 million per year.

These are dollars over which the final call will be held by the BOCC.

"What is at the end" of the

multi-year plan, Yeager said, "is what the board decides with public input."

"Public input is required all along."

A BOCC-appointed committee has been examining potential projects for more than a year and public workshops and meetings are required and built into the process that Dewberry LLC will follow in drafting the multi-year plan.

"I like the work that has been done so far, I like the process," said Commissioner Joanna Bryan. "I like that we are open to

the public. I like that there are so many people involved."

"This is an incredible opportunity for this county."

That plan is due to be finalized this time next year, according to the current timeline provided by Dewberry's Bryan Griffith.

A integral ingredient of that plan, Griffith emphasized, is maximizing opportunities to leverage more dollars from other pots of the BP settlement.

There is, Yeager said, so-called pot two which is known as

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REMEMBERING SUMMER SUNSETS



TDC celebrates record summer

By WES LOCHER
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It wasn't a summer mirage.

Gulf County Tourist Development Council executive director Jennifer Jenkins confirmed visitors and bed taxes were up for the month of July during the TDC advisory board meeting Tuesday.

"Summer was summer, and it was a good one," Jenkins said. "Tide num-



profile of a Gulf County visitor are changing.

Pricing Power, Inflation Hedges and Hank Williams

"What good is gold and silver, too... If your heart's not pure and true." — "House of Gold" written by Hank Williams



MARGARET R. McDOWELL
Arbor Outlook

Recently I watched a television commercial featuring Pat Boone. The singer-celebrity was discouraging Americans from making deposits into banks. Fascinated, I called the 1-800 number. Their marketing campaign urges viewers to purchase gold and silver.

Their website says putting your money in a bank is dangerous because of issues like identity theft and cyber terrorism. The salesman, though, did not focus on banking problems; instead, he talked about the volatility of the stock market. "I recommend you put at least 20-25 percent of your assets into gold and silver," he said.

Some investors and advisors will place a small percentage of portfolio assets in gold, considering it a hedge against inflation. But many companies in which you can invest have pricing power, and their stocks are probably a better hedge against inflation. Equities and bonds can also provide income while gold is a non-producing asset.

When you purchase gold in the market, you buy it as a gold future or in a gold mutual fund or ETF. Or you can buy the actual metal and have it shipped to your door and then be responsible for its safe keeping.

Singular bank deposits are insured up to \$250,000. And while identity theft is a real issue, at least cash withdrawn from such an account is a negotiable instrument: you hand it to people and they accept it as payment. You can buy groceries and appliances and fuel or use it to pay for services rendered. It's difficult to hand the cashier at your local market a hunk of gold in exchange for butter, fruit and milk. Power and gas companies won't accept gold as payment for your monthly bill, either. Jason Zweig of the Wall Street Journal recently went so far as to call gold a "pet rock."

Will gold be worth more in 15 years than it is today? Possibly. Proponents of large commodity collections often say that if the end of the world comes, gold will then be worth, well, its weight in gold. Perhaps this is true. Not sure I want to be around for that anyway, though. Meanwhile, those who have purchased publicly traded commodities, like a proportional share of a piece of gold that is stored in a vault in Switzerland, will face the problematic issue of traveling there and retrieving their chunk of it. If it's the end of the world, that may prove a tad challenging.

Meanwhile, will the stock of companies that make products that people need repeatedly be worth even more down the road than they are today? They may not sparkle, but they'll probably have plenty of substance.

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Whether on the ballot as a Republican or Independent, would you vote for Donald Trump for President of the United States.

Unsure: 7 %

United Way to kickoff 2015 Community Campaign

Special to The Star

PANAMA CITY—United Way of Northwest Florida will kickoff off its 2015 Community Campaign Thursday, Sept. 10. The breakfast will be held at 7:45 a.m. CT at FSU Panama City in the Holley Lecture Hall, located at 4750 Collegiate Drive, Panama City. Board Chairman Victoria Williams will share the

exciting news of a very substantial gift, Captain United will deliver the State of the United Address, and Campaign Chairman Dr. Carrie Baker will announce the 2015 goal.

