

Restoration Project Suggestion Form

Guidelines for Completion

Please complete all of the information requested with the best information that you have available. We highly recommend you review the entire Project Information Sheet prior to filling out the online template. [Click here](#) to view a printable format. Attachments are limited only to any maps (limit of 3) necessary to adequately describe the location of the project, a budget outline, and a business plan, if applicable. Other types of attachments will not be accepted at this time. Please review every question, and if any field is not applicable to your project, specifically note that it is not applicable with "N/A".

Please submit this project suggestion for the following funding source(s):

- Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (AGCRC)
- Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Federal Council)
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

A. General Information

Organization Name	The name of the organization or agency submitting the information. If you are applying as an individual, enter N/A.
Contact Name	The first and last name of a person who can be contacted for additional information.
Title	The title (or position) of the above individual.
Address	The mailing address of the above individual or organization/agency.
Phone number	The phone number of the above individual or organization/agency.
Email	The email address of the above individual or organization/agency.
Organization Website	The web page of the above organization or agency.

B. Project Classification - Primary

While a project may qualify under more than one eligible activity as defined in the RESTORE Act, which category below would you say most adequately describes the **PRIMARY/PREDOMINANT** type of eligible activity applicable to your project? (You may only choose one.)

Ecological/Environmental	- Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region. - Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources. - Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.
Economic	- Workforce development and job creation.
Tourism Promotion	- Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing
Seafood Promotion	- Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region.
State Parks	- Improvements to or on State Parks located in coastal areas affected by the DWH oil spill.
Coastal Flood Protection	- Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.
Infrastructure	- Infrastructure project benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.
Planning Assistance	- Feasibility and impact of project requires funding for planning assistance prior to funding for implementation.

C. Project Classification - Secondary

If applicable, check additional classifications for which this project may qualify as an eligible activity as defined in the RESTORE Act.

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D. Project Information

Project name	The common name of the project, usually a combination of location and restoration activity (e.g., Mississippi Sound Restoration).
Location	The location where the project activity will take place (e.g., Robinson Island). Read the instructions in Section N. - Attachments to upload maps.
State	Two-letter abbreviation of the state(s) where the project will take place. If the project occurs across several states list all states separated by commas.
County	County/counties where the project will be implemented.
Watershed/Basin	If applicable, the watershed where the project will be implemented. If the project occurs across multiple watersheds list only the primary watershed.
Latitude/Longitude	Provide a latitude/longitude of the central location of the project activity. If the activity occurs over a large area you may also attach a map of the area. Read the instructions in Section N. - Attachments to upload maps.
Project Size	The size of the area where project activities will occur; designated by linear miles, acres, or tonnage (e.g., area of plantings in a riparian buffer).
Affected Area	Describe the area affected or influenced by the project activity, both directly and indirectly.

E. Project Description

Give a description of the project objectives, activities to be completed and expected outcomes; include information on the benefits to the public, economy, environment, etc. If applicable, use this section to provide additional refinement to habitat and/or resource benefit (e.g., cypress wetland, barrier island) and any related monitoring plans. Maximum 2,500 characters.

F. Project Status

Property/Resource Acquisition	Who currently owns the land (or holds the easement) to be acquired and is there a recent appraisal (within 2 years)?
Planning/Design	Project planning and engineered design of the project activity. Indicate the status by selecting NOT STARTED, IN PROGRESS, COMPLETED, or N/A.
Permitting	List any applicable local, state or federal permits that have been applied for or completed. Indicate APPLIED FOR or COMPLETED as to each permit listed.
Time to Implementation	Number of months required to prepare for the start of project activity, including planning and permitting, if applicable.
Time to Project Completion	Following any necessary planning/permitting, the number of months required to complete the project activity (excluding post-completion monitoring).
Project Phases	Can this project be implemented in phases? If so, describe each phase, including the estimated cost of each.
Regional Planning	Is this project included under a regional, statewide or local plan/initiative? (YES or NO). If yes, please list the plan/initiative in the space provided.
Potential Governmental Barriers	Identify any known or anticipated governmental variances/exceptions or new legislation, ordinances, etc., necessary at the local, state or federal level to allow project activity.

