

**AGENDA**  
**RESTORE ACT WORKING GROUP**  
**22211 US Hwy 19 N, ERB (Bldg #1), RM 230**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2014, 2-4:30 PM**

**Meeting Objectives:** Provide overview of “Sunshine Law,” review County Comprehensive Plan Elements, and review and approve County RESTORE Act goals and priorities.

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS (10 min) – Andy Squires
2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY (5 min) – Lindsay Cross
3. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS (5 min) – Andy Squires
4. “SUNSHINE LAW” DISCUSSION (20 min) – Jewel White, County Attorney’s Office
5. SUMMARY OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS (~30 min) – Gordon Beardslee, Strategic Planning & Initiatives
6. PUBLIC COMMENT (20 min) – Lindsay Cross
7. REVIEW OF COUNTY RESTORE GOALS AND PRIORITIES (60 min) - Lindsay Cross  
Action Recommended: Recommend to County staff that the RESTORE Act goals and priorities be brought to the County Commission for consideration. The goals and priorities are for projects to be funded through the “Direct Component” RESTORE Act allocation.
8. NEXT STEPS (5 min) – Andy Squires

## WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Mayor	Bob Minning	BIG-C / Treasure Island
Mr.	Carlos Frey	St. Petersburg
Mr.	Elliot Shoberg	Clearwater
Mr.	David White	National Wildlife Foundation
Mr.	Peter Clark	Tampa Bay Watch
Ms.	Elizabeth Fetherston	Ocean Conservancy
Ms.	Cathy Harrelson	Gulf Restoration Network
Mr.	Mark Rachal	Audubon, FL Coastal Is. Sanctuaries
Dr.	Mark Hafen	USF School of Geosciences
Dr.	Ernst Peebles	USF College of Marine Science
Dr.	Mark Luther	USF College of Marine Science
Mr.	Bob McConnell	Tampa Bay Water
Dr.	Randy Runnels	FDEP Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves
Mr.	Mike Colby	Clearwater Marine Association
Mr.	Frank Chivas	Baystar Restaurant Group
Mr.	Dennis O'Hern	Fishing Rights Alliance
Mr.	Tracy Harris	Fisherman

## COUNTY STAFF

Mr.	Andy Squires	Environmental & Infrastructure
Ms.	Liz Freeman	Strategic Planning & Initiatives
Mr.	Mike Meidel	Economic Development
Ms.	Libby Carnahan	UF/IFAS Extension Marine Agent

## FACILITATOR

Ms.	Lindsay Cross	Tampa Bay Estuary Program
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**The Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived  
Economies of the Gulf Coast Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act)  
WORKING GROUP MEETING SUMMARY**

Team members from the RESTORE Act Working Group met on **January 08, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** in the first of a series of meetings designed to bring together community members to provide input and recommendations for use of Direct Component RESTORE Act dollars by Pinellas County.

**Meeting Attendees**

<b>Working Group:</b>	
Mark Luther	USF College of Marine Science
David White	Gulf of Mexico Restoration Network and the National Wildlife Foundation
Elliot Shoberg,	Stormwater Utility Manager, Clearwater
Randy Runnels	FDEP, Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves
Mark Rachal	Audubon Society and FL Coastal Island Sanctuaries
Ernst Peebles	USF College of Marine Science
Dennis O'Hern	Fishing Rights Alliance
Bob Minning,	Treasure Island Mayor and Barrier Islands BIG C representative
Bob McConnell	Tampa Bay Water
Cathy Harrelson	Gulf Restoration Network
Mark Hafen	USF School of Geosciences
Carlos Frey	City of St. Petersburg, Engineering & Capital Improvements
Elizabeth Fetherston	Ocean Conservancy
Frank Chivas	Baystar Restaurants
Peter Clark	Tampa Bay Watch
Mike Colby	Clearwater Marine Association & Gulf Charter Fishermans Association
<b>Staff members present:</b>	
Richard Coates	Director, Pinellas County Transportation and Stormwater Division
Kelly Levy	Pinellas County Natural Resources Section Manager
Andy Squires	Environmental Services Manager: Lead RESTORE Planning Manager
Liz Freeman	Strategic Planning and Initiatives
Libby Carnahan	UF/IFAS Extension Marine Agent
Mary Russell	Stormwater Section, Administrative Support
<b>Facilitator:</b>	
Lindsay Cross	Tampa Bay Estuary Program