The Community Campaign Kickoff Breakfast will start the beginning of the 2015 United Way Campaign which runs until December. Funds collected during this time will remain in Gulf, Bay,

Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties and are overseen by local volunteers. The 47 United Way agencies offer a gamut of services ranging from assistance for expectant mothers who need prenatal care to people with a terminal disease and everyone in between. United Way of Northwest Florida raises money for local programs benefiting local people.

Thank YOU

The family's acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray;
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,

As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all
And just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so very much,
Whatever the part.
The family of Ann L. Key

PSJHS volleyball team says thanks

Dear Editor,
Thank you to the community from the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School volleyball team for the support of our recent car wash and bake sale.

Special thanks to Duren's Piggy Wiggy and Advance Auto Parts.
The PSJHS volleyball team will be selling Boston Butt dinners on Sept. 25 for \$8 to raise additional funds for the season.
The PSJHS volleyball team

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the "council" pot, overseen by a board comprised of representatives from various federal departments, that is primarily earmarked toward environmental projects.

The council has already released an initial list of proposed projects and is currently conducting public hearings.

Among those projects, would be one to address runoff issues around Money Bayou to help protect St. Joseph Bay and an estuary program intended for projects across the Panhandle, Yeager said.

There is also a pot three, \$260 million, which is being overseen by the Gulf Coast Consortium, representatives from the 23 impacted counties in Florida.

Yeager, who is an officer on the consortium board, said a proposal drafted but not yet formally voted on by members would divide that money 50-50; 50 percent going to the eight most-impacted Northwest Florida counties and the other 50 percent to the remaining 15 counties.

That, Yeager said, has the potential to mean another \$18 million to Gulf County.

In addition, he added, there remains more Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) fines, and therefore more projects could be

funded in the county.

Roughly \$3 million in NRDA funds are already earmarked for four local boat ramp/park/pier projects.

Then there is Triumph Gulf Coast, established by state legislation and which will receive \$2 billion in funds coming to Florida.

The eight most-impacted Florida counties are to receive 75 percent of those funds over an 18 year period, Yeager said.

Chaired by former Speaker of the House Allen Bense, Triumph is focused on projects with regional impacts as well as projects that leverage both public and private dollars to bring economic development.

"If you are the Port Authority, that is the pot you zero in on," Yeager said.

The Port Authority has a private sector partner, the St. Joe Company, and had the potential to provide regional impacts if operational.

"The most important thing we need to do is protect that legislation" that created Triumph Gulf Coast, Yeager added.

With all the moveable parts and silos of money, the multi-year plan for the county's direct allocation, Griffith said, has a potential well beyond \$19 million dollars.

"It is going to be a slog getting

through it," he said about crafting the plan to meet U.S. Treasury approval. "But it has to be your plan."

"It has the potential to be (life-changing)."

And, he added, it is not so much about the projects, but about what those projects attempt to accomplish.

"What is it about?" Griffith said. "You have to figure out what you want to accomplish and your projects should fall in under that."

"You are chasing money ... the focus is on a business plan."

Dewberry and the county Restore Act committee, he said, would soon launch an online application process for proposed projects.

He said some final issues were being worked out, but the process would soon launch and the launch announced.

Projects would be catalogued and formatted into a spreadsheet-type template or committee review as well as public and BOCC input.

Yeager encouraged those agencies, governmental and non-governmental, considering project proposals to think big picture and partner.

"The more partners, the better," he said. "This (plan) is the key to get these things right. We can't afford to miss."

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the cover for the 2016 installment the Visitor's Guide, which will showcase a child running on the beach. The consensus was that the image not only shows Gulf County as a family-friendly vacation destination, but captures a sense of wholesome innocence and adventure. Jenkins' goal for the guide was to utilize a cover that set it apart from the beach-heavy imagery used by Fort Walton, Panama City and St. George Island.

tourism back to August and September and give the scallops more time to mature and prevent overfishing.

Jenkins recently met with members of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in Tallahassee which will conduct a series of studies in coastal towns throughout the next year. St. Joseph Bay will receive special attention to see if moving the opening date of scallop season makes sense.

"They like the idea of moving (the

til the summer of 2017.

