

## **COUNTY RESTORE ACT PROJECT GOALS**

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has adopted the following goals for use of RESTORE Act Direct Component funds. Projects and programs to implement these goals, to the extent feasible, should (1) provide and/or contribute to countywide and/or regional environmental and/or economic benefits, and (2) utilize a collaborative approach emphasizing environmental stewardship and sustainable practices.

1. All projects must benefit the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem through one or more of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council's five goals:
  - A. Restore and Conserve Habitat
  - B. Restore Water Quality
  - C. Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources
  - D. Enhance Community Resilience
  - E. Build and Revitalize the Gulf Economy
2. Projects may also support, further or implement goals as identified in the Future Land Use and Quality Communities; Natural Resource Conservation and Management; Coastal Management; Recreation, Open Space and Culture; and Economic Elements of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan <http://www.pinellascounty.org/restore/pdf/Comp-Plan-Elements.pdf>.

## **RESTORE ACT ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

1. Restoration/protection of natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands
2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources
3. Implementation of federally approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
4. Workforce development and job creation
5. Improvements to or on state parks in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
6. Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
7. Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
8. Promotion of Gulf Coast region tourism, including recreational fishing
9. Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region
10. Planning assistance

## **COUNTY RESTORE ACT PROJECT PRIORITIES (not in order of priority)**

- a. Protect and restore native habitats
- b. Provide stormwater quality improvements
- c. Create policies, programs and/or mechanisms to remediate environmental and/or economic damages
- d. Protect against future environmental and/or economic vulnerability
- e. Provide climate change/sea-level rise planning, adaptation and/or related community engagement
- f. Provide flood and storm protection to infrastructure and other publically owned assets that consider resilience and changing sea levels
- g. Implement or further actions in the Pinellas County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan  
Link to Plan: <http://www.postdisasterplan.org/pdrp.shtml>
- h. Diversify and improve the economy including tourism
- i. Promote sustainable recreational fishing and consumption of seafood dependent on the Gulf ecosystem and/or protect or promote working waterfronts