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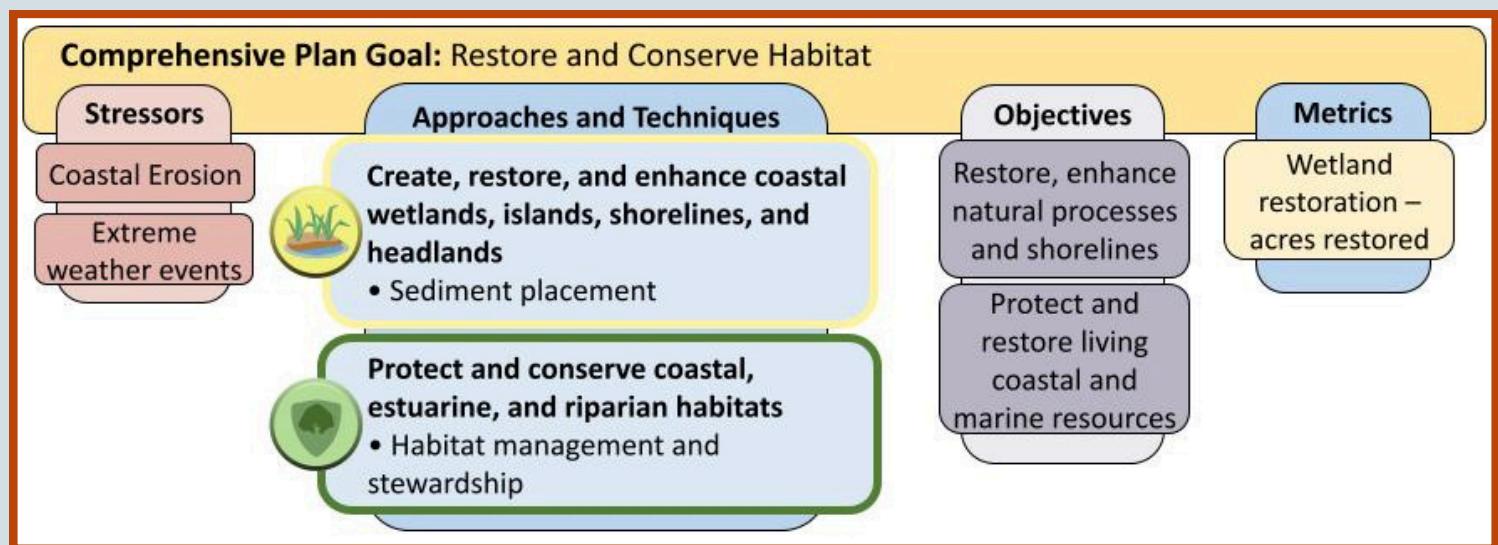
Enhance Coastal Resilience Through Beach and Dune Restoration, Escambia County (New Project)

The U.S. Department of the Interior is requesting funding for the proposed *Enhance Coastal Resilience Through Beach and Dune Restoration, Escambia County* project. This project will cover planning and compliance work needed to extend local beach restoration efforts into the Gulf Islands National Seashore (GUIS). Extending these beach nourishment efforts onto federal land will enhance infrastructure protection and combat coastal erosion.

While this project does not directly request funding for sediment placement, it will prepare the way for future beach nourishment and immediately support dune stabilization by planting native vegetation. This project includes two years of planning and three years of planting and monitoring. Plants grown from existing species in the GUIS will help stabilize dunes, protect infrastructure, reduce erosion and improve storm resilience. It will also help maintain wildlife corridors for species like beach mice and expand nesting habitat for shorebirds and sea turtles, whose breeding areas have been reduced by coastal development. Enhancing barrier island resilience through this effort will not only improve habitat but also support local communities by protecting critical evacuation routes and promoting tourism in the area, particularly following recent hurricane impacts. The primary goal of this project is to restore and conserve habitat. The project duration is 5 years.

Project at a Glance

The *Enhance Coastal Resilience Through Beach and Dune Restoration, Escambia County* project applies Planning Framework approaches and techniques to support Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives. In support of the objectives, to *Restore and enhance natural processes and shorelines* and to *Protect and restore living coastal and marine resources*, stressors such as coastal erosion will be addressed using the techniques *Sediment placement* and *Habitat management and stewardship*. Success using this techniques to enhance *beach and dune habitat* may be tracked using the number of acres restored.



**Draft FPL 2026 Public Comment Period:
October 15 - 11:59 PM MT November 14, 2025**

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