Sports complex committee

The sports complex committee will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6 to review the existing plans for the facility to be constructed on land donated to the city of Port St. Joe that is located near the Gulf/Franklin Center on U.S. Highway 98. The complex will allow the area to play host to various sports tournaments, exposing even

Outreach Activities: September 11th, 2012 – October 9th, 2013)

Outreach Type	Measure	Count
Public Meetings (RAC & BOCC)	# of public meetings	23
Public Workshops (RAC/BOCC)	# of public workshops	3
Stakeholder Presentations	# of stakeholder presentations	33

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Phase III: Project Submission

September 23, 2015 – December 5, 2015

At A Glance (Summary)

Outreach Type	Measure	Count
Public Meetings (RAC & BOCC)	# of public meetings	2
Public Workshops (RAC/BOCC)	# of public workshops	2
Stakeholder Meetings	# of stakeholder meetings	0
Public Notices (Newspaper Articles)	# of newspaper articles	2
Restore Alerts (E-mails)	# of emails	4
Restore Website	# of new content	13
Restore Website	# of Visitors	1496

Public Meetings (RAC and BOCC): 2

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Published Advertisement/ Announcement	Estimated # of Attendees	Speakers	Public Comment
October 13, 2015 4:00 p.m. EST	RAC – Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County Restore Website	37	Warren Yeager Stella Wilson Rick Harter Pat Hardman	Mark Knapke David Warriner Walter Counts An additional attendee
October 27, 2015 9:00 a.m. EST	BOCC – Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County: Florida Government Website Public Notices	n/a	City Manager and RAC member Jim Anderson announced opening of the RESTORE Application Portal.	

Public Workshops (RAC/BOCC): 2

Meeting Date	Published Advertisement/ Announcement	Estimated # of Attendees	Speakers	Public Comment
October 13, 2015 4:30p.m. EST	Gulf County Restore Website	37	Warren Yeager Stella Wilson Rick Harter Pat Hardman	Mark Knapke David Warriner Walter Counts An additional attendee
November 4, 2015 4:30p.m. EST	Gulf County Restore Website; Gulf County: Florida Government Website Public Notices	30	Warren Yeager Stella Wilson Rick Harter Pat Hardman Jim Anderson	Mike Barrett Towan Kopinsky Ron Hardy Mike Dombrowski David Warriner An additional attendee

Newspaper Articles: 2

Date	Subject or Headline	Media Outlet
October 15, 2015	RESTORE project submittal period opens Monday	The Star: Port St. Joe Newspaper
November 5, 2015	Commissioners address accessory structures, RESTORE projects	The Star: Port St. Joe Newspaper

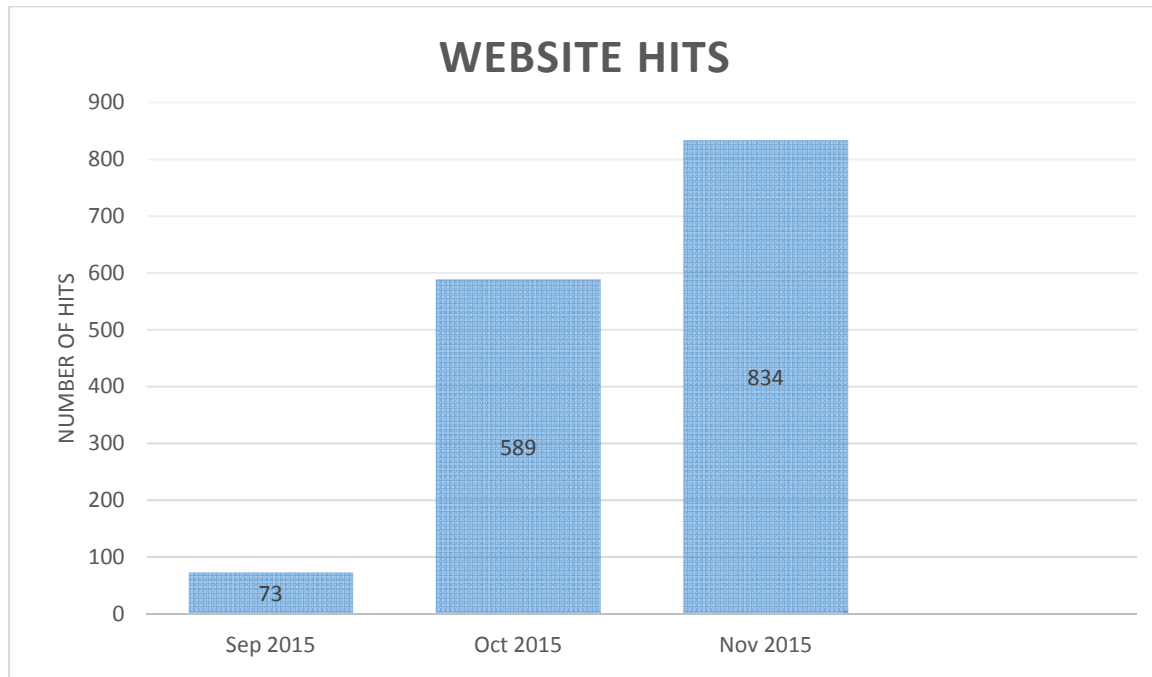
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Date	Subject	Type
October 12, 2015	Gulf County Restore Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting–October 13, 2015	E-mail Alert from Stella Wilson: Time Stamped Mon. 10/12/2015 8:38 a.m. EST
October 12, 2015	Gulf County RESTORE Project Submission Process	E-mail to Pre-proposal Contact List from Stella Wilson: Time Stamped Mon. 10/12/2015 8:33 p.m. EST
October 27, 2015	Notice of Gulf County RESTORE Public Workshop–November 4, 2015	E-mail Alert from Stella Wilson: Time stamped Tues. 10/27/15 4:55 p.m. EST
November 24, 2015	RESTORE–Less Than One Week Remains to Submit RESTORE Projects	E-mail Alert from Stella Wilson: Time stamped Tues. 11/24/2015 12:53 p.m. EST

