Data Collection Form

Part A: Project Information
(To be completed by all Proposers)

Okaloosa RESTORE Advisory Committee

Approved by the Okaloosa RESTORE Advisory Committee: December 4, 2014
Okaloosa County, Florida

1/17/2014

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NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered. By submitting this project proposal, the proposer certifies that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. Any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may cause the application to be rejected without the opportunity to re-submit.

A.1 Project Proposer: Provide the name and contact info of the Project Proposer.

Mel Ponder, Mayor
City of Destin
4200 Indian Bayou Trail
Destin, FL 32541
850-837-4242

A.2 Point of Contact: Provide the name and contact information of the person to be contacted on matters concerning this project (POC).

Lance Johnson, Recreation Director
City of Destin
4200 Indian Bayou Trail
Destin, FL 32541
850-837-4242

A.3 Proposed Activity Name: Provide the name of the Proposed Activity.

Clement Taylor Park Restoration

A.4 Claimed in Oil Liability Trust Fund After July 6, 2012: Was this proposed activity included in any claim for compensation paid out by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund after July 6, 2012?

☐ Yes (STOP. This activity is not eligible.)
☒ No

A.5 Qualifying Eligible Activity: Please check the primary eligible activity in the first column and then all other eligible activities that apply in the second column by placing an 'X" in the column in the row corresponding to the qualifying eligible activity.

Select Primary Activity (Select only one)	Select All Others That Apply	Qualifying Eligible Activity
☐	☒	Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region
☐	☐	Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources
☐	☐	Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
☐	☒	Workforce development and job creation
☐	☐	Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
☒	☐	Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
☐	☐	Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
☐	☐	Planning assistance
☐	☒	Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing
☐	☐	Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region

A.6 Location of Activity: Provide the project location. If there is more than one location for the activity, attach a list of the additional locations.

A.6.1 Address: Provide the actual address for the activity (street address, municipality(ies), county/parish, state, zip code). (If there is no street number, provide the nearest intersection or note boundaries on map submitted with Question A.6.2.)

Latitude/Longitude (if available): 30.399933 - 86.511844

Street address: 131 Calhoun Ave.

Municipality(ies): Destin

County/parish: Okaloosa

State: Florida

Zip code: 32541

A.6.2 Map: Provide a map of the project location and the area affected by the project.

A.6.3 Property Ownership: If project requires the use of land, provide details of property disposition to include land acquisition, ownership, agreements to use property, permits, easements, etc.

Park property owned by the City of Destin

A.6.3.1 Attach documentation (i.e. letter of commitment, Memorandum of Understanding, deed, etc.)

A.7 Project Schedule: Provide a proposed project schedule to include: start date (MM/YY), end date (MM/YY), and major milestones.

Should Restore Act funds be made available, the construction schedule would be as follows:
Start date 08/15
Permitting complete by 12/15
Construction begins 01/16
End Date 05/16

A.8 Monitoring: During the project & following its completion, will the project be subject to a monitoring program to evaluate project success?

- [ ] No
- [x] Yes (provide information on monitoring and evaluation)

The project's littoral exfiltration system will continue to be monitored by the park staff and Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance (CBA).

A.9 Management/Maintenance Program: Will the project be subject to a management/maintenance program to ensure project success?

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes (Provide information on how the project will be monitored and maintained as well as the party (or parties) responsible for performing these tasks.) (240 words max.)

The City of Destin has a full-time parks and recreation department staffed to provide facility development, programming and maintenance capabilities.

A.10 PROJECT SUMMARY

Provide a narrative of your project and why this project should be funded. Discuss the following items as a minimum:

- Economics of the project: Explain how the overall budget supports the proposed work
  - Project Expenditures (long term and short term)
  - Project Revenues (sales, donations, etc.)
- Other funds to be used in addition to Direct Component funds
- Key personnel involved with the project
- Specific objectives
- Permits or land acquisition required
- Design status
- Similar project success or if new technology explain
- Environmental impact (species affected, existing plans supported, etc.)
- Risks to implement and maintain the activity
- Jobs Created (short term, long term, and wage scales)

(1,500 words max)

The proposed project for ORAC funding is one element of a larger redevelopment project located in "West" Destin along Choctawhatchee Bay where the City was initially settled. The entire $1.98 million project includes: a) the construction of a ten foot wide pedestrian pathway, with landscaping, lighting and underground utilities, from Clement Taylor Park to the Harbor Boardwalk vicinity; and b) the much-needed restoration of Clement Taylor Park itself. The pathway portion of the project will be 76% funded through FDOT Transportation Alternative Funds ($928,706.30) with a 24% City match of $300,000. The City requests Restore Act funds for the renovation of the park.

