

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Matrix — Department of the Treasury OMB Approval No. 1505-0250

Applicant Name: Taylor County, Florida Board of County Commission

1. MULTIYEAR PLAN VERSION (INITIAL OR AMENDMENT NUMBER): Initial **2a. DATE OF INITIAL MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE (mm/dd/yyyy):** **2b. DATE OF LAST MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE:**

3. CUMULATIVE DIRECT COMPONENT ALLOCATION AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICANT: \$956,702.78 **4. TOTAL ALLOCATIONS PLUS KNOWN FUNDS NOT YET DEPOSITED IN TRUST FUND FOR DIRECT COMPONENT:** \$4,076,136.56

5. Primary Direct Component Eligible Activity Further Described in Application (Static Field) **6. Activity Title (Static Field)** **7. Location (Static Field)** **8. Estimated Total Funding Contributions For Proposed Activity(ies)(refer to Instructions)** **9. Proposed Start Date mm/dd/yyyy** **10. Proposed End Date mm/dd/yyyy** **11. Status (refer to Instructions)**

8a. Direct Component Contribution **8b. Other RESTORE Act Contribution** **8c. Other Third Party Contribution** **8d. Total Contribution**

Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Keaton Beach Canal Dredging, Project 1	Taylor County, Florida. Please see attached Map and Ariel Photo of Project #1.	\$1,050,355.00	\$0.00	\$11,145.00	\$1,061,500.00	04-2018	04-2020	
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Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Steinhatchee Boat Ramp Basin Canal Dredging, Project 2	Taylor County, Florida. Please see attached Map and Ariel Photo of Project #2.	\$232,752.00	\$0.00	\$98,348.00	\$331,100.00	04-2019	04-2021	
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Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Dark Island Canal Dredging, Project 3	Taylor County, Florida. Please see attached Map and Ariel Photo of Project #3.	\$931,010.00	\$0.00	\$12,790.00	\$943,800.00	04-2023	04-2025	
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Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Cedar Island Canal Dredging, Project 4	Taylor County, Florida. Please see attached Map and Ariel Photo of Project #4.	\$1,489,019.00	\$0.00	\$552,481.00	\$2,041,500.00	04-2030	04-2031	
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Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Dekle Beach Canal Dredging, Project 5	Taylor County, Florida. Please see attached Map and Ariel Photo of Project #5.	\$373,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$373,000.00	04-2031	04-2033	
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	12. ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTIVITY(IES) (refer to Instructions)		\$4,076,136.00	\$0.00	\$674,764.00	\$4,750,900.00	Please note: Grant awards may reflect non-material changes in proposed dates and estimated funding.		
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RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Narrative

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Directions: Use this form for the Initial Multiyear Plan and any subsequent amendments to an accepted Multiyear Plan. For amendments, include only new and/or materially modified activities.

Multiyear Plan Version (Initial or Amendment Number):	Initial
Date of Initial Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	Click here to enter text.
Date of Last Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	Click here to enter text.

Eligible Applicant Name:	Taylor Cauty, Florida Board of Cauty Commissioners
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:
1. A description of each activity, including the need, purpose, objective(s), milestones and location. Include map showing the location of each activity.
<p>It is the intention of the board of County Commissioners and Staff of Taylor County, Florida to implement five (5) canal restoration and enhancement projects in the direct coastal areas of the Gulf of Mexico within the jurisdictional borders of Taylor County. The projects will be performed beginning in April 2018 and running through October 2031. The five (5) Canal dredging and improvement projects which will impact over five (5) total miles of the County;s canal system are described below.</p> <p>Project 1: Keaton Beach Canal Dredging.</p> <p>Need: Taylor County’s coastal communities, particularly in the coastal community of Keaton Beach have experienced numerous problems with the canal systems due to inaccessibility of the canals and associated channels during low tides. The need for dredging due to large limestone formations in the main canal at Keaton Beach has created boating traffic constrictions with frequent “bottle necking” in the main canal, restricted hours of operation for commercial fishing businesses, and boater safety issues. The side and finger canals can only be accessed by larger boats during high tides due to the accumulation of sediment. Boat traffic in general is increasing due to population growth, growth in the commercial fishing industry, increased tourism, new residential developments, and increased pressure from public and private boat ramps and docks.</p> <p>Purpose: Improve overall conditions of the Keaton Beach canal system for water flow, water quality, and public accessibility for the commercial fishing trade, recreational fishing and boating, and tourism development.</p> <p>Objectives: To dredge the Keaton Beach canal system to -4 feet MLW.</p>

Milestones: 1. Prepare scope of services. 2. Complete project design and secure required permits. 3. Prepare bid package meeting U.S. Treasury specifications and solicit bids. 4. Select contractor and award Contract Agreement. 5. Perform canal dredging. 6. File periodic project status reports to Grantor. 7. Complete project closeout and file report with Treasury.

