

PINELLAS COUNTY RESTORE ACT DIRECT COMPONENT PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL FORM

Based on the Transocean settlement and until the BP trial ends, it is estimated by March 31, 2015, \$1,542,888 will be available in the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust fund for distribution to Pinellas County under the Direct Component allocation.

As a guideline, Pinellas County anticipates funding 3 to 7 projects not to exceed a total of \$1,542,888 as part of the initial multiyear implementation plan (MYIP). It's anticipated that projects selected for MYIP inclusion that receive funding would not begin until after December 2015.

Please read through all the questions before beginning.

- Submitted projects must address one or more of the five Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council goals and one or more RESTORE Act-eligible activities.
- Projects submitted by FEBRUARY 6, 2015 will be eligible for inclusion in the initial Multiyear Implementation Plan (MYIP)
- The "Steps" and "Criteria" numbers in the application refer to questions that address the steps and criteria for selection and ranking projects. The selection and ranking criteria can be viewed at www.pinellascounty.org/restore/pdf/project-selection.pdf
- Answer each of the 29 questions as completely as possible, but keep responses focused.
- Submit one form per project.
- Once the form is successfully submitted, you will be contacted by Pinellas County.
- Send associated maps, charts, images, and budget information along with the title of your project in a Portable Document File (PDF) to restore@pinellascounty.org.
- Direct questions to restore@pinellascounty.org

Applicant Name: *(Include at least one Point of Contact (POC), phone number, email address, and organization name, if applicable):*

1. **POC Name:** Evan Mory
2. **POC Organization:** City of St. Petersburg, Florida
3. **POC Title:** Director, Transportation and Parking Management
4. **POC Email:** Evan.mory@stpete.org
5. **POC Phone:** (727) 551-3322
6. **Proposed Activity Name:** Historic Booker Creek Trail Phase IIA

7. Restoration Council Goals Addressed: A, D

(Step 1 and Step 2 - Criteria 1 and 2)

List which of the following goal(s) will be addressed and how each goal will be addressed.

- 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

8. RESTORE Act Eligible Activities Addressed: 4, 5, 6

(Step 1 and Step 2 - Criteria 3 and 4)

List which of the following activities will be addressed and how each activity will be addressed.

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 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 harvesting from the Gulf Coast Region
10. Planning assistance

9. Previous Claim:

Is the proposed activity included in any claim for compensation paid out by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund after July 6, 2012? If yes, this activity is not eligible for Direct Component grant.

Yes: ☐

No: ☒

10. RESTORE Act Pinellas County priorities addressed: a, c, d, h, i

(Step 2 - Criteria 5 and 6)

List which of the following priorities will be addressed and how each priority will be addressed.

- 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. Create policies, programs, and/or mechanisms to 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 Gulf ecosystem, and/or protect or promote working waterfronts

11. Project Location:

The project is located in St. Petersburg, Florida in the vicinity of Woodbrook and Historic Roser Parks. It extends east to 3rd Street just south of Poynter Park. See attached map for more details.

(Step 1)

As applicable, describe the location, attach a map and indicate the address, city, zip code, longitude/latitude, and watershed:

12. Region or Geographic Area Impacted by Project

The Historic Booker Creek Trail Phase IIA is a bicycle/pedestrian trail that continues the Historic Booker Creek Trail through Woodbrook and Historic Roser Parks, to the Bayboro area and connects with the University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus; an existing path at both ends of this trail completes a 3-mile loop from the popular Pinellas Trail. The Pinellas Trail is a regional trail facility that will serve as the west anchor of Florida's Coast to Coast Connector Trail and currently has approximately 90,000 users per month. The project trail is envisioned as an 8'-10'-wide, green infrastructure path, designed to accommodate and encourage non-motorized transportation modes that are more environmentally sustainable.

(Step 1 and Step 2 - Criterion 7)

Provide a description of the project area or region in which environmental or economic benefits will be realized. Be as specific as possible by listing cities or geographical boundaries and why.

