

FLORIDA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE¹

Grant Abstracts, FY 2020-2021

PROJECT: *Ocean Hammock Park-Phase 2 Planning, Design and Permitting*

RECIPIENT: City of St. Augustine Beach

FCMP FUNDS: \$25,000

ABSTRACT: The City of St. Augustine Beach was awarded funding for planning, designing and permitting Phase 2 improvements to Ocean Hammock Park which include the following:

- Upland and wetland planting
 - Nature trails and elevated walkway
 - Wildlife observation deck
 - Picnic pavilion
 - Playscape area
 - Education improvements, including nature center, kiosk and interpretive signs
 - Bike rack and canoe/kayak storage
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PROJECT: *Oaks by the Bay Park Post Hurricane Michael Habitat Restoration*

RECIPIENT: City of Panama City

FCMP FUNDS: \$56,860

ABSTRACT: The City of Panama City was awarded funding to restore the City's iconic Oaks by the Bay Park. The Oaks by the Bay park is located in the St. Andrews neighborhood of Panama City, Florida which is in Bay County. CPI funds will be used to restore the park which was impacted by Hurricane Michael with native tree planing, irrigation and up lighting and enhancing the park with park benches, bicycle parking racks and trash receptacles.

PROJECT: *All Hands on Deck Restoration Project in Walton County*

RECIPIENT: Walton County Board of County Commissioners

FCMP FUNDS: \$57,551

ABSTRACT: Walton County was awarded funding in partnership with CBA to restore a footprint of 6.71 acres of oyster, saltmarsh, seagrass, dune and coastal dune lake wetland in Walton County through a total of 22 restoration events using community volunteers. This restoration will improve much larger total area through ecosystem services benefiting numerous native birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, and invertebrates. Walton County and partner will also create a community of stewardship for local habitats through education, outreach and volunteer opportunities. The education component will directly educate 500 students and 200 adults through approved lesson plans that focus on environmental stewardship.

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: *Exceptional Environmental Stewards*
RECIPIENT: Sea Turtle Adventures, Inc. and the City of Boynton Beach
FCMP FUNDS: **\$22,900**
ABSTRACT: Sea Turtle Adventures was awarded funding for cleanups events at four environmentally sensitive and protected habitats in Boynton Beach: Harvey E. Oyer Park, Intracoastal Park, Jaycee Park, and Oceanfront Park. All four locations are adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway and contain prime mangrove habitats. Each cleanup will be two hours and include an educational topic in the beginning and a safety briefing. All trash at the cleanups will be recorded and the data will be provided to Ocean Conservancy to assist with policy making regarding marine pollution.