Location: On the Gulf of Mexico coastline of Taylor County. Please see map for Project 1.

Project 2: Steinhatchee Boat Ramp Basin and Channel Canal Dredging.

Need: The Steinhatchee Boat Ramp basin and the short channel from the basin to the Steinhatchee River which provides direct access to the Gulf of Mexico is in need of dredging due to the accumulation of sediment. The need for dredging is not only impacting the flow of boating traffic and accessibility to the coastal waterways, it is impacting the adjacent restored natural shoreline and associated coastal habitat in the turning basin. The accumulation of sediment greatly impedes the flow of the heavy boating traffic at this facility creating safety issues and hazardous conditions. Access to the Gulf of Mexico via the Steinhatchee Boat Ramp is critical to the commercial fishing trade in the area and is key to the welfare of the local economy. Boat traffic in general is increasing due to population growth, growth in the commercial fishing industry, increased tourism, new residential development, and increased pressure from public and private boat ramps and docks.

Purpose: Improve overall conditions of the Steinhatchee Boat Ramp basin and associated channel for water flow, water quality, and public accessibility for commercial fishing trade, recreational fishing and boating, and tourism development.

Objectives: To dredge the Steinhatchee Boat Ramp basin and channel to -5 feet MLW.

Milestones: 1. Prepare scope of services. 2. Complete project design and secure required permits. 3. Prepare bid package meeting U.S. Treasury specifications and solicit bids. 4. Select contractor and award Contract Agreement. 5. Perform canal dredging. 6. File periodic project status reports to Grantor. 7. Complete project closeout and file report with Treasury.

Location: The mouth of the Steinhatchee River and the Gulf of Mexico coastline of Taylor County. Please see map for Project 2.

Project 3: Dark Island Canal Dredging.

Need: The Dark Island canal system is in need of dredging due to the accumulation of sediment and limestone formations. The canals are frequently inaccessible on low tides restricting boating access to the Gulf of Mexico. Dark Island Boat Ramp is largely used for recreational fishing and boating. Dark Island boat traffic has increased due to population growth in our coastal communities, growth in the recreational fishing industry, residential development, and increased pressure from public and private boat ramps and docks.

Purpose: Improve overall conditions of the Dark Island canal system for water flow, water quality, and public accessibility for recreational fishing and boating, tourism development, and the residential communities in the area.

Objectives: To dredge the Dark Island canals to -4 feet MLW.

Milestones: 1. Prepare scope of services. 2. Complete project design and secure required permits. 3. Prepare bid package meeting U.S. Treasury specifications and solicit bids. 4. Select contractor and award Contract Agreement. 5. Perform canal dredging. 6. File periodic project status reports to Grantor. 7. Complete project closeout and file report with Treasury.

Location: On the Gulf of Mexico coastline of Taylor County. Please see map for Project 3.

Project 4: Cedar Island Canal Dredging.

Need: Cedar Island canal system has experienced numerous problems due to the need for dredging resulting from the accumulation of sediment in the canals. The canals are frequently inaccessible during low tides restricting the flow of boater traffic creating serious boater safety issues. Boating traffic is increasing due to population growth in our coastal communities, residential development, the increase of recreational fishing and boating in the region, tourism development, and increased pressure from public and private boat ramps and docks.

Purpose: Improve overall conditions of the Cedar Island canal system for water flow, water quality, and public accessibility for the recreational fishing and boating, tourism development, and use by the residential communities.

Objectives: To dredge the Cedar Island canals to -4 feet MLW.

Milestones: 1. Prepare scope of services. 2. Complete project design and secure required permits. 3. Prepare bid package meeting U.S. Treasury specifications and solicit bids. 4. Select contractor and award Contract Agreement. 5. Perform canal dredging. 6. File periodic reports to Grantor. 7. Complete project closeout and filereport with Treasury.

