PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

The Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees have selected three recreational use projects in Wakulla County. As a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the public’s access to and enjoyment of their natural resources along Florida’s Panhandle was denied or severely restricted. These three recreational use projects seek to enhance and/or increase the public’s use and/or enjoyment of those natural resources.

The Shell Point Beach Nourishment project will involve the renourishment of Shell Point Beach in Wakulla County. The improvements include the placement of approximately 15,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach from an approved upland borrow area to restore the width and historic slope/profile of this beach. The approximate length of the beach is one mile with an area of about 4.5 acres.

The Wakulla Mashes Sands Park Improvements project will improve recreation areas at the Wakulla County Mashes Sands Park. The improvements include constructing observation platforms, boardwalks, and walking paths, improving the boat ramp area and picnic areas, renovating the parking area, and the restroom facility, and constructing a canoe/kayak launch site.

The Strategically Provided Boat Access along Florida’s Gulf Coast: City of St. Marks Boat Ramp Improvements project will add a boarding dock to the existing City of St. Marks one-lane boat ramp.

PROJECT COSTS

The Shell Point Beach Nourishment project is $882,750.

The Wakulla Mashes Sands Park Improvements project is $1,500,000.

The Strategically Provided Boat Access along Florida’s Gulf Coast: City of St. Marks Boat Ramp Improvements project is $50,006.