Discussion of Specific Activity

Describe the project by responding to each of the following topics.

13. Project Description – Discuss the essential elements of the project. Include what is proposed, clearly list major project tasks or program milestones, the project duration, and why it should be done.

The portion of the project that's included in this application includes the construction of the Historic Booker Creek Trail Phase IIA. Additional phases have

previously been constructed and the City of St. Petersburg is working to complete the design in 2015. Prior to construction, the City will be required to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Community Planning and Preservation Commission as the project is located within a historic district. Following this approval and after obtaining permits from partner agencies, construction should be able to proceed. The City anticipates that construction can be completed within 1 year from obtaining a Notice to Proceed.

As indicated above, sections of the Historic Booker Creek Trail Loop have been previously completed. Therefore, constructing the remaining segment will allow for a continuous path to encourage neighborhood residents to use this as an active transportation facility.

14. Project Manager and Key Project Team Members - include credentials and experience doing similar work.

Evan Mory, Director, Transportation and Parking Management

Thomas Gibson, PE, Director, Engineering and Capital Improvements

Collectively, the City of St. Petersburg has designed and constructed over 20 miles of shared use trails similar to the 0.75-mile section of the Historic Booker Creek Trail included in this application since 2003 when the City Trails Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan was adopted.

15. Environmental and/or Economic Benefits - Describe environmental and/or economic benefits of the project.

The estimated area of habitat that is expected to be conserved as a result of this project is 3 acres. Community resilience will be enhanced by providing a dedicated path for sustainable use by non-motorized modes of transportation. The Historic Booker Creek Trail accesses several major employment centers (downtown, hospital district, USFSP campus); by providing a safely separated path, the trail becomes a viable alternative to commute to work by walking or bicycling and therefore removing many pollutant-inducing motor vehicle trips in the area. Furthermore, over the life cycle of the project, an estimated 281,634 kg of pollutants will be removed; the associated cost effectiveness of the projects is \$7.27/kg pollutant removed.

16. Technical Feasibility - Describe technologies and relevant past experience or proven success with similar projects.

As indicated above, the City of St. Petersburg has designed and constructed over 20 miles of shared use trails similar to the 0.75-mile section of the Historic Booker Creek Trail included in this application since 2003 when the City Trails Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan was adopted.

17. Public Acceptance - Describe any known or potential public approval or opposition to the project.

The Historic Booker Creek Trail was included in the City Trails Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan that was adopted by City Council in 2003. Design of the project was initiated in 2012 and the City has worked diligently with the adjacent neighborhood residents to develop conceptual plans for the trail. Previous iterations of the proposed trail had been received unfavorably by several neighborhood residents though the City will be presenting a more context-sensitive trail concept to the neighborhood by March 2015. It is anticipated to be received well by the neighborhood with a reasonable level of confidence that consensus for the project has been achieved.

18. Project Activity Budget Justification:

Provide the total project cost and costs by identified tasks for the following items. Provide specific justification for all that apply.

- Personnel and fringe: **\$0**
- Travel including the number of trips and estimated cost per trip: **\$0**
- All equipment greater than \$1,000: **\$0**
- Supplies including a list of major types of supplies: **\$0**
- Contractual costs:
 Planning, Design, and Permitting: \$532,540
 Construction: \$1,457,000
 Monitoring: \$ 20,000
- Administrative costs not to exceed 3% of the total award:
 Administration: \$ 20,000
- Future costs related to maintaining the project, the funding source, and responsible entity:
 The City of St. Petersburg is prepared to maintain the trail as required.

19. Describe how the project will utilize a collaborative approach that incorporates partnerships, if applicable. Not applicable

(Step 2 - Criterion 8)

List any project partners and briefly describe their involvement and contribution to the project.

20. Describe how the project will support, further, or help implement one or more Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan Element goal(s) as identified in the overarching project goals, if applicable. Clearly list each Comprehensive Plan Element goal addressed.