RESTORE Website: 13

Content Added	Date
RAC Meeting Agenda for October 13, 2015	October 7, 2015
Project Submission Guidance Document	October 7, 2015
Adopted Selection Criteria with Scoring	October 7, 2015
Submit a Project Tab Introduction to the Process	October 7, 2015
Project Submission Guidance Document	October 7, 2015
Project Submission Form (MS Word Version)	October 7, 2015
Blank Budget Worksheet	October 7, 2015
Example: Completed Application	October 7, 2015
Example: Budget Worksheet	October 7, 2015
Project Submission Portal Opens	October 19, 2015
RAC Meeting Minutes and Presentation for October 13, 2015	October 2015
RAC Workshop Agenda for November 4, 2015	November 2015
Notice of Project Application Closure (one week)	November 24, 2015
Project Submission Portal Closes	November 30, 2015
Notice Project Submission Portal Closed	December 2, 2015
Projects List	December 4, 2015
Preliminary Budget Report	December 4, 2015

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RESTORE project submittal period opens Monday

The period to submit projects for the first year of the county's multi-year plan to spend RESTORE Act fine dollars begins Monday.

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By Tim Croft

Posted Oct. 15, 2015 at 9:40 AM
Updated Oct 15, 2015 at 9:49 AM

The period to submit projects for the first year of the county's multi-year plan to spend RESTORE Act fine dollars begins Monday.

The project submittal portal will open Oct. 19 and close Nov. 20.

This is for projects to be funded in the first year, likely 2017, said Stella Wilson with Dewberry, LLC, the county's contractor in crafting its multi-year plan.

Projects submitted must also spend all requested funds within five years.

The county currently has \$2.8 million in the bank stemming from the federal settlement with Transocean, the contractor on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig that blew in 2010 sending millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

After expenses, such as Dewberry's contract and other costs, the county is looking at roughly \$2.5 million, said Warren Yeager, the county's recently-hired RESTORE Act coordinator.

The county's direct allocation out of the RESTORE Act, so-called pot one, is \$15.56 million, Wilson said.

That will mean an annual payout, beginning in 2016, of roughly \$1.5 million per year going out 15 years, save year two when the sum will be less, Yeager said.

The county would expect to receive additional direct dollars from the pot of money controlled by the Gulf Coast Consortium, which represents the 23 Florida counties along the gulf.

Yeager, an officer on the board of the Consortium, said a formal vote will be held next month on a proposal tentatively agreed to that would split the Consortium's pot, \$130 million, into half with 50 percent going to the eight most-impacted counties, including Gulf, and 50 percent to the other 15 counties.