Location: On the Gulf of Mexico coastline of Taylor County. Please see map for Project 4.

Project 5: Dekle Beach Canal Dredging.

Need: The Dekle Beach main canal and respective finger canals have experienced numerous problems with accessibility to the Gulf of Mexico due to the serious need for dredging resulting from the accumulation of sediment. The canals are frequently inaccessible during low tides restricting boater traffic and the flow thereof. This has created safety issues and hazardous boater conditions. Boat traffic has increased at Dekle Beach due to the increase of recreational fishing and boating in the region, tourism development, residential growth, and increased pressure from public and private boat ramps and docks.

Purpose: Improve overall conditions of the Dekle Beach canal system for water flow, water quality, and public accessibility for recreational fishing and boating, tourism development, and use by the residential communities in the area.

Objectives: To dredge the Dekle Beach canals (see aerial photo) to -4 feet MLW. More specific technical information and details can be found in the *Jones-Edmunds, Canal Dredging in Taylor County, Preliminary Engineering Report, dated September 2016.*

Milestones: 1. Prepare scope of services. 2. Complete project design and secure required permits. 3. Prepare bid package meeting U.S. Treasury specifications and solicit bids. 4. Select contractor and award Contract

Agreement. 5. Perform canal dredging. 6. File periodic project status reports to Grantor. 7. Complete project closeout and file report with Treasury.

Location: On the Gulf of Mexico coastline of Taylor County. Please see map for Project 5.

2. How the applicant made the multiyear plan available for 45 days for public review and comment, in a manner calculated to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations, such as through public meetings, presentations in languages other than English, and postings on the Internet. The applicant will need to submit documentation (e.g., a copy of public notices) to demonstrate that it made its multiyear plan available to the public for at least 45 days. In addition, describe how each activity in the multiyear plan was approved after consideration of all meaningful input from the public and submit documentation (e.g., a letter from the applicant's leadership approving submission of the multiyear plan to Treasury or a resolution approving the applicant's multiyear plan).

The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan at their regularly scheduled meeting of November 6, 2017. Public Comments were allowed and is common practice at all County Commission Meetings. At that point Taylor County began the solicitation process for public input and comments on the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan.

The document was made available to the public for review and comment from November 8, 2017 until December 22, 2017 (a 45 day period).

The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners published NOTICE that the Draft MYIP was available for the Public's review and comment during the 45 day period at the following locations:

-Taylor County Administrative Complex located at 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347, from Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

-Taylor County Grants Department located at the Perry Foley Airport, 401 Industrial Park Drive, Perry, Florida 32348.

- Taylor County Website @ taylorcountygov.com

There were two comments received during the 45 day public comment period. The two comments were submitted via e-mail. One commenter offered technical corrections and the other raised issues associated with implementation of the project. Both comments were addressed via e-mail. Upon receipt of the comments, no revision of the MYIP was needed. The final MYIP was approved by resolution, by the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners on January 2, 2018.

3. How each activity included in the applicant's multiyear plan narrative meets all the requirements under the RESTORE Act, including a description of how each activity is eligible for funding based on the geographic location of each activity and how each activity qualifies for at least one of the eligible activities under the RESTORE Act.

Project 1: Keaton Beach Canal Dredging.

Primary Eligible Activity: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure. The deepening, cleansing, and enhancement of the Keaton Beach canal system will improve water flow, enhance water quality, and greatly develop access to the coastal areas of Taylor County for boating opportunities which support commercial fisherman, commercial charter fishing boats, residential boating, and tourism development activities. The project impacts both environmental enhancement and economic development. 95% of the County's tourism economy is dependent on access to the Gulf of Mexico. The majority of the County's 51-mile coastline is part of the National Aquatic Seagrass Preserve and the enhancement of water quality and improved water flow will have a direct, positive impact on the Aquatic Preserve and associated habitat.

Geographic Requirement: The canal system to be dredged and thereby enhanced flows directly into the Gulf of Mexico on the coastal border of Taylor County.

Project 2: Steinhatchee Boat Ramp Basin Canal Dredging.

Primary Eligible Activity: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure. The deepening, cleansing, and enhancement of the basin and channel will improve water flow, enhance water quality, provide protective measures to restored natural shorelines and associated habitat, and greatly enhance and improve access to the coastal waters for boating opportunities which support commercial fisherman, commercial charter fishing boats, residential boating, and tourism and economic development opportunities. The majority of the County's 51-mile coastline is part of the National Aquatic Seagrass Preserve and the enhancement of water quality and improved water flow will have a direct, positive impact on the Aquatic Preserve. The project impacts both environmental enhancement and economic development. 95% of the County's tourism economy is dependent on access to the Gulf of Mexico.

