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LAND ACQUISITION

Seven Runs Creek

The 2,336 acre conservation easement at Seven Runs Creek, which is a part of the Florida Forever project in Walton County, is being managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of State Lands.

Total award amount: \$2,400,000

Background

The state of Florida received \$10 million in the form of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) and civil penalties under a June 18, 2012 Consent Decree between MOEX Offshore 2007 LLC, a 10-percent non-operating investor in the lease on the Macondo well at the time of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and the U.S. Department of Justice. The SEP was in the form of land acquisition and the civil penalties were utilized for stormwater management projects. The Florida Attorney General's office played an instrumental role in securing this relief, consistent with its role in representing the Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on oil spill related matters.

Funding Breakdown

- \$5 million was utilized by The Trust for Public Land to acquire two environmentally sensitive land parcels in the Panhandle.
- \$5 million is being utilized for six stormwater retrofit projects throughout the Panhandle.