

FLORIDA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE¹

Grant Abstracts, FY 2019-2020

PROJECT: *Improved Beach Access for Disabled Visitors*

RECIPIENT: Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency

FCMP FUNDS: \$10,338

ABSTRACT: The City of Riviera Beach was awarded funding for ADA-compliant upgrades to improve coastal access for visitors to Bicentennial Park. Plans include purchasing two roll-out accessibility mats to accommodate disabled visitors to provide a continuous unobstructed path to the water, as well as purchase three floating beach wheelchairs. The grantee will also construct a hurricane-rated beachfront kiosk adjacent to the building used to store the equipment.

PROJECT: *City Point Living Shoreline*

RECIPIENT: Brevard County

FCMP FUNDS: \$19,030

ABSTRACT: Brevard County was awarded funding for the design and installation of a living shoreline along North Indian River Drive in Cocoa. The installation of native salt marsh vegetation and an oyster breakwater will help stabilize the shoreline and provide increased protection from erosion, enhance and restore estuary habitat and improve water quality along this portion of the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserve. Additionally, educational signage will be installed at the site about the project and the benefits of natural resiliency for protection against storms and other erosive forces.

PROJECT: *Jones' Pier Conservation Area Wetlands and Hammock Restoration Project*

RECIPIENT: Indian River County

FCMP FUNDS: \$50,000

ABSTRACT: Indian River County was awarded funding to create a salt marsh creation and enhance habitats at the Jones' Pier Conservation Area. The project will improve water quality in this section of the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserve by restoring and creating approximately 4.8 acres of saltmarsh wetlands and hydric hammock. Water from the lagoon will be pumped into the site to circulate through a diverse saltmarsh system, removing nutrients, suspended solids and other pollutants prior to discharge back into the lagoon. Additionally, the project includes creating native uplands to improve resilience and buffering of natural areas.

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.

PROJECT: *Clifton S. Perry Park Public Access Facilities*
RECIPIENT: Martin County Board of Commissioners, Public Works Department
FCMP FUNDS: **\$50,000**
ABSTRACT: Martin County was awarded funding to complete public access amenity upgrades at Clifton S. Perry Beach on Hutchinson Island. Upgrades will include constructing an ADA-compliant non-motorized watercraft launch, replacing 300 feet of deteriorating dock with a boardwalk over the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserve and also produce signage to educate visitors on the importance of mangroves, seagrass and manatees.

PROJECT: *Archie Glover Boat Ramp Coastal Access Improvements*
RECIPIENT: Santa Rosa County
FCMP FUNDS: **\$75,000**
ABSTRACT: The Archie Glover Boat Ramp is popular among commercial and recreational fisherman, paddle craft enthusiasts, residents and visitors. Project improvements will include ADA-compliant upgrades to the existing restroom facilities at the boat ramp, construction of an ADA-accessible approach ramp and parking spaces and a new adaptive kayak launch with an adjoining floating dock and gangway. These improvements will expand accessibility, increase visitor safety, reduce erosion impacts to the surrounding shoreline and protect water quality.