Geographic Requirement: The basin and channels to be dredged and thereby enhanced, flows directly into the Steinhatchee River and the Gulf of Mexico on the coastal border of Taylor County.

Project 3: Dark Island Canal Dredging.

Primary Eligible Activity: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure. The deepening, cleansing, and enhancement of the canal system will improve water flow, enhance water quality, and greatly develop access to the coastal waters of Taylor County for boating opportunities which support recreational fishing and boating activities, tourism development, and boating for the residential community. The Dark Island canal dredging project impacts both environmental enhancement and economic and tourism development. This area of the County's coastline is part of the National Aquatic Seagrass Preserve and the enhancement of water quality and water flow will have a direct, positive impact on the Aquatic Preserve.

Geographic Requirement: The Dark Island canals to be dredged and thereby enhanced flows directly into the Gulf of Mexico on the coastal border of Taylor County.

Project 4: Cedar Island Canal Dredging.

Primary Eligible Activity: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure. The deepening, cleansing, and enhancement of the canal system will improve water flow, enhance water quality, and greatly develop access to the coastal waters adjacent to Taylor County for boating opportunities which support residential boating and tourism activities. The project impacts both environmental enhancement and economic development. The coastal waters adjacent to Cedar Island are included in the National Aquatic Seagrass Preserve and the enhancement of water quality and improved water flow will have a direct, positive impact on the Aquatic Preserve.

Geographic Requirement: The canals associated with Cedar Island to be dredged and thereby enhanced, flows directly into the Gulf of Mexico on the coastal border of Taylor County.

Project 5: Dekle Beach Canal Dredging.

Primary Eligible Activity: Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure. The deepening, cleansing, and enhancement of the Dekle Beach canal system will improve water flow, enhance water quality, and greatly develop access to the coastal waterways adjacent to Taylor County for boating opportunities which support residential boating and fishing and tourism development. It impacts both environmental enhancement and economic development.

Geographic Requirement: The Dekle Beach canals to be dredged and thereby enhanced, flows directly into the Gulf of Mexico on the coastal border of Taylor County.

4. Criteria the applicant will use to evaluate the success of the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative in helping to restore and protect the Gulf Coast Region impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Project 1: Keaton Beach Canal Dredging.

Project success will be measured by:

- Was 31,700 cubic yards of total dredge volume removed?
- Was the Canal depth, MLW at -4.0?
- Was disposal material deposited at permitted Spoil Sites within the County?
- Was increased utilization of the canals by the boating community realized, year over year prior and after dredging completed?

Project 2: Steinhatchee Boat Ramp Basin Canal Dredging.

Project success will be measured by:

- Was 6,300 cubic yards of total dredge volume removed?
- Was the Canal depth, MLW at -5.0?
- Was disposal material deposited at permitted Spoil Sites within the County?
- Was increased utilization of the basin and channel by the boating community realized, year over year prior and after dredging completed?

Project 3: Dark Island Canal Dredging.

Project success will be measured by:

- Was 22,100 cubic yards of total dredge volume removed?
- Was the Canal depth, MLW at -4.0?
- Was disposal material deposited at permitted Spoil Sites within the County?
- Was increased utilization of the canals by the boating community realized, year over year prior and after dredging completed?

Project 4: Cedar Island Canal Dredging.

Project success will be measured by:

- Was 53,100 cubic yards of total dredge volume removed?
- Was the Canal depth, MLW at -4.0?
- Was disposal material deposited at permitted Spoil Sites within the County?
- Was increased utilization of the canals by the boating community realized, year over year prior and after dredging completed?

Project 5: Dekle Beach Canal Dredging.

Project success will be measured by:

- Was 5,600 cubic yards of total dredge volume removed?
- Was the Canal depth, MLW at -4.0?
- Was disposal material deposited at permitted Spoil Sites within the County?
- Was increased utilization of the canals by the boating community realized, year over year prior and after dredging completed?

5. How the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative were prioritized and list the criteria used to establish the priorities.