## Discussion of Agenda Items

1. Working Group and County staff members introduced themselves to one another.
2. Commissioner Susan Latvala brought a welcome message from the County Commission thanking members for their service to the community. Commissioner Latvala briefly discussed her service as the Vice Chairman of the Gulf Consortium which is comprised of 23 Gulf Coast Counties working in cooperation to restore the Gulf of Mexico.
3. The discussion of future meetings resulted in a preference for afternoon meetings between 2 and 5 pm with the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month best for most members.
4. Introduction to RESTORE Act and draft Treasury Rules were presented by Andy Squires.
5. Public Comment: Although several members of the public were present there were no speakers from the audience.
6. Lindsay Cross facilitated a discussion of the draft Charter prepared by the County. It was moved by Elizabeth Fetherston and seconded by Peter Clark to accept the Working Group Charter with the following revisions: "improvement, protection, and resilience" to replace the word "restoration" in the first paragraph describing the Purpose of the Working Group. The motion was approved unanimously by a show of hands.
7. Lindsay Cross provided an introduction of the project selection and ranking matrix process used for the Southwest Florida Regional Ecosystem Restoration Project. Discussion followed with a general consensus that Pinellas projects should maximize leveraging dollars with matching grants through cooperative efforts of local agencies and organizations.
8. Draft goals and priorities for projects: Several themes emerged from an initial discussion around the submission process:
  - a. Use of the internet: to distribute work products of the team, accept submissions from the public, and communicate deadlines.
  - b. The leveraging of resources and regional projects should be emphasized. For example, consider SWFWMD, federal grants, and regional planning efforts, as well as regional coordination with the Spring Coast and Tampa Bay watershed programs.
  - c. Review process criteria: the level of detail expected to review projects, the criteria for contract awards to local vendors or service providers submitting projects, and economic development components were discussed.
  - d. Use of subcommittees: should they be established, how will "Sunshine" provisions apply, what subcommittees are needed?
9. Next steps: County staff will provide a summary of pertinent Comprehensive Plan Elements. The Working Group will review and comment on the draft County RESTORE act goals and priorities and consider incorporating the discussion points outlined above into the draft goals and priorities. Finally the group recognized the importance to establish a process to select and rank projects with Plan submitted to the Treasury by OCT 2014.

## Action Items

1. Schedule future meetings: consensus around the fourth Thursday of the month.
2. Finalize Charter with revisions.
3. Arrange for someone from the County Attorney's office to brief Working Group team members on "Sunshine" provisions. Specific concerns included: consequences of inadvertently breaking the "Sunshine" Law provisions, how the public could participate or comment at Working Group meetings versus how they contribute at BCC meetings, and how Working Group members develop cooperative projects without violating the "Sunshine" Law.
4. Each member may provide County their designated alternate who can represent Working Group members when absent. Alternates should have the same affiliation as the member.

5. Share RESTORE Act economic restoration recovery project proposals with Working Group as mentioned by Bob Minning and developed by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

**The RESTORE Act Working Group meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

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# **PINELLAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS SELECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR RESTORE ACT**

## **ELEMENT - FUTURE LAND USE AND QUALITY COMMUNITIES**

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GOAL THREE: PINELLAS COUNTY'S PLAN SHALL PROMOTE A BALANCED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

3.1. Objective: The Pinellas County Land Development Code shall be applied in a manner that ensures compatibility between the Future Land Use Map, existing environmental conditions and constraints, as well as environmental management goals.

3.2. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue its proactive program for managing the impacts of development upon the County's natural resources (including wetlands, uplands, and the marine environment), and shall continue to ensure that these resources are successfully integrated into the urban environment such that the overall function and viability of these areas is maintained, or where practical, enhanced or restored.

## **ELEMENT - NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND MGMT.**

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### **NATURAL SYSTEMS AND LIVING RESOURCES**

GOAL TWO: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL CONSERVE, PROTECT, RESTORE AND APPROPRIATELY MANAGE ITS NATURAL SYSTEMS AND LIVING RESOURCES ENSURE THE HIGHEST ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY POSSIBLE.

2.1. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to implement management programs for the conservation of natural ecosystems and species of conservation concern (inclusive of native vegetative communities, terrestrial, marine, estuarine and aquatic ecosystems, and native wildlife species).