"That would be another pot of money from which we could benefit," Yeager said.

The submittal of projects to be considered is the third step in Dewberry's five-step timeline for crafting the multi-year plan.

A needs assessment and criteria for selecting projects have been determined, with a point system for assessing projects in place.

The goal is to have projects assessed and ranked by Dewberry beginning in December with a

<http://www.star1.com/article/20151015/NEWS/15101960410303/NEWS?Star1=1>

goal of turning over a preliminary ranking to the county's RESTORE Act committee in February for a series of meetings to continue into March.

"We have a team of subject matter experts who will go through the projects and evaluate the various aspects within their area of expertise," Wilson said.

The projects would be ranked top to bottom based on points, with a line demarking where the county funding for the first year would run out.

A draft plan would hopefully be in front of the Board of County Commissioners for consideration sometime in early summer with submission to the U.S. Treasury for final approval in August.

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The period to submit projects for the first year of the county's multi-year plan to spend RESTORE Act line dollars begins Monday.



Page 2 of 3 - "The big thing for the pot one money is the final decision goes before the Board of County Commissioners, so you have (local) control over that," Yeager said.

"I am shooting for sometime during the summer (for the plan transmittal to Treasury), I am moving on a faster track."

Yeager added that the project submittal process will likely be repeated, with some possible tweaking, on an annual basis as the BP line monies are disbursed each year.

"It's going to be a long, arduous process ... this is going to be a 15-year process," Yeager said. "Don't be discouraged if your project can't be funded in the first year because this will be an annual process."

"We have to go with the funding we have and see how far we can go with it."

The link to the portal will be found at www.gulfcountyrestore.com, the county's website for RESTORE Act committee meetings and information.

On the left side of the home page will be a link for project submittal.

The submittal form is eight pages in length and Wilson emphasized that all questions must be answered, even with an N/A if the question does not apply, for the project to be considered submitted.

Detailed questions, requiring short-essay type answers, are based on criteria and eligibility language that comes directly from the RESTORE Act law.

Projects must be in the public interest, can not enhance private property and line monies can not be used to service debt.

Government, schools or school systems and non profits are the only entities that may submit projects.

Those wishing to submit projects can also find a "Project Submission Guidance Document" at the website which can be printed out and provides an overview of criteria and the point structure by which projects will be ranked.

Those visiting the site can also find a sample project submission.

"You want to promote projects that are comprehensive in nature," Wilson said.

High points, in particular, will be given to projects that leverage other funds.

"This is a good opportunity to multiply what money Gulf County gets," Wilson said.

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And, it was emphasized, this process is only about the county's direct allocation.

Beyond the Gulf Coast Consortium, there is also \$2 billion earmarked to Triumph Gulf Coast for economic development.

"There are a lot of pots," said Dr. Pat Hardman of the RESTORE Act committee. "This is just the pot for Gulf County. There are other pots that are available to go after."

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hold a workshop at 4 p.m. ET Nov. 4 at the Emergency Operations Center to provide the public additional education and assistance on submitting a project.


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The updated ordinance, which came from the city's Planning, Development and Review Board (PDRB) addressed accessory structures such as detached garages, carports, storage sheds, pole barns and hay sheds, but added above-ground swimming pools to the list, limiting the structures to side yards, and only if covered by a privacy fence.

Commissioner William Thursbay said one member of the PDRB took it upon themselves to add the above-ground pools to the list, citing a personal problem within their neighborhood.

"It should not have been on here," Thursbay said. "What we're doing is letting the PDRB board dictate the laws of our city."

Thursbay said the recommendation should come from the board, but not in the form of an ordinance ready for reading.

City attorney Tom Gibson told commissioners that the role of the PDRB is to discuss anything pertaining to the city's Land Development Regulations and to make recommendations if desired.

Thursbay said he hadn't received any complaints regarding structures in front yards.

"When we start micro-managing what people can do on their own personal property, we have a problem," Thursbay said.

He added that the pool in question was only up for three months before being taken down.

Gibson told commissioners they could take out the need for privacy fencing as long as the structures meet the city's setback requirements.

Commissioner Rex Buzzett made a motion to bring the ordinance to vote, allowing for no structures or above-ground pools to be placed in front yards, but removing the privacy fence provision.