G. Project Cost

Estimated Cost	The total cost of the project including any funds to be contributed by the applicant or other source (e.g., matching funds – federal and/or non-federal). Exclude monitoring plans/activities and maintenance/operational costs. Please attach a budget outline in .pdf format under Section O. – Attachments.
Estimated Cost of Monitoring	Estimated cost of monitoring as described in Section I. - Data Collection and Monitoring
Maintenance/Operational Costs	Anticipated annual maintenance/operational costs for future ongoing operation and/or maintenance following project completion, including brief description of both nature of costs and sources for funding these costs.
Cost Per Unit	What is the estimated cost per unit (e.g., per linear foot, acre, square foot, mile, whichever may be applicable)?
Level of Confidence	Indicate level of confidence in accuracy of the Estimated Cost (low, medium, high) and provide brief description of basis for or method applied in calculating Estimated Cost.
Matching Funds available	If portion of Estimated Cost is to be satisfied by matching funds, specifically identify source and amount.
Project Partners	Please provide the name and involvement (equipment, matching funds, design, in-kind services, etc.) of other organizations or agencies contributing to the project activities. For each contributing Project Partner, please list a contact person with email address, physical address, phone number, and title for that specific individual.
New Business Startup	Is this project a new business startup or expansion of a current business? If so, provide a current business plan in .pdf format under Section O. – Attachments.

H. Project Impact on Community

Transformational Attributes	How will this project transform the community and/or region?
Regional Impact	Describe the regional impact this project will have, both economically and/or ecologically.
Economic Diversification	Does this project enhance the economy by diversification? If yes, how?
Employment	Describe impact on employment, job training and job creation, both short-term and long-term (provide estimated quantification of impact).
Avoided Costs	Assuming project funded, what costs will be saved in the long-term?
Costs of “No Action”	Assuming project not funded, what are the financial consequences?
Indirect Benefits	Identify and describe any anticipated indirect benefits to the long-term goals of the affected community/region.
Environmental Benefits	Describe any ecological/environmental benefits that may be gained from implementing this project (other than detailed below in Sections I. and/or K.).
Environmental Impacts	Describe any potentially adverse environmental/ecological impacts.
Measurement of Success	Describe how the success of this project will be measured (in quantifiable terms)?

I. Nature of Project

Restoration:	Will this activity create, enhance, restore and/or mitigate an injured or economically and/or ecologically valuable resource or habitat?
Protection/Conservation:	Will this activity protect a resource or habitat by removing or minimizing the threat to that resource or habitat (e.g., shoreline stabilization, buoys or markers, nest protection)?
Debris Removal:	Will this activity involve the removal of debris to restore and protect a resource or habitat?
Land Acquisition:	Will this activity involve the acquisition of land from a willing seller or involve the placement of a conservation easement by a willing owner?
Maintenance/Management:	Will this activity be conducted to maintain or manage the quality of a resource or habitat (e.g., prescribed burns, increased data collection and monitoring)?
Economic Development	Will this project provide an investment in the long-term sustainability of

	economic growth and success of business and industry?
Data Collection and Monitoring – Fisheries Stock Assessment	Does this activity develop the implementation of state-approved fishery independent and fishery dependent data collection and monitoring programs to be used in fisheries stock assessments and restoration monitoring?
Data Collection and Monitoring – Other	Does this activity include data collection and/or monitoring? Please describe.
Best Available Science	Has the best available science been used in determining the value and design of this project (i.e., science that maximizes the quality, objectivity, and integrity of information, including statistical information; uses peer-reviewed and publicly available data; and clearly documents and communicates risks and uncertainties in the scientific basis for such project)? Briefly describe.
Best Management Practices	Will best management practices will be applied for design, implementation and post-project monitoring for this project? Please describe.
Adaptive Management	Will an adaptive management approach be applied throughout project implementation? Please describe.
Education Component:	Will this activity enhance or develop education outreach programs related to priority resources? Please describe.
Stewardship Opportunities	Does this project offer a stewardship component that could positively impact the community? Briefly describe.