## **ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS AND RESOURCE-BASED PARKS**

**GOAL THREE: PINELLAS COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS AND RESOURCE-BASED PARKS ARE THE HALLMARK OF THIS COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT, AND THESE LANDS ARE TO BE PROTECTED AND MANAGED IN PERPETUITY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE BIODIVERSITY AND BIOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE REGION, AS A MEANS OF PROVIDING RESPITE FROM URBAN LIFE AND BECAUSE THEY INSTILL FUTURE GENERATIONS WITH A SENSE OF APPRECIATION FOR FLORIDA'S NATURAL HERITAGE.**

3.1. Objective: Pinellas County will, at all times and in all actions, be a leader in urban ecology by being a conscientious steward of its environmental lands and resource-based parks and will maintain the integrity of these lands for their ecological, hydrological and open space value, in a manner that contributes towards a net environmental and ecosystem benefit.

3.2. Objective: As funding and staffing become available, Pinellas County will complete land management plans for its resource-based parks and its environmental lands.

## **STRENGTHENED CONNECTIONS TO THE WATER**

**GOAL FOUR: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL REMAIN A LEADER IN THE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF ITS SURFACE WATERS AND THE DEPENDENT HABITATS AND RESOURCES WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO THIS COUNTY'S CHARACTER, ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE.**

4.1. Objective: Pinellas County shall protect, and conserve surface water resources and their living resources by preserving where appropriate, or restoring where possible, freshwater, marine and estuarine habitats, including coastal wetlands tidal streams, seagrasses, and other submerged aquatic vegetation, and by monitoring and managing, as best as possible, interactions between human activities and dependant marine and freshwater species.

4.2. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to support and cooperate in the development of comprehensive and coordinated management plans for Tampa Bay and the aquatic preserves located in Pinellas County by providing staff resources and technical support in the preparation, review, and implementation of these management plans.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN EVERY-DAY PRACTICE**

GOAL SEVEN: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL BE A LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, A PROPONENT OF SMART AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND WILL HAVE A STRONG ECONOMY SUPPORTED BY SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES, PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES.

7.1. Objective: Pinellas County intends to lead by example and will both exemplify and promote environmentally sustainable practices.

7.2. Objective: Pinellas County will plan responsibly for climate change and will educate citizens and stakeholders so that they are partners in determining this County's future.

## **ELEMENT - COASTAL MANAGEMENT**

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### **NATURAL DISASTER PLANNING**

GOAL ONE: PINELLAS COUNTY WILL PROTECT HUMAN LIFE, PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT FROM THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANES AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS

1.1. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to implement, and update and revise, as necessary, its Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan, as approved by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, as part of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and shall continue to implement hazard mitigation measures to reduce the exposure of human life and public and private property to natural hazards.

Note: Policies 1.1-1.13 serve to implement the Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan

<http://www.postdisasterplan.org/>

1.2. Objective: Pinellas County shall cooperate with state and regional agencies, and with other local governments to maintain or reduce hurricane clearance times as a component of the evacuation times for Pinellas County.

1.3. Objective: Pinellas County shall restrict development within the coastal storm area, and shall direct population concentrations out of the coastal storm area.

1.4. Objective: Pinellas County shall restrict public expenditures that subsidize development or redevelopment in the coastal storm area.



1.5. Objective: Between June 2007 and June 2012, the existing deficit of public shelter spaces within the County shall be reduced by five percent.

## **BEACHES AND DUNES**

GOAL TWO: PINELLAS COUNTY SHALL CONSERVE, MAINTAIN AND RESTORE COASTAL BEACH AND DUNE SYSTEMS TO BALANCE THE BENEFITS TO STORM PROTECTION, RECREATION, AND THE ECONOMY WITH THEIR FUNCTION AS A NATURAL RESOURCE.

2.1. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to manage its sandy shoreline with the intent of restoring and preserving the natural functions of the beach and dune system.

2.2. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to protect the stability of the beach and dune systems by utilizing construction standards, development regulations and other appropriate measures that minimize human impacts.

## **COASTAL LAND USE**

GOAL FOUR: LAND USE DESIGNATIONS AND DECISIONS IN THE COASTAL PLANNING AREA SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FUTURE LAND USE AND QUALITY COMMUNITIES ELEMENT OF THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND COMPATIBLE WITH PROTECTION OF THE COUNTY'S NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES, REFLECTING THE NEED FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY, CONTINUED ECONOMIC VITALITY AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE VULNERABILITY OF THE COUNTY'S COASTAL LOCATION.

4.1. Objective: The County shall give priority to water-dependent and water-related land uses in the coastal planning area, in a manner consistent with its goals of long-term sustainability, continued economic vitality, the preservation of recreational and commercial working waterfronts, and the protection of coastal and marine habitats and species.

4.2. Objective: Boating access facilities will be sited or expanded in an environmentally-sensitive manner that strives to meet public access needs while minimizing negative impacts to coastal habitats, species and surrounding land uses.