(Step 2 - Criterion 9)

Link to Applicable Comprehensive Plan Element Goals:

www.pinellascounty.org/restore/pdf/comp-plan-goals.pdf

The Historic Booker Creek Trail Phase IIA helps to support the following goals identified in the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan Element:

- **Future Land Use and Quality Communities – Goal Two**
- **Natural Resource Conservation and Management – Goals Five, Seven, and Eight**
- **Recreation, Open Space and Culture – Goals Three, Five, and Six**
- **Economic – Goal One**

The Historic Booker Creek Trail Phase IIA will serve to improve the quality of life for residents as it provides a viable alternative for walking and bicycling transportation in the area of St. Petersburg that is being developed as the Innovation District. The project includes an expansion of the educational markers currently located in the historic park to better inform the public of the area's history and connection to the Bay as it runs alongside Booker Creek to Bayboro Harbor.

21. Describe the benefits the project will provide, for how long, and why:

(Step 2 - Criterion 10)

Benefits may be economic, social, and/or environmental. Explain how the benefits will or could be identified, assessed, and/or measured. Describe and quantify environmental and/or economic benefits as applicable [e.g., area restored (acres, linear feet), improved ecosystem services, jobs created/preserved, pollutants and/or nutrients removed (e.g., kg, pounds, tons)].

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22. Possible material risks to implement and maintain the proposed activity: None

List possible material risks, e.g., operational, legal, regulatory, budgetary or ecological.

Include brief description of mitigation strategy to address each identified risk.

23. Best Available Science: Not Applicable

Only answer if proposed activity will serve to protect or restore natural resources, otherwise, indicate "Not Applicable." Briefly describe how the project will use best available science with respect to peer reviewed literature, objective(s), and methodologically sound literature sources that support the scope of work, when available.

24. Matching/Other funding

(Step 2 - Criterion 11)

Indicate:

- The amount and percent of the total project cost secured and the source of each matching fund secured. Restore Act funds can be matched with other federal sources of funding.
- If matching funds are not secured, specify the amount of matching funds requested or expected.
- The date the amount of secured funds will be known.

Project Cost Estimate:

Planning, Design, and Permitting	\$532,540
Construction	\$1,457,000
Monitoring	\$ 20,000
Administration	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$2,029,540
City provided match (26%)	\$532,540
Amount Requested (74%)	\$1,497,000

Readiness for Implementation

(Step 3)

Complete the following:

25. Will the project be completed within 5 years from date funding is confirmed?

Yes: **X**

No: **___**

26. Identify each project milestones and proposed duration (no. of months) to complete each step and the total number of months or years to complete the project.

