

## Pensacola Bay Watershed

Beach Haven - Joint Stormwater and Wastewater Improvement Project - Phase II (FL\_RESTORE\_001\_004\_Cat1)

Project Name: Beach Haven - Joint Stormwater & Wastewater Improvement Project - Phase II -

Implementation

**Cost:** Category 1: \$5,967,000

**Responsible Council Member:** State of Florida

**Project Details:** Septic tanks and untreated stormwater runoff are still significant sources of pollutants to the impaired Bayou Chico, an important habitat area within the Pensacola Bay watershed. This project includes activities that will reduce sediment and nutrient loadings to Bayou Chico, reduce biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), reduce total suspended solids (TSS), reduce turbidity, increase water clarity, and improve light penetration for photosynthesis to enable expansion of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) and emergent marsh habitat.

**Activities:** Specific activities will include construction of stormwater treatment facilities, septic tank removal and connection to central sewers. The wastewater infrastructure component of the project includes construction of approximately 6.4 miles of 8" gravity sewer main, 0.6 miles of 12" gravity main, and a new pumping station. The new collection system will provide wastewater service to approximately 760 properties. The stormwater treatment system will be constructed in the area where existing man-made ditches discharge untreated stormwater into the Jones Swamp area of Bayou Chico.

**Environmental Benefits:** Expected pollutant load annual reductions include 1,206 pounds of nitrogen, 315 pounds of phosphorus, 7,082 pounds of BOD, 21,813 pounds of TSS, and 28,683 pounds of sediment. Other ecological benefits include increased water clarity and improved light penetration for photosynthesis to enable expansion of SAV and emergent marsh habitat.

**Duration:** Full implementation will take approximately three years.

More information on these activities can be found in Appendix G. Pensacola Bay; Unique Identifier: FL\_RESTORE\_001\_004\_Cat1.