4.3. Objective: Pinellas County will continue, and improve upon as necessary, its long-standing efforts to manage and protect its coastal and marine resources, including manatees and their essential habitat.

4.4. Objective: By December 2008, Pinellas County will coordinate with Federal and State agencies to determine the need for a Manatee Protection Plan.

4.5. Objective: Pinellas County will expand, promote and enhance its Clean Marina Program.

4.6. Objective: In an effort to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of its coastal resources and land uses, Pinellas County will remain apprised of, and plan where appropriate for rising sea levels.

## **ELEMENT - RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND CULTURE**

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GOAL ONE: TO ADMINISTER OUTSTANDING COUNTYWIDE RECREATIONAL, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS THAT PROVIDE, THROUGH ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE, SUFFICIENT RESOURCE-BASED REGIONAL PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS THAT ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE, FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, AND ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC VITALITY AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

1.1. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to provide a system of regional resource-based County parks and environmental lands to adequately meet the needs of Pinellas County residents through the Year 2025.

1. 3. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to acquire open space, park and environmental land acreage countywide, with particular emphasis on filling in the gaps in the system and connecting existing properties.

1.4. Objective: Pinellas County will protect its open spaces and scenic vistas for their contributions to quality of life.

1.6. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to improve public access to County parks and other facilities including County beach access parks, multi-use trails and boat ramp facilities.

1.7. Objective: Pinellas County will continue to implement and enhance a comprehensive countywide system of greenways, blueways and trails.

1. 8. Objective: Pinellas County Departments shall cooperatively develop educational programs and materials concerning the conservation, protection, restoration, and interpretation of natural, historic and cultural resources.

## **PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS**

GOAL TWO: TO PROTECT, IN PERPETUITY, THE OPEN SPACE VALUE AND COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF THE COUNTY'S REGIONAL PARKS, ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS AND OPEN SPACES, AND TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND ADHERE TO THE INDIVIDUAL MANAGEMENT PLANS AND STRATEGIES FOR THESE IRREPLACEABLE PUBLIC ASSETS.

2.1. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to design and develop its resource-based parks, open spaces and environmental lands with a focus on the conservation, protection, restoration, management and interpretation of natural and cultural resources.

2.2. Objective: Pinellas County will continue to protect, enhance and manage the resource-based parks for their habitat value and resource-based recreational purpose, balancing recreational activities and opportunities with environmental and cultural stewardship, so as to not negatively impact the critical and irreplaceable ecosystems found in the regional resource-based park system.

## **STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS TO THE WATER**

GOAL THREE: TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC CONNECTIONS TO PINELLAS COUNTY WATERS AND WATERWAYS THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE, PROMOTION AND ENVIRONMENTALLY-SENSITIVE EXPANSION OF RECREATIONAL ACCESS.

3.1. Objective: In recognition of their recreational and economic importance, Pinellas County will encourage and support the retention, acquisition, and expansion, where appropriate, of water dependent recreation-related land uses, including marinas, boat ramps, and other means of public water and waterway access.

3.2. Objective: Pinellas County will continue to maintain and enhance, where feasible, the operation and efficiency of existing boat access facilities.

3.3. Objective: Pinellas County shall continue to identify and prioritize coastal properties within the County for acquisition, consistent with the State's land acquisition program and Tampa Bay Estuary Program goals.

3.5. Objective: Pinellas County will identify innovative ways to increase and enhance public accessibility to the beach, including the consideration of transportation and parking alternatives that also address pedestrian safety.

## **ELEMENT - ECONOMIC**

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GOAL ONE: TO FACILITATE A STRONG AND ROBUST LOCAL ECONOMY THAT PROVIDES GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXISTING BUSINESSES, ATTRACTS NEW HIGH-WAGE PRIMARY EMPLOYERS AND PROMOTES A DIVERSE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES THROUGH INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE METHODS THAT, IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER, ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S VITALITY AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

1.1. Objective: To strengthen the local economy by attracting 50,000 new high-wage primary jobs to Pinellas County by 2030.

1.2. Objective: To provide quality siting opportunities for primary employers by maintaining and enhancing industrial lands within Pinellas County.

Policy 1.2.1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Bullet: Unique Features – water dependant  
Policy 1.2.4 – regional stormwater systems

1.4. Objective: To achieve a business climate that promotes and supports local business retention, expansion and diversity.

Policy 1.4.2 – diversification (a goal of RESTORE economic development investments)  
Policy 1.4.4 – water dependant industries

1.5. Objective: To support and promote a healthy environment for small businesses in Pinellas County through ongoing programs and assistance.

