



RESTORE 2026 FUNDED PRIORITIES LIST: FLORIDA PROGRAMS DRAFT SELECTION CRITERIA

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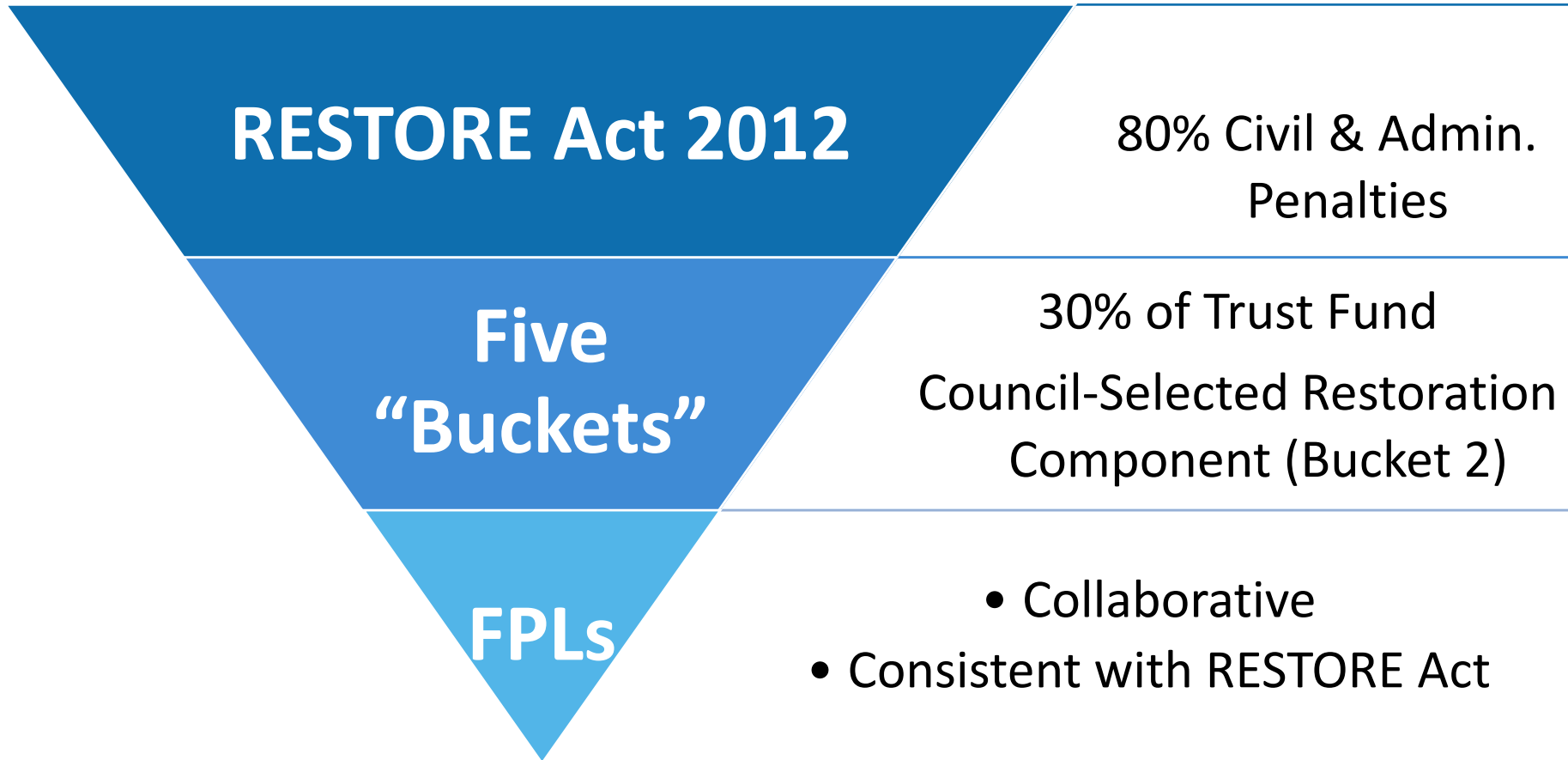
PRESENTATION AGENDA

1. Brief RESTORE Background.
2. Funded Priorities Lists (FPL).
3. RESTORE FPL Programs in Florida.
4. Draft Project Selection Criteria.
5. 2026 FPL Call for Proposals and Application Process.
6. Public Comment Period.