The site of Clement E. Taylor Park was once the location of Destin's one-room school house, used until the 1950's. After the school building was deserted and demolished, the area was used and designated as a park. Since Destin's incorporation in 1984, the City has continued to make improvements, the last of which was in 2002 when the city added a swimming area, small gazebo and fishing pier, and playground equipment. The park covers 3.39 acres and is located north of the Destin Bridge on the Choctawhatchee Bay in the midst of old Destin. Accessible by foot, bike, and car, it is the city's most popular and utilized park. More and more visitors are discovering this hidden "jewel" as it abuts the edge of Destin's Historic Harbor District and parking areas for the Harbor Boardwalk. Covered with large shade trees of oak and magnolia, carpeted with grass, and fed by bay breezes, the park is a cool retreat for families to play and picnic even on the hottest of summer days. This park is also the site for numerous weddings and reunions each year. Typical wildlife, such as squirrels and birds, abound. The park's habitat is also home to less observable creatures such as the red fox, the hermit crab, and the endangered Little blue heron.

The management intent of Clement Taylor Park is to protect and enhance the natural coastal habitat along Choctawhatchee Bay while providing passive recreational amenities and environmental awareness for the public. As beautiful as the natural setting is, the current amenities are in great need of a "facelift!" Needed improvements include: demolition of the existing 30+ year-old restrooms to be replaced with a new bathroom facility and second picnic pavilion; demolition of the existing playground to be rebuilt for ADA compliance, expanded ages, and special needs, with new equipment and safety surfacing; reconfiguration of the non-impervious parking area for more capacity; renovation of the fishing dock; addition of a kayak launch; replacement of concrete pathways; removal of old pilings from the Bay; enhancement of the littoral exfiltration system previously installed through a city partnership with the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance (CBA); and additional environmental education signage.

The City is partnering with the both the CBA and the Kiwanis Club of Destin in completing this project. The Kiwanis Club is seeking a $25,000 grant to supplement the purchase of new playground equipment specifically for Clement Taylor Park; the CBA has pledged its continuing support in enhancing the littoral system as needed and assisting in the development of a seagrass protection education sign near the dock area. The design for the park upgrades is at time of application 30% complete but will be 100% complete by end of June 2015. Permitting is expected to take three to six months.

First-quality public parks, water access, and open space are integral to enhancing the quality of life of a region. Okaloosa County's long-term sustainability and economic growth are based on attracting people, businesses, and visitors to our community. Investing in our recreational infrastructure is a key ingredient to being competitive - and successful - in this venture. Surprisingly, pavilion rental records at Clement Taylor Park reveal that 40% of the events scheduled at the park are done so by out-of-towners. The new pavilion planned nearer the water will create an even more beautiful setting for a wedding, and with two pavilions, recreation staff believe that rental revenues will more than double.

Furthermore, the City's investment of adding a wide, lighted and landscaped pathway wending its way south along the Bay will link Clement E. Taylor Park to visitor parking areas, the Harbor Boardwalk, and the Destin History and Fishing Museum. The overall redevelopment will serve as a catalyst for visitors to spend more time leisurely exploring and enjoying the entire Harbor District's diverse offerings and be a significant addition to our area's economic vitality.

A.11 Requested Funding Amount: How much Direct Component (Pot #1) funding is being requested for this project?

$750,000

A.11.1 Other Funding: Is additional funding, outside of this request, being used for the project?

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes (provide information on all additional funding sources and amounts.)

Destin Kiwanis Club is seeking a $25,000 grant for playground equipment specifically for Clement Taylor Park. (Florida Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program funds of $928,706.30 and City of Destin's transportation impact fees of $300,000 will be expended for pathway portion of project linking park to Harbor District.)

A.11.2 Funding Under $90,000: Is the requested funding under $90,000?

- ☐ Less than or equal to $90,000 (Application is complete)
- ☒ More than $90,000 (Proceed to Part B)

END OF PART A

Clement Taylor Park A.6.2.

Area; 3.39 acres
Owner: City of Destin
Site Address: 131 Calhoun Avenue

A.6.3.1

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** OFFICIAL RECORDS **
BK 1548 PG 1286

QUIT-CLAIM DEED

THIS QUIT-CLAIM DEED, Executed this 13th day of March, A. D. 1990 by

OKALOOSA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida,

hereafter called the Grantor, to

CITY OF DESTIN, a Florida Municipality,

whose post office address is P. O. Box 399, Destin, Florida 32541 hereinafter called the Grantee:

(Wherever used herein the terms "Grantor" and "Grantee" shall include singular and plural, heirs, legal representatives and assigns of individuals, and the successors and assigns of corporations, wherever the context so admits or requires)

WITNESSETH: That the Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of $10.00 in hand paid by the Grantee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby remise, release, and quit-claim unto the Grantee forever, all the right, title, interest, claim and demand which the Grantor has in and to the following described lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, to wit:

Lot No. 14-B of the Moreno Point Military Reservation according to plat thereof on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, Florida.

Also known as Clement E. Taylor Park.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the same together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest, lien, equity and claim whatsoever of the Grantor, either in law or equity, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the Grantee forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantor has caused these presents to be executed in its name by its Board of County Commissioners acting by the Chairman or Vice Chairman of said board, the day and year aforesaid.

Okaloosa County, Florida

By its Board of County Commissioners

BY: Ferrin C. Campbell, Jr.
FERRIN C. CAMPBELL, JR.
Chairman of the Okaloosa County Commission

OKALOOSA COUNTY FLORIDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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CIRCUIT COURT

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