

BRIEFING ON RESTORE ACT



Council Presentation
September 15, 2015



RESTORE Act Basics

- The Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act) was enacted on July 6, 2012
- In response to the Deepwater Horizon incident and also addresses environmental and economic impacts as a result of decades of oil and gas development in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Funds to restore and protect the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, coastal wetlands, and economy of the Gulf Coast region.



Allocation of RESTORE Act Funding

Transocean \$1 billion -- Texas share is \$56 million for Bucket
BP \$5.5 billion -- Texas share for Bucket 1 is estimated at \$150 million.



***Supplemented by interest generated by the Trust Fund (50% to Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, 25% to Science Program, 25% to Centers of Excellence)**



Texas (Bucket 1) Priorities and Timeline

ECONOMIC BENEFITS	25 points
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS	25 points
COMPREHENSIVE FACTORS	20 points
PROJECT LOGISTICS	20 points
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	20 points

September 29

Texas RESTORE Council Listening Session
TAMUCC University Center
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

October 9

Public Comment deadline

Early 2016

Request For Grant Applications Anticipated

Summer 2016

Award of Bucket 1 Grants



City Project Submittals

PROGRAM AREA	IMPEMENTATION PROGRAM / PROJECT NAME	PROJECT BUDGET (Estimated)
AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION	Pilot Oyster Shell Reclamation for Reef Restoration Program	\$665,000
	Strategic improvements Program to restore environmental flows to Nueces Delta	\$250,000
	Downtown Bay Beach Restoration Program	\$4,231,250
	Oso Watershed Protection and Restoration Program	
	Oso Bay Nature Preserve Wetland Restoration	\$100,158
	Oso Bay Nature Preserve Learning Center and Wetlab	\$927,938
	Oso Water Reclamation Plant Ammonia 6-year Removal	\$8,000,000

PROGRAM AREA	IMPEMENTATION PROGRAM / PROJECT NAME	PROJECT BUDGET (Estimated)
COMMUNITY RESILIENCY	Development of a Disaster Recovery and Re-development Plan	\$585,000
	Flood Defense Program	
	Downtown Flood Protection Improvements	\$102,420,000
	Salt Flats Levee System, Phase 2	\$3,565,000



Issues for Council Consideration

Confirm priorities: Water Resource Quality and Quantity and Economic Restoration and Sustainability

Prioritization of previously submitted projects.

Suggest additional projects :

- Residential Septic Tanks Conversion Grant
 - Outfall discharge to Corpus Christi Bay (partnership with NASCC)
 - Affordable housing incentives
 - Purchase of severe repetitive loss flooded properties
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