RESTORE BACKGROUND



RESTORE Council members include governors of AL, FL, LA, MS, and TX, as well as secretaries or administrators of six federal agencies.



FUNDED PRIORITIES LIST (FPL)

Previous FPLs

2015-2021

- \$485.2 million approved Gulf-wide.
- \$102 million approved for Florida.
- 17 FL specific activities (11 state, 6 federal).

Future 2026 FPL

2026

- \$74.5 million to be approved Gulf-wide.
- \$329.1 million Gulf-wide identified to implement priority activities in the future.
- 4 FL specific activities (3 state, 1 federal).
- \$77 million allocated for Florida.



2026 FPL CALL FOR PROJECTS

Program Name	Category 1 (To Be Approved June 10)	Category 2 (Prioritized)	Total Funds Identified
<u>Florida Gulf Coast Resilience Program (GCRP)</u>	\$8,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$20,000,000
<u>Florida Gulf Coast Tributaries Hydrologic Restoration Program (GCTHRP)</u>	\$5,042,000	\$7,563,000	\$12,605,000
<u>Florida Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP)</u>	\$18,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$45,000,000



RESTORE ACT PRIORITY CRITERIA

Greatest contribution to restoring and protecting natural resources.

Large-scale.

**The
Planning
Framework**

Build upon existing restoration plans or programs.

Long-term resilience to areas most impacted.



SELECTION CRITERIA OVERVIEW

Eligibility Screening

Project Screening

Other Factors



ELIGIBILITY SCREENING CALL FOR PROJECTS

Program	Approaches		Techniques
<u>Florida Gulf Coast Resilience Program</u>	Create, Restore, and Enhance Coastal Wetlands, Islands, Shorelines and Headlands	Protect and Conserve Coastal, Estuarine and Riparian Habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect Natural Shorelines • Coastal and Submerged Lands Management • Other (Develop Tools for Planning & Evaluation)
<u>Florida Tributaries Hydrologic Restoration Program</u>	Restore Hydrology and Natural Processes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore Hydrologic Connectivity • Restore Natural Salinity Regimes
<u>Florida Water Quality Improvement Program</u>	Reduce Excess Nutrients and Other Pollutants to Watersheds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater Management • Erosion and Sediment Control • Wastewater System Improvements

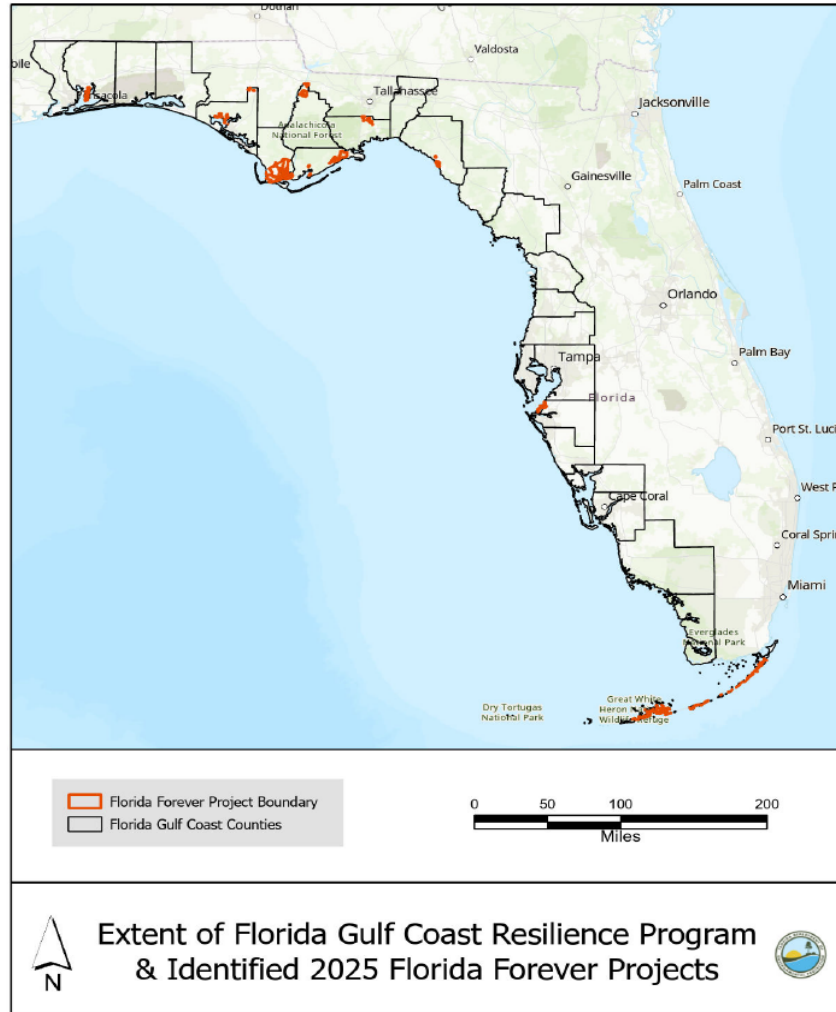
RESTORE Comprehensive Plan:

