



# Florida Restoration Area

## Phase V.4 Florida Coastal Access Project

April 2022

### OVERVIEW

The Florida Coastal Access Project was first proposed as part of Phase V of *Deepwater Horizon* (DWH) Early Restoration (prior to the settlement of the DWH oil spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment), and was described, evaluated, and ultimately selected in the Final DWH Oil Spill Phase V Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment. The Florida Coastal Access Project is intended to enhance the public's access to natural resources and increase recreational opportunities through the acquisition and/or enhancement of coastal parcels in the Florida Panhandle.

### FIRST PHASE

In the first phase of the Florida Coastal Access Project, four locations in the Florida Panhandle were selected to be acquired and/or improved to increase recreational uses and coastal access. These locations included Innerarity Point in Escambia County, Captain Leonard Destin Park in Okaloosa County, Lynn Haven Bayou Park and Preserve in Bay County, and Island View Park in Franklin County.

Construction of park amenities is complete and recreational use monitoring is underway at Innerarity Point Park, Captain Leonard Destin Park, and Lynn Haven Bayou Park and Preserve. Island View Park was substantially completed in August 2018, but was destroyed by Hurricane Michael on October 10, 2018. Franklin County, the owner of Island View Park, is seeking Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement to reconstruct the amenities.

### SECOND PHASE

In the second phase, one location in the Florida Panhandle was selected for acquisition and improvement, the Salinas Park Addition. The parcel was acquired in February 2018, and construction of park amenities is complete. Recreational use monitoring is underway.

### THIRD PHASE

In the third phase, the 4.75-acre Navarre Beach Marine Park property was acquired and transferred to Santa Rosa County for incorporation into an existing park. No recreational use amenities were constructed at the site.

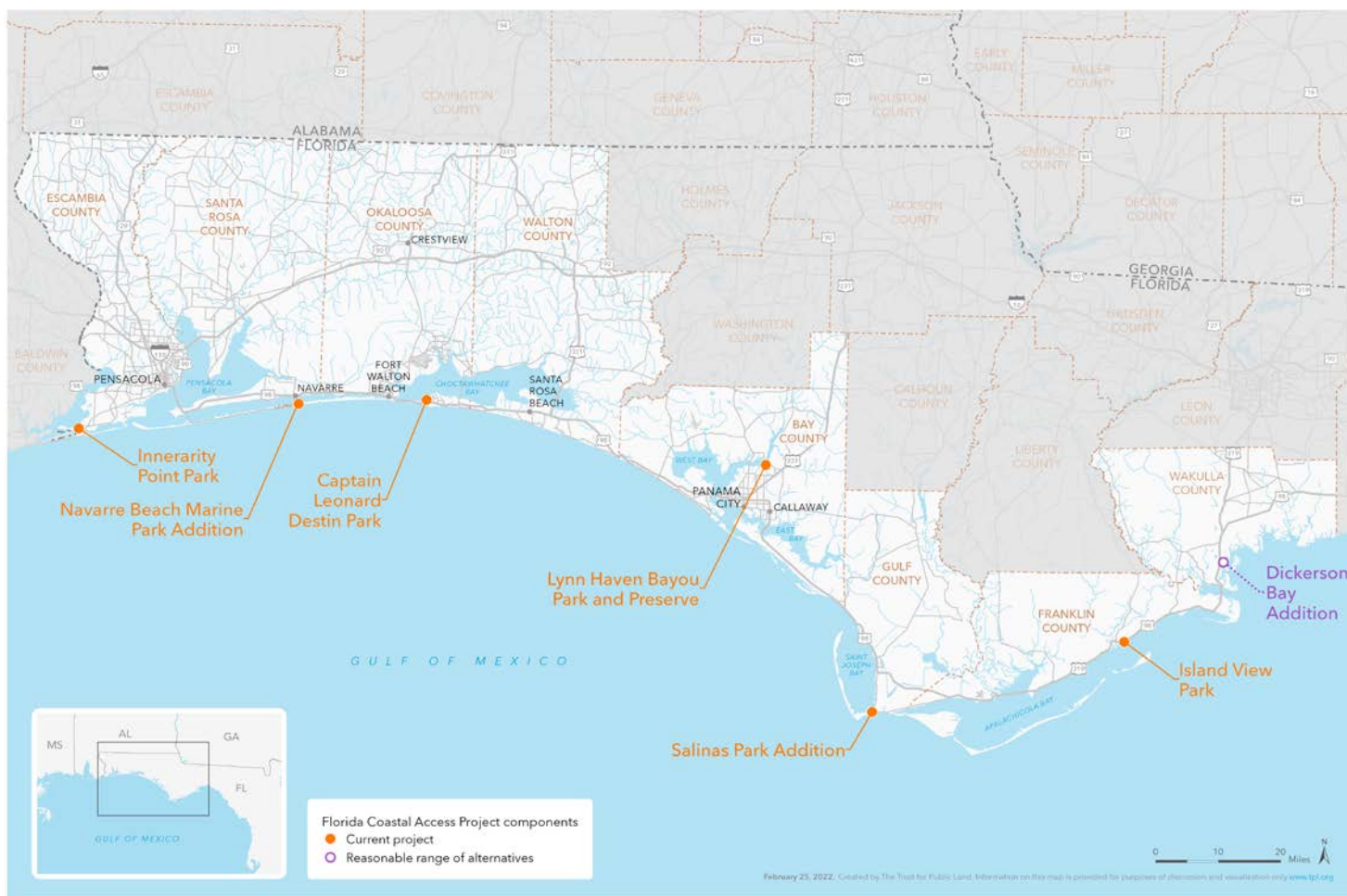
### FOURTH PHASE

This fourth phase of the Florida Coastal Access Project continues restoration planning begun during Early Restoration. The Florida Trustee Implementation Group prepared the Draft Phase V.4 Florida Coastal Access Project: Restoration Plan/Supplemental Environmental Assessment (draft plan) to describe and evaluate the proposed action, implementation of the preferred alternative – the Dickerson Bay Addition, which includes acquiring a coastal parcel for incorporation into St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.





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## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The draft plan is available to the public for comments from April 18, 2022 through May 20, 2022. Comments on the plan can be submitted during the comment period by one of the following methods:

- During the public webinar, scheduled for May 10, 2022 at 3:00 PM ET. Details about the webinar will be available on the DWH Trustee website (link below).
- In-person at the public meeting, scheduled for May 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM ET at the Panacea Community Center.
- Online through the DWH Trustee website (link below).
- By mail to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 29649, Atlanta, GA 30345.

For additional details, please see the DWH Trustee website:  
<http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida>

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