



NFWF

Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

RECIPIENT

City of Pensacola

AMOUNT

\$2,106,500

LEVERAGE

\$22,000

PARTNER

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

LOCATION

Pensacola, FL

AWARD DATE

November 2013

STATUS

Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE

Final reports have been submitted. This project is now closed. (December 2018)

The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about NFWF, go to www.nfwf.org.

FLORIDA

Government Street Regional Stormwater Pond at Corrine Jones Park

This project will construct the Government Street Regional Stormwater Pond at Corrine Jones Park to capture and treat stormwater runoff from 40 acres in downtown Pensacola that currently discharges untreated runoff directly into Pensacola Bay. The proposed improvement includes a two-tier treatment system with pretreatment units to remove debris and floatables prior to entering the wet detention pond. The pond takes an innovative approach to stormwater management by having multiple ecological benefits. In addition to its water quality improvement, the pond will also serve as a wetland habitat for a variety of bird and other species.

Continued growth in the City of Pensacola and the adjacent suburban areas has increased the discharge of untreated runoff, causing increases in both sediment and nutrient loading that have had adverse effects on the ecology of Pensacola Bay. The Bay represents a significant habitat for 70 identified rare, imperiled or threatened animal species and at least 68 rare, imperiled or threatened plant species. The State of Florida seeks to improve the overall ecological health of the Bay by targeting investments to improve water quality and eliminate significant levels of this harmful runoff. The pond would discharge directly into a coastal wetland that was recently restored as part of Pensacola Bay’s revitalization effort. By improving water quality flowing into the wetland, this project would also contribute to the long-term sustainability of the previously restored coastal wetland.



This project will improve water quality in Pensacola Bay in the vicinity of previously restored wetlands by using an innovative stormwater treatment pond similar to the one at Admiral Mason Park (above).