J. Project Habitat(s)

The type of habitat the project activities are located within or will benefit. Check all that apply.

Upland	Regions located away from coastlines and the floodplains of rivers, streams, and other bodies of water.
Riverine	Regions located within or adjacent to open freshwater areas that occur within a defined channel.
Marine/Estuarine Wetlands	Regions that are inundated or saturated by saltwater on a consistent basis to support saturation tolerant plant species.
Freshwater Wetlands	Regions that are inundated or saturated by freshwater (e.g., surface or groundwater) on a consistent basis to support saturation tolerant plant species.
Beach/Dune	Regions along a sandy shoreline that include the area from the mean low tide landward through the secondary and/or tertiary dune systems.
Subtidal - Nearshore/Offshore	Coastal regions that are normally inundated with salt water (e.g., ocean).

K. Resource Benefit(s)

Primary resources that would benefit from this project. Check all that apply.

Marine Mammals	Whales, Dolphins, Manatees, River Otters, etc.
Birds:	All birds
Reptiles/amphibians	Sea turtles, alligators, snakes, lizards, frogs, etc.
Fish	Freshwater, estuarine, nearshore and offshore fish
Shellfish	Oysters, shrimp, crabs, etc.
Terrestrial Wildlife	All upland animals
Corals	Shallow and deep water corals
Vegetation	All plants (e.g., submergent, emergent, and terrestrial)
Water column	Water quality and plankton
Sediment / Benthos	Sediment permanently inundated with water, and organisms associated with the sediment (e.g., benthic infauna)
Shoreline	Land area adjacent to water (e.g., beaches, marsh)
Recreational Use	Improved recreation/public access, infrastructure, community resilience
Air	Air quality
Other	Please describe.
Status Species	Will this project directly benefit State or Federally listed threatened and/or endangered species? If so, please list them.

L. Tourism Promotion Activities

Tourism Type	What type of tourism will be enhanced in event/project (e.g. recreational fishing, cultural, historic, ecotourism, sustainable, other or a combination thereof)?
Tourism Event	Is this an established long-term recurring event (e.g. annual festival, community celebration, competition, etc.)? Or is this a new tourism event (e.g. first time event, or event/project that has occurred less than three years in a row)?
Tourism Marketing Plan/Program Development	Is this project to develop a tourism marketing or strategic plan for a specific tourism event and/or for a designated area (e.g. local, regional, etc.)?
Existing Tourism Marketing Plan/Program	Is this project aligned with the goals of an existing local, regional or state Tourism Strategic or Marketing Plan(s)? If so, list them.
Geographic area of promotion	What is the geographic area of promotion outside of event location that will generate visitor travel (e.g. local, regional, state-wide, national promotion/advertising)?
Tourism Capital	Will equipment or facilities need to be purchased, rented, improved or constructed for the successful completion of the project/event? If yes, describe.
Tourism Site	Is this a designated tourism location/site that requires conservation, preservation, restoration, or education outreach assistance?
Other	

M. Seafood Promotion Activities

Project Benefits Description	How will this project promote consumption and/or increase the value of Alabama and Gulf seafood?
New or Existing Program	Is this a new or an existing seafood promotion program? If existing, how will this project enhance or continue the current program?
Segments of the Seafood Industry	Which segments of the seafood industry does this project address? (e.g. fishermen, processors, dealers, distributors, restaurants, retailers, grocers, consumers, charter operators, others)
Geographic Area of Promotion	What is the geographic area that this seafood promotion project will cover?
Commission or Organization	Is this project proposed by an organization or Commission? If so, please include the names and affiliations of the Board of Directors or Commission members.

N. Attachments - Maps

After you have submitted your project information form, you will be assigned a project ID. You will then be allowed to upload maps necessary to adequately describe the location of the project.

- No more than three (3) maps may be uploaded.
- Each map must be 1MB or smaller.
- The following extensions are accepted.
 - .jpg
 - .bmp
 - .gif
 - .png

O. Attachments – Budget Outline/Business Plan

Upload the budget outline and business plan, if applicable.

- Each file must be 1MB or smaller.
- The following extensions are accepted.
 - .pdf