The vote passed 3-2 with Thursbay and Mayor Bo Patterson dissenting.

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"That will never happen again," Gibson told the council. "There will not be an issue that comes from the PDRB in the form of an ordinance."

RESTORE applications

City manager Jim Anderson told commissioners that while original applications for the RESTORE Act were submitted in 2013, projects also needed to be submitted through a new digital platform, with a looming deadline of Nov. 30.

The RESTORE Act was created in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010 aiming to fund improvement projects along the Gulf Coast with significant environmental and economic impact.

"If we can show they have both, we have a higher chance of success," Anderson said.

After discussion commissioners settled on filing applications for funds that would allow the city to complete work on building improvements for the Centennial Building and Washington Improvement Group center, a wastewater lagoon study, replacing sewer and stormwater systems in downtown Port St. Joe, repairs to sewer lines in North Port St. Joe and replacing the Cape San Blas Sewer system.

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also suggested applying for funds that would allow the city to finish the Beacon Hill sewer system project.

"If we could get it paid for we'd expand our customer base," Ashbrook said.

Currently, 310 homes are hooked up to the dry-lined system.

Anderson said that after submissions closed the applications would be reviewed and the city would receive word on which projects, if any, made the first cut.

Frank Pate Park electronic sign

In October the Gulf County Tourist Development Council approached the city wanting to purchase a digital sign for approximately \$20,000 that would sit roadside in Port St. Joe's Frank Pate Park.

The sign would announce local events to residents and visitors as well as the TDC's various paid partner programs. According to an email from TDC employees the new sign would need to be in compliance with Florida statutes and thus no religious events, political campaigning or charitable events could be advertised on the marquee.

Patterson said he didn't agree with not posting certain local events, such as fish fries, car washes and spaghetti dinners that benefit local organizations and suggested the city purchase its own sign.

"I don't like it at all," Patterson said. "I can't vote for it."

Ashbrook also disagreed with the purchase saying he was upset that local bed tax collectors would be advertised but not local support issues.

Buzzett suggested allowing the TDC to purchase the sign and then working with executive director Jennifer Jenkins on what information could be shown.

While the existing sign is owned by the city, the information needs to be changed manually, which has been under TDC care.

Thursbay suggested taking back control of the city's current sign, though no vote was held.

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After Action Report

Phase IV: Project Rankings

December 6, 2015 – March 22, 2016

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Outreach Type	Measure	Count
Public Meetings (RAC & BOCC)	# of public meetings	2
Public Workshops (RAC/BOCC)	# of public workshops	0
Stakeholder Meetings	# of stakeholder meetings	0
Public Notices (Newspaper Articles)	# of newspaper articles	2
Restore Alerts (E-mails)	# of emails	1
Restore Website	# of new content	4
Restore Website	# of Visitors	917

Public Meetings (RAC and BOCC): 2

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Published Advertisement/ Announcement	Estimated # of Attendees
March 15, 2016 3:00 p.m. EST	RAC – Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County Restore Website; Port St. Joe Star	17
March 22, 2016 9:00 a.m. EST	BOCC – Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Gulf County: Florida Government Website Public Notices	22

Newspaper Articles: 2

Date	Subject or Headline	Media Outlet
February 18, 2016	RESTORE Planning Nearing Finish Line	The Star: Port St. Joe Newspaper
March 17, 2016	Committee Gets First Look at RESTORE Projects	The Star: Port St. Joe Newspaper