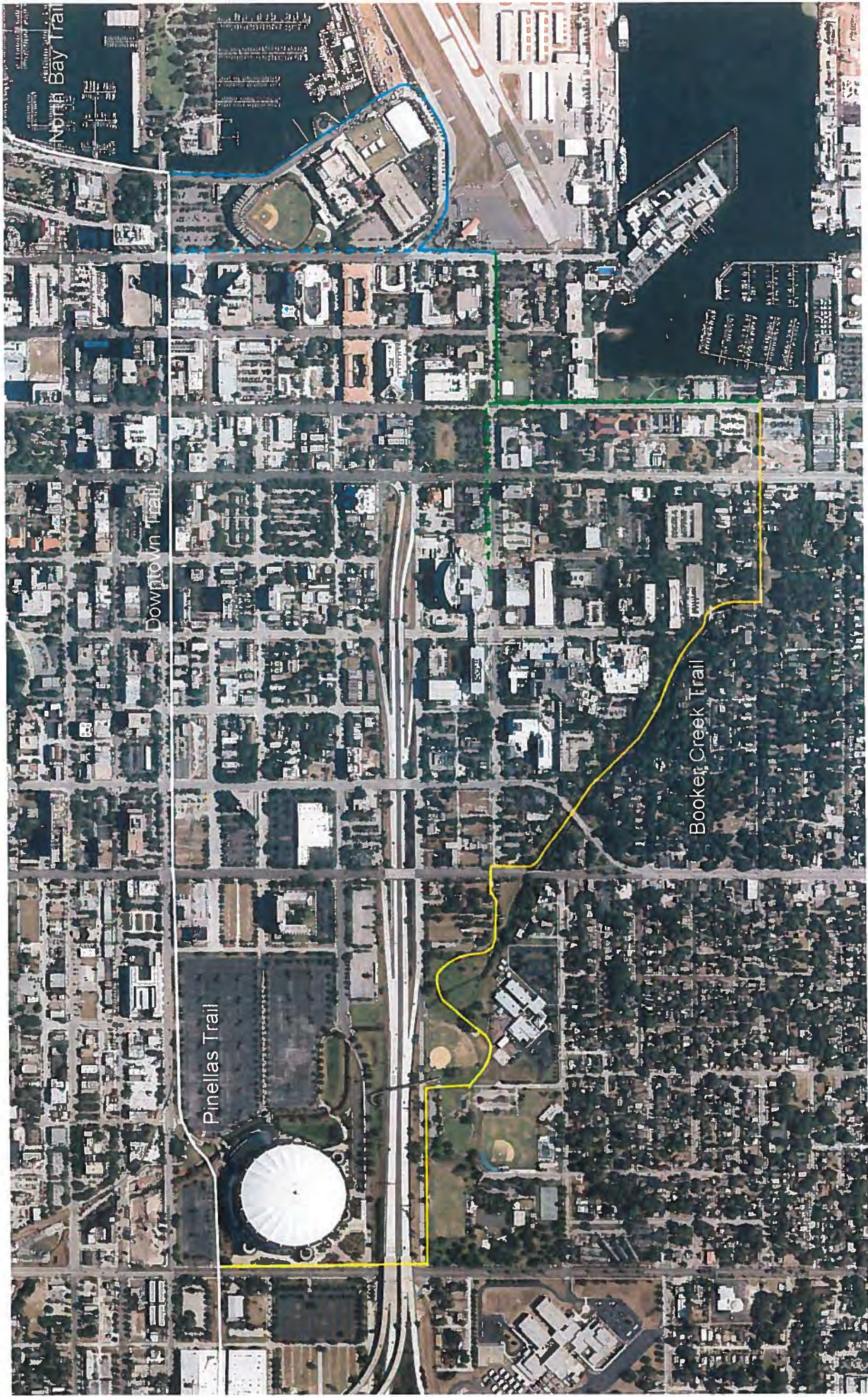
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Complete By</u>
Complete Design and Obtain Certificate of Appropriateness	December 2015
Construction	December 2016
Monitoring	December 2019

- 27. How long before the project can start after funds are available (months)?**
The project design is currently underway and expected to be completed in 2015.
Construction can begin immediately thereafter.

- 28. Describe project design work, permit requirements and hurdles (federal, state, or local), and/or permitting that is in progress (*attach applicable permits or design work*).**
As previously described, the project's design is in progress with 30% plans, that are agreeable to the adjacent neighborhood, anticipated to be completed in Spring 2015. The remainder of 2015 will be used to complete the detailed design and use those documents to obtain the Certificate of Appropriateness from the Community Planning and Preservation Commission. Depending on the design details, permits may be required by SWFWMD and/or FDOT; they will be obtained as required during the design phase per traditional engineering practices and are not anticipated to present a significant hurdle to the project's completion.

- 29. Describe any issues or reasons that may delay project start or completion. None.**

END OF QUESTIONS



- Phase I 1.04 mile
- Phase IIA 0.78 mile
- Phase IIB 0.57 mile
- Phase IIC - 0.68 mile
- Phase IIC (alt) - 0.41 mile