Our canal system is a vital and critical element of the commercial and natural resources of Taylor County. For example, 95% of our tourism is based on direct access to the Gulf of Mexico. 100% of our commercial fishing industry requires easy and fast access to the Gulf. Recreational fishing is a major source of our citizen's outdoor recreational interests and represents a \$15 million annual impact on our economy.

Our local commercial fishermen focus on shrimp, crabs, fish, and scallops. Their daily fresh catches are sold locally and regionally. The local commercial sport fishing industry of Charter Boats is very active and dependent on the canal system. Recreational boats can sometimes include between 300 and 400 boats attempting to access the Gulf via the canals at each boating facility location during the height of the summer season.

The canal system properly dredged, clean and accessible to our citizens, tourists, and our local economy is vitally important to Taylor County. Selecting a series of canal dredging projects for Taylor County was immediately our first priority for the utilization of RESTORE Act, Direct Component funding.

The specific ranking in order of priority of the five (5) dredging projects which are being proposed are based on historical data of need and utilization by all parts of the economy and citizens.

#1 Priority: Keaton Beach Canal Dredging is the #1 need of the County due to heavy use by commercial fishermen, recreational fishing and boating, and the promotion of tourism and economic development.

#2 Priority: Steinhatchee Boat Ramp Basin and Channel Dredging is the #2 need of the County due to heavy use by commercial fishermen, the charter boat industry, tourism related to recreational fishing and boating, and use by the residents of Steinhatchee and the nearby community of Jena located in Dixie County. The access and usability of the existing boat ramp is not as severely impacted as Keaton Beach, but the basin and channel dredging is still a major priority due to its high usage and critical importance to local businesses, commercial fishing, tourism and economic development, and use by residents of the coastal community.

#3 Priority: Dark Island Canal Dredging is the #3 need of the County due to heavy use for recreational fishing and boating by the many visitors to the area, and local residents. These impacts are a lesser degree than Steinhatchee.

#4 Priority and #5 Priority: Cedar Island Canal Dredging and Dekle Beach Canal Dredging both serve primarily residential neighborhoods and have a lesser impact on the local economy. Therefore, they were listed as the last two (2) priorities.

6. If applicable, describe the amount and current status of funding from other sources (e.g., other RESTORE Act contribution, other third party contribution) and provide a description of the specific portion of the project to be funded by the RESTORE Act Direct Component.

Project 1: Keaton Beach Canal Dredging

Taylor County Board of County Commissioners has voted to contribute \$11,145.00 in the FY 2018 Budget as a match to the overall costs of the project of \$1,061,550.00. This Third-Party contribution represents about 1% of the total project costs and it is therefore impossible to describe a “specific portion” of the project it will fund.

Project 2: Steinhatchee Boat Ramp Basin Canal Dredging.

Taylor County Board of County Commissioners has expressed a willingness to contribute \$98,348.00 in their FY 2019 Budget as match to the total costs of the project of \$331,100.00. This Third-Party contribution represents approximately 29.7% of the total costs. The Taylor County contribution will be dedicated to the cost of Design, Engineering, Permitting, & Survey; grant writing; and grant implementation. The RESTORE Act funds will be allocated to the actual dredging costs.

Project 3: Dark Island Canal Dredging.

Taylor County Board of County Commissioners has expressed a willingness to contribute \$12,790.26 in their FY 2023 Budget as match to the total costs of the project of \$943,800.00. This Third-Party contribution represents approximately 1.35% of the total costs. The Taylor County contribution will be dedicated to the cost of a portion of the grant writing and grant implementation expense. The RESTORE Act funds will be allocated to the actual dredging costs; Design, Engineering, Permitting, & Survey; a portion of grant writing; and a portion of grant implementation.

Project 4: Cedar Island Canal Dredging.

Taylor County Board of County Commissioners has expressed a willingness to contribute \$552,481.00 in their FY 2031 Budget as match to the total costs of the project of \$2,041,500.00. This Third-Party contribution represents approximately 27% of the total costs. The Taylor County contribution will be dedicated to the cost of Design, Engineering, Permitting, & Survey; grant writing and grant implementation and a small portion of the Dredging costs. The RESTORE Act funds will be allocated to the actual dredging costs.

Project 5: Dekle Beach Canal Dredging.

Not applicable since all costs will be borne by The RESTORE Act funds.

Taylor County RESTORE Act Direct Component (Pot 1) Multi-Project Location Map

