

FLORIDA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE¹

Grant Abstracts, FY 2022-2023

PROJECT: *REEF's Marine Invasive Fish Outreach and Control Program*

RECIPIENT: Monroe County and REEF

FCMP FUNDS: \$29,972

ABSTRACT:

Monroe County was awarded funding to educate and engage the community to assist the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) in controlling the invasive lionfish population in the Florida Keys. This project will enhance REEF's invasive fish species outreach and control programs throughout Monroe County through the planning, design, and coordination of education, training, monitoring, and community engagement activities. The goals will be accomplished through high school education programs, training workshops, monitoring surveys, and community lionfish derbies in the Florida Keys.

PROJECT: *Titusville Community Resiliency Stewardship Program*

RECIPIENT: City of Titusville

FCMP FUNDS: \$30,000

ABSTRACT:

The City of Titusville was awarded funding to promote stewardship of fragile coastal resources by providing educational and interactive resources such as a community assessment questionnaire, brochures, presentations, outreach events, and training, allowing the community to take ownership of solutions and strategies to build resiliency, protect and effectively manage the City's coastal resources.

PROJECT: *Fernandina Beach Cleveland Avenue 16 Beach Walkover Project*

RECIPIENT: City of Fernandina Beach

FCMP FUNDS: \$60,000

ABSTRACT:

The City of Fernandina Beach was awarded funding for the construction of an ADA-accessible beach dune walkover at the City's Access Point 16, and to place sand fences, pedestrian control lanes, sea oats, and educational signage in areas adjacent to the new Walkover to increase protective dune accumulations. The project will help restore and stabilize degraded dune areas of significant environmental value in the coastal dunes near the current Beach Walkthrough 16 located on Cleveland Avenue. Through this project, the protective resiliency of the Fernandina Beach dunes will be increased against sea water encroachment related to hurricanes and Sea Level Rise, and coastal access will be improved.

PROJECT: *Palm Bay Castaway Point Park Restoration and Enhancement Project*

RECIPIENT: City of Palm Bay

FCMP FUNDS: \$60,000

ABSTRACT:

The City of Palm Bay was awarded funding for proposed significant enhancements to the Castaway Point Park which include repairing the North and South Pier boardwalks, upgrading the lighting and restroom facilities, and adding educational signage. This project will help increase public access to the park and provide public education regarding the site's historical significance and nationally recognized marine estuary.

PROJECT: *Bruce Beach Park Interpretive Signage*

RECIPIENT: City of Pensacola

FCMP FUNDS: \$55,000

ABSTRACT:

The City of Pensacola was awarded funding to improve Bruce Beach by installing interpretive signage to inform the public on the history of the park, environmental issues, and creates a walkable, educational pathway and outdoor learning center for visitors. The objective of the interpretive signage is to educate the public on the history of Bruce Beach by providing information on the area's historic neighborhoods, including the history of environmental disasters and events in Pensacola. The signage creates an engaging natural pathway and instills pride in the community.

¹ The [Coastal Partnership Initiative](#) makes federal funds from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration available to local governments of Florida's 35 coastal counties and municipalities that are required to include a coastal element in their comprehensive plan. Florida public colleges and universities, regional planning councils, national estuary programs and nonprofit organizations may also apply if an eligible local government agrees to participate as a partner.