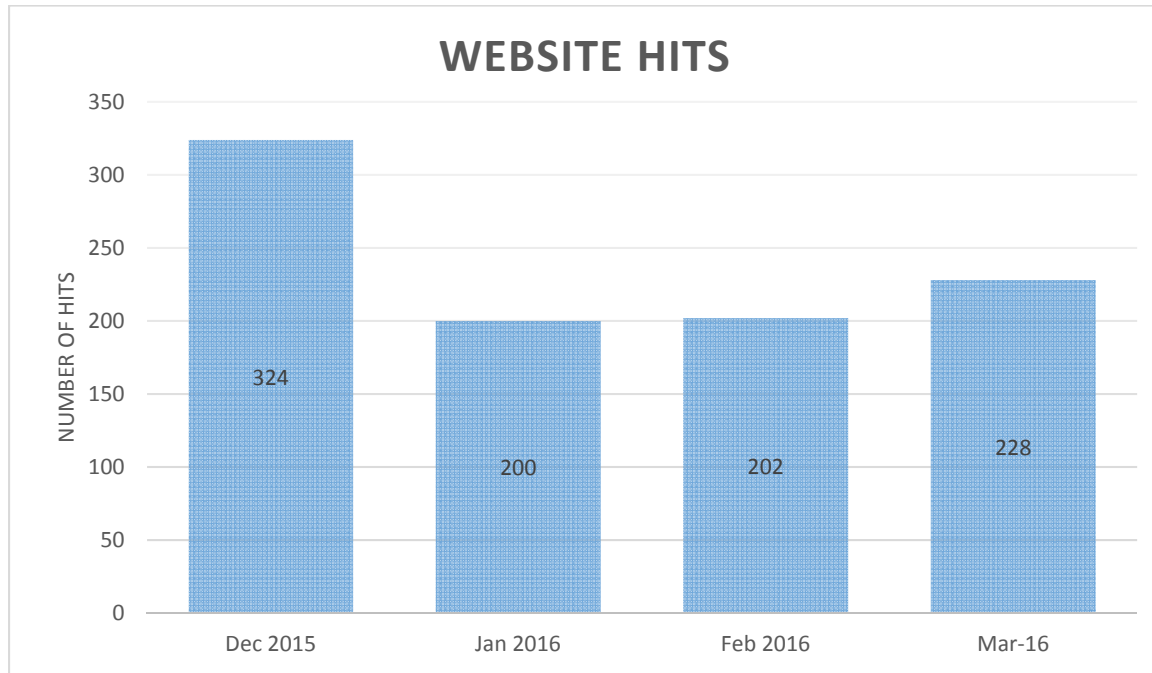
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March 16, 2016	Gulf County Restore MYIP Update	E-mail Alert from Stella Wilson: Time Stamped Wed. March 16 th , 2016 11:48 p.m. EST

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Notice of Gulf County BOCC Meeting to Discuss RESTORE Act MYIP Priorities – March 22nd	March 16, 2016
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RESTORE plan nearing finish line

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Of course, as Yeager noted last week, the complexly lengthy process has done anything but run on time.

"I am probably hurrying the timeline," Yeager said during a Port Authority meeting. "Gulf County is ahead of most every other county."

As the Board of County Commissioners last week approved language amendments to its contract with Dewberry, LLC, the contractor crafting the county's implementation plan to spend BP fines monies coming through the RESTORE Act, Yeager said initial scoring of projects submitted late last year is underway.

In total, 32 projects were submitted online during the six-week application window which ended in December, Yeager said.

Those projects run a gamut, from dollars for addressing beach erosion to money to address infrastructure in the city of Port St. Joe to dollars to sustain the Port Authority during its efforts to open up the Port of Port St. Joe.

Yeager said Dewberry has completed some preliminary technical scoring as the ranking of projects takes shape, but added that the work of ranking has been delayed as rules clarifications from the U.S. Treasury are sought.

The Treasury is the final say over approval of all projects.

The language changes approved by county commissioners last week, which centered around breach-of-contract and opt-out-clause provisions, were requested by Treasury.

The county currently has \$2.8 million in fine dollars to distribute in the first year of the implementation plan.

Following the initial year, payments of \$1.1 million to \$1.5 million will come to the county over the next 15 years.

The Board of County Commissioners will have final approval for spending all direct allocation dollars.

The county will also realize nearly \$13 million in fine dollars from the Gulf Coast Consortium.

The Consortium, comprised of representatives of the 23 Florida counties most impacted by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, voted late last year to divide a pot of some \$280 million equally among all counties, Yeager said.

Those numbers, Yeager added, are dependent on a federal judge's approval of a consent decree outlining between the federal government and BP regarding fine parameters.

"Hopefully that will be signed next month," Yeager said.

The goal, Yeager said, is to have the county's implementation plan in front of the county RESTORE Act Committee no later than March.

After input from the committee and public review, the plan would go before the BOCC for approval in April, Yeager said.

None of the dollars to be spent in the first year of the plan are likely to be available before next year, according to a representative from Dewberry.

