

Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
Request for Public Comment on Proposed Funding Approval

The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Council) is seeking public comments on a proposal to fund implementation of ecosystem restoration activities located in Alabama under the Council's Initial Funded Priorities List (FPL). Specifically, the Council is planning to vote on whether to approve the following:

Proposed Initial FPL Amendment for the [Alabama Living Shorelines Program \(Implementation\)](#)

- \$5,341,500 in implementation funding for the Boggy Point Living Shoreline project.

Before voting on whether to approve funding, the Council is publishing this proposed FPL amendment for a 15-day public comment period beginning on September 22, 2026, and concluding at 11:59 pm (CST) on October 6, 2026. You may submit comments using one of the two methods below:

By Email: To restorecouncil@restorethegulf.gov
Email submission of comments ensures timely receipt.

By U.S. Mail: Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
Attn: AL Initial FPL Living Shoreline Amendment Comments
500 Poydras Street, Suite 1117
New Orleans, LA 70130
Mail must be posted no later than October 6, 2026, to be included in this public comment period.

Background:

Pursuant to the *Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012* (33 U.S.C. § 1321(t) and *note*) (RESTORE Act), the Council is responsible for administering portions of *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill settlement funds for the purpose of restoring the environment and economy of the Gulf coast. The Council administers two funding programs, one of which is the Council-Selected Restoration Component. Under this funding program, the Council votes to approve Gulf ecosystem restoration projects and programs proposed by the Council members. Council-Selected Restoration Component projects and programs approved for funding by the Council are included in what is referred to as a Funded Priorities List.

FPLs include activities in two categories. Category 1 activities are approved for funding. Such approval requires a Council vote on transfers of funds as set forth in the RESTORE Act. To be approved in Category 1, a project or program must have documentation demonstrating that all applicable environmental laws have been addressed. For example, a construction project would

need documentation demonstrating compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other applicable laws.

Category 2 activities are Council priorities for potential future funding but are not currently approved for funding. As appropriate, the Council reviews the activities in Category 2 in order to determine whether to move the given activity to Category 1 and approve it for funding via a Council vote. Such funding approvals are made via amendments to the FPL containing the given project(s) or program(s).

Boggy Point Living Shoreline Project (Alabama Living Shorelines Program)

The Council is proposing to approve \$5,341,500 in implementation funding for the Boggy Point Living Shoreline Project under the Alabama Living Shorelines Program sponsored by Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). This funding was originally budgeted in Category 2 of the Council's Initial FPL. Since publication of the Initial FPL, all environmental compliance necessary for a Council vote to approve implementation funding for the project has been completed.

The Boggy Point project will install a living shoreline at the Boggy Point Boat Ramp in Orange Beach, Baldwin County, Alabama. This project will involve construction of approximately 1,100 feet of segmented offshore breakwaters, shoreline grading, placement of sand fill to create approximately 0.5 acre of intertidal wetlands, and planting of native saltmarsh vegetation. Habitat restoration will also include excavating sand from an existing shoreline berm to reestablish hydrologic connection between Perdido Bay and the adjacent wetlands. A culvert will also be placed within wetlands under the existing shoreline access road to improve wetland hydrology. Benefits of the project will include hydrologic restoration of existing impounded wetlands, creation of a breakwater system that will reduce ongoing shoreline erosion, and the restoration of intertidal marsh habitat.

ADCNR received authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 under the Department of Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit SAM-2025-00252 to conduct the proposed restoration activities. To comply with NEPA, the Council is proposing to adopt the environmental assessment included in the statement of findings for permit SAM-2025-00252 approved on March 30, 2026. The USACE also completed additional environmental compliance coordination for the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. The Council has reviewed the applicable environmental compliance documentation. To ensure compliance with relevant environmental laws, the Council will require that the sponsor of the Boggy Point project adhere to all applicable conditions in the USACE permit and the associated [environmental compliance documents](#).

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