

Coordinator's Report – August 27, 2015

RESTORE FUNDING STATUS

As of this date, Charlotte County's Direct Component allocation remains at \$726,453 which is part of the settlement funds from Transocean. Although the BP settlement has been announced, the allocations and the timeframe for release of those funds have not yet been determined.

Multiyear Implementation Plan Update (MYIP)

The MYIP was posted on the Charlotte County website for review and comment on July 7, 2015 and a news release was circulated on July 8, 2015 announcing its availability. The availability of the MYIP for public comment was also posted on the Gulf of Mexico Restoration and Recovery "Public Participation Bulletin Board" hosted by the Environmental Law Institute Ocean Program. <http://eli-ocean.org/gulf/the-bulletin-board/>.

We received 20 emailed letters, with the content below, from Charlotte County citizens in support of the projects identified in the MYIP.

Dear RESTORE Act Coordinator,

I care deeply about the fish, wildlife, and natural areas in Charlotte County. The 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was a horrible tragedy, and it is imperative that we use the restoration funds resulting from the spill to improve the water quality and restore fish, wildlife, and their habitats locally, so we can repair the Gulf Coast as a whole.

Some of the highest priorities for our community are clean water, abundant fish and wildlife, and improving natural habitats. The projects you selected to complete with the Gulf spill restoration dollars monitoring fish populations, improving water quality, restoring bay scallops, and constructing a pedestrian boardwalk will both directly and indirectly help the environment, improve quality of life for locals, attract visitors and in turn boost our economy.

I support the projects that you have selected for this initial round of funding and I encourage you to take a similar approach when additional restoration funds become available

After reviewing public comments and addressing any concerns, the MYIP will be finalized for presentation to the Charlotte County BCC.

Organizational Self-Assessment (OSA)

The Treasury Department requires that all entities eligible to receive RESTORE conduct an OSA and develop policies and procedures to ensure the internal control of federal funds received and expended. During the time the MYIP has been open for public comment, staff has been working with other counties in developing the required documents for implementing RESTORE funding.