Yeager said the first formal meeting of the Triumph Gulf Coast board, created by legislation last year and earmarked to receive and distribute nearly \$2 billion in fine monies coming to Florida, should occur this spring.

Triumph Gulf Coast, which is charged with supporting regional economic development projects, is believed by local officials to be the most likely source for whatever funding is needed to open up the Port of Port St. Joe, particularly for dredging.

By Tim Croft

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Committee gets first look at RESTORE projects

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For the most part there was agreement, but several items sparked debate.

First-year priority projects include expansion of sewer from the city of Port St. Joe to Cape San Blas and extension of sewer in Wewahitchka.

Beach restoration on St. Joseph Peninsula made the list as did funding for the first phase of a county-wide stormwater plan and engineering for extension of the Loggerhead Bike Path on the peninsula to the state park.

The most contentious was dollars set aside for county parks and recreation and land acquisition, which were combined on the tentative plan.

In breakdown, that represents \$340,000 to the Gulf County Tourist Development Council for parks and recreation.

The other \$500,000 is for land acquisition, whether for economic development via the county Economic Development Council, or to improve public beach access to leverage more state funds for beach restoration.

But committee members argued that the TDC collected bed taxes for parks and recreation and the money was better used for land acquisition.

The committee settled on separating the projects with \$240,000 for parks and \$600,000 for land acquisition.

"We are trying to find strategic places for the benefit of the people of Gulf County," said county RESTORE Act consultant Warren Yeager. "Whether for beach access or the EDC.

"But we don't want to put too much in there because it also depends on a willing seller and a price that you can afford."

The priority projects would spend, in total, just under the \$2.8 million during the first year.

"We didn't put any projects in that would not be completed in year one," Yeager said. "Every project in year one, under RESTORE, that is a priority.

"So I think, I hope, we will have an easier time getting this year one through Treasury."

The tentative plan will be put before the Board of County Commissioners for approval Tuesday.

Their approval of the project priorities will begin Dewberry's finalizing of a draft MYIP which will be open for public comment for 45 days, April 11 through May 27.

Folding in public comments, the final plan will be before the RAC committee in May and the BOCC in June.

The goal is to submit the MYIP to the U.S. Treasury by the end of June.

That will not end the process for the first-year projects, as individual grant applications must be submitted, hopefully the first of 2017, with funding, optimistically, by April 2017.

"Let's just say 2017," said Mike Hansen with Dewberry.

The multi-year implementation plan, or MYIP, provides a blueprint on how the county will spend its first-year allocation of fines stemming from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill of 2010.

The plan aims to spend the \$2.8 million already in the bank from fines levied against Transocean, operator of the Deepwater Horizon.

Another contractor will pay the county \$400,000 in a lump sum, as opposed to the 15-year payout for BP fine monies.

Those dollars will all but pay for Dewberry's contract.

In all, during the advertising period, 32 projects were submitted and after undergoing technical scoring by Dewberry, scoring based on criteria established by the RAC committee and feedback from county staff the projects were ranked.

Some projects were deemed disqualified under the rules established by the U.S. Treasury or the language of the RESTORE Act which establishes that projects must fit within environmental health and economic development.

"Treasury will be going through these with a fine-toothed comb," Hansen said. "A learning process will be undertaken in year one."

Other projects Dewberry were deemed in need of further evaluation and others listed as projects to consider in years 2-5 or 6-10.

Notable to committee members, some of whom with vested interest in the projects, was an effort to establish a public pool at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club was deemed ineligible and funding for the Port of Port St. Joe was pushed to at least year two.

"Such a large and complex project we thought is best to stay out of year one," said Stella Watson with Dewberry.

Yeager, said committee members, the public and the Board of County Commissioners which will ultimately approve the MYIP should concentrate on year one.

Rule-making by Treasury is ongoing in what he described as an "arduous" process.

"After we get through year one we will have a better idea of what can be funded and how this will work," Yeager said. "We went through a process that was unbelievable."

The MYIP also deals solely with the county's direct allocation under RESTORE, which for the next 15 years will range from \$1 million to \$1.5 million per year.

The county should also see some \$14 million or so out of the dollars being divided by the Gulf Coast Consortium of 23 Gulf Coast counties in Florida.

Yeager indicated the Consortium is well behind in crafting its plan for Treasury.