Policy 1.5.3 – Identify and evaluate other potential methods to assist small businesses, start-ups, and entrepreneurs (example, revolving loan funds).

1.6. Objective: To provide a system of land development regulations that facilitate design flexibility, demonstrate a commitment to environmental improvement, and ensure provisions for quality redevelopment.

Policy 1.6.2 – coordinate environmental and economic development efforts

1.7. Objective: To continue Pinellas County's strong history of tourism and recognition as one of Florida's prime tourist destinations.

Policies 1.7.1 & 1.7.2 – tourism promotion  
Policy 1.7.5 – environmental lands and tourism

1.8. Objective: To promote a strong regional economy enhanced by cooperation and mutual support, as Pinellas County is not an isolated entity, but an integral component of the greater Tampa Bay region.

Policy 1.8.1 – intergovernmental coordination

**PINELLAS COUNTY RESTORE ACT**  
**PROJECT GUIDELINES FOR DIRECT COMPONENT**  
(revised 02-04-14)

**OVERARCHING PROJECT GOALS** – County staff and the Board of County Commission agreed that projects that meet the goals listed below, to the extent feasible, **should provide countywide and/or contribute to regional environmental and/or economic benefits.**

1. 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, and
  - e. Build and Revitalize the Gulf Economy
2. Support, further, or implement goals, objectives and policies 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/Plan/comp\\_plan/comp-plan.pdf](http://www.pinellascounty.org/Plan/comp_plan/comp-plan.pdf)
3. Provide protection and contingencies for future environmental damage
4. Represent adaptive, mitigative, or restorative strategies to address/protect against environmental or economic damage, and/or that promote resiliency and diminish future environmental and economic vulnerability.

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**

1. Provide stormwater quality improvements
2. Provide climate change/sea-level rise planning, adaptation and/or related community engagement
3. Promote recreational fishing and consumption of seafood dependent on Gulf ecosystem, and/or protect or promote working waterfronts.
4. Create policies, programs, and/or mechanisms to remediate environmental and/or economic damages or protect against future vulnerability
5. Provide flood and storm protection to infrastructure and other publically owned assets that consider resilience and changing sea levels.
6. Diversify and improve the economy including tourism
7. Implement or further actions in the Pinellas County Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan.
8. **Utilize a collaborative multijurisdictional approach emphasizing environmental stewardship and sustainable practices** (moved from a "goal" to a "priority")

## **RESTORE ACT ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR PROJECTS**

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

# PINELLAS COUNTY POST-DISASTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (PDRP) UPDATE

## Purpose and Authority

<http://www.postdisasterplan.org/>

The ***Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan*** (PDRP) identifies policies, operational strategies, and roles and responsibilities for implementation that will guide decisions that affect long-term recovery and redevelopment of the community after a disaster. The plan emphasizes seizing opportunities for hazard mitigation and community improvement consistent with the goals of local comprehensive plans and with participation of Pinellas County citizens. Recovery topics addressed in the plan should include business resumption and economic redevelopment, housing repair and reconstruction, infrastructure restoration and mitigation, short-term recovery actions that affect long-term redevelopment, sustainable land use, environmental restoration, and financial considerations as well as other long-term recovery issues identified by the community.

The purpose of the plan is to provide Pinellas County and other local governments with a countywide reference for guiding action and decision-making during the difficult disaster recovery period, as well as detailing actions that can be taken before a disaster strikes to speed the recovery process and make the community more disaster resilient. It will address disaster recovery and redevelopment issues with long-term implications. It will not address immediate response and emergency operations as those are already covered by the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).

The development of a PDRP will satisfy requirements outlined in the Coastal Management Element of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan, as prescribed by 9J-5.012(3)(b)(8), Florida Administrative Code and will implement the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan Policies 1.1.1 – 1.1.13 under the Coastal Management Element, Natural Hazards section.

The PDRP will be an action-oriented plan outlining, where applicable and appropriate, a countywide implementation approach. Through a Steering Group representing county, municipal, non-profit and private stakeholders and a flexible Work Group structure, Action Plans will be developed for different subject areas that can be implemented, as needed. The various Action Plans will be integrated into an overall PDRP that will be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (Board). Pinellas County has requested grant funds to assist in developing a Countywide Disaster Housing Plan and Action Plans for land use and housing; construction and permitting; economic redevelopment; environmental restoration; and infrastructure. The PDRP would also include Action Plans for health and human services, public outreach, and financial administration.