

City of Corpus Christi RESTORE ACT Timeline

DATE	ACTIVITY
7/6/12	The Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act) is enacted
February 2013	City hires Tim Richardson as consultant
2/22/13	Mayor Martinez sends letter to Texas Governor Rick Perry on early restoration projects. Encourages large scale water quality projects.
3/12/13	City staff attend RESTORE public hearing in Pasadena, Texas and testifies about general goals -- improve water quality that reaches the Gulf of Mexico, promoting the Texas Gulf Coast as a visitor destination, and habitat and ecological restoration.
4/10/13	City holds public outreach meeting at Del Mar College Center for Economic Development to initiate the exercise of gathering information and gauging the interest in regional approaches that accomplish one or more of the five goals established by the RESTORE Act. More than 100 citizens attended and presented ideas and projects that addressed a variety of potential strategies for restoring the Gulf of Mexico.
5/13/13	City staff briefs City Council on activities
7/5/13	City sends letter to Justin Ehrenwerth (Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council) commenting on draft plan. States water quality improvement is the greatest need that the federal and state council can assist with. Second highest priority is economic restoration.
6/10/13	Mayor Nelda Martinez sends memo to Gulf Coast Mayors inviting them to discuss RESTORE Act and potential partnerships at upcoming US Conference of Mayors meeting in Las Vegas.
6/22/13	Mayor Martinez and Tom Tagliabue visit with handful of Gulf Coast Mayors at US Conference of Mayors meeting in Las Vegas.
8/28/13	City sends letter to Penny Pritzker, US Secretary of Commerce, commenting on Initial Comprehensive Plan. Identifies water quality improvement and economic restoration and revitalization as top priorities. Staff delivers letter to RESTORE Council meeting in New Orleans, LA.
8/29/13	City staff (Sharon Lewis and Tom Tagliabue) meet with City of New Orleans staff to discuss restoration strategies and experiences.
1/23/14	Sharon Bailey Lewis testifies on NRDA early restoration public meeting in Corpus Christi. Recommends water quality improvement projects.
4/32014	City staff (Sharon Lewis and Tom Tagliabue in person – Tim Richardson by phone) meeting with TPWD, GLO, TCEQ & Governor's Office in Austin on potential City RESTORE projects, status reports, and early restoration projects.
5/21/14	Bill Green and Tom Tagliabue send letter to Texas State Rep. Allen Ritter, Chairman of House Committee on Natural Resources, and State Rep. Drew Darby, Subcommittee Chairman of House Committee on Appropriations, on their interim oversight charge for RESTORE Act. Best investment is water resources (quality and quantity). Also stressed economic restoration through tourism promotion.
6/24/14	City staff take Ryan Vise, Governor's Office of Budget Planning and Policy, on tour of potential RESTORE projects in Corpus Christi.

6/26/14	Mayor Martinez sends letter to Texas State Rep. Ryan Guillen, Chairman of House Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism, encouraging the Governor's Economic Development and Tourism Office to submit an application for RESTORE Act funding for a Texas coastal tourism promotion and advertising campaign.
Nov 2014	City staff review existing Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to evaluate potential RESTORE projects.
11/6/14	City provided Integrated Stormwater Management project summary information to Governor Perry's office and Comm. Toby Baker at TECEQ.
11/17/14	Tom Tagliabue met with Ryan Vise (Gov. Perry's Office of Budget Planning and Policy) to review City's Integrated Stormwater Management Plan project seeking RESTORE Act funding.
12/31/14	Tim Richardson's contract expires.
March 2014	Tom Tagliabue met with legislative staff (House Appropriations, Reps. Larry Gonzales, Sylvester Turner, Senate Finance, etc.) to raise concerns about Art. IX, Rider 6.24 language.
4/27/15	Tom Tagliabue met with Amanda Fuller of National Wildlife Federation in Austin to discuss potential RESTORE projects, status reports and policy issues.
4/28/15	Tom Tagliabue sent out Call to Action email to coastal communities and stakeholders to oppose Art. IX, Rider 6.24 requiring notification of LBB and pre-approval of \$1M or more RESTORE projects by Finance and Appropriations Chairs, Lt. Gov and Speaker.
4/30/15	Mayor Martinez sends letter to Texas State Rep. John Otto, Chairman of House Committee on Appropriations, and State Sen. Jane Nelson, Chair of Senate Finance Committee, opposing Art. IX, Rider 6.24 language requiring notification of LBB and pre-approval of \$1M or more RESTORE projects by Finance and Appropriations Chairs, Lt. Gov and Speaker.
5/21/15	HB 1 Conference Committee agrees to revise Art IX, Rider 6.24 to retain notification requirement, but delete pre-approval language.
5/29/15	City staff meets with National Wildlife Federation staff in person and on conference call to discuss proposed projects, including stormwater management and water releases from wastewater treatment plants.
6/11/15	NRDA Trustee public comment meeting at TAMUCC Harte Research Institute on early restoration projects. Sharon Bailey Lewis attended representing the City.
7/2/15	BP settles litigation with federal government and five coastal states for \$18.7B. Texas share is approximately \$750M.
7/3/15	Mayor Nelda Martinez requests plan of action from City staff.
7/8/15	City staff sends RESTORE Plan of Action to Mayor Martinez. Confirmation from City senior management of the City's overall RESTORE Act goals and priorities remain: 1) Water Resource Quality and Quantity, and 2) Economic Restoration and Sustainability. The City needs to review its existing Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for potential eligible projects, especially shovel-ready ones not currently funded. City departments should review other areas for consideration and feasibility.
8/20/15	Federal RESTORE Council meeting in Corpus Christi. Sharon Bailey Lewis testifies before Council reinforcing City's goals of water quality and quantity and economic restoration and sustainability. Sharon Lewis, City Council members Rudy Garza, Jr. and Lillian Riojas meet with Teresa

	Christopher, Senior Advisory for Gulf Restoration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and former consultant Tim Richardson.
8/20/15	State RESTORE Council issues priorities and Framework for Implementing RESTORE Act in Texas.
9/14/15	State Restoration Council Listening Session at TAMU-Galveston Comm. Baker will meet with local officials in the morning. Public hearing will be 6:30-8:30 p.m.
9/15/15	State Restoration Council Listening Session at Lamar University-Beaumont Comm. Baker will meet with local officials in the morning. Public hearing will be 6:30-8:30 p.m.
9/28/15	State Restoration Council Listening Session at UT-Brownsville Comm. Baker will meet with local officials in the morning. Public hearing will be 6:30-8:30 p.m.
9/29/15	State Restoration Council Listening Session at TAMU-Corpus Christi Comm. Baker will meet with local officials in the morning. Public hearing will be 6:30-8:30 p.m.