https://www.restorethegulf.gov/~assets/documents/2022_comp-plan_update_final.pdf

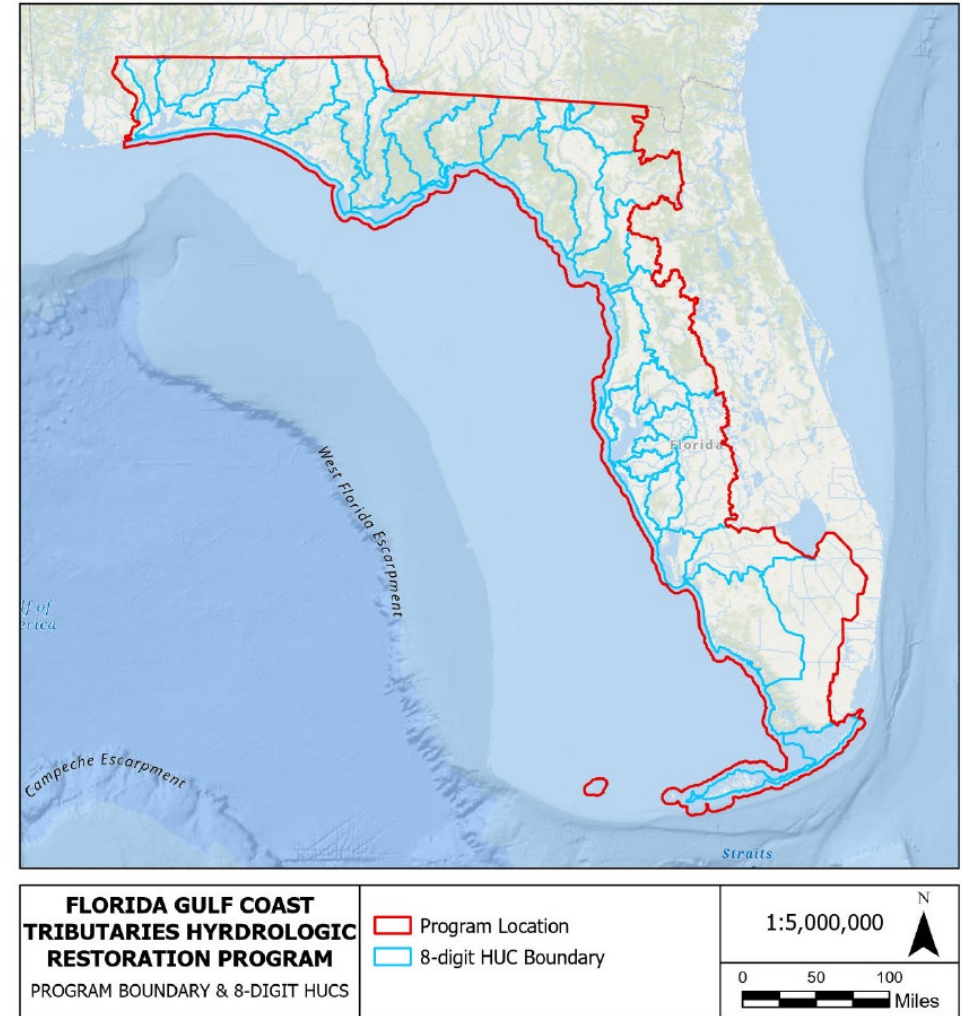


ELIGIBILITY SCREENING GEOGRAPHICAL EXTENT

Gulf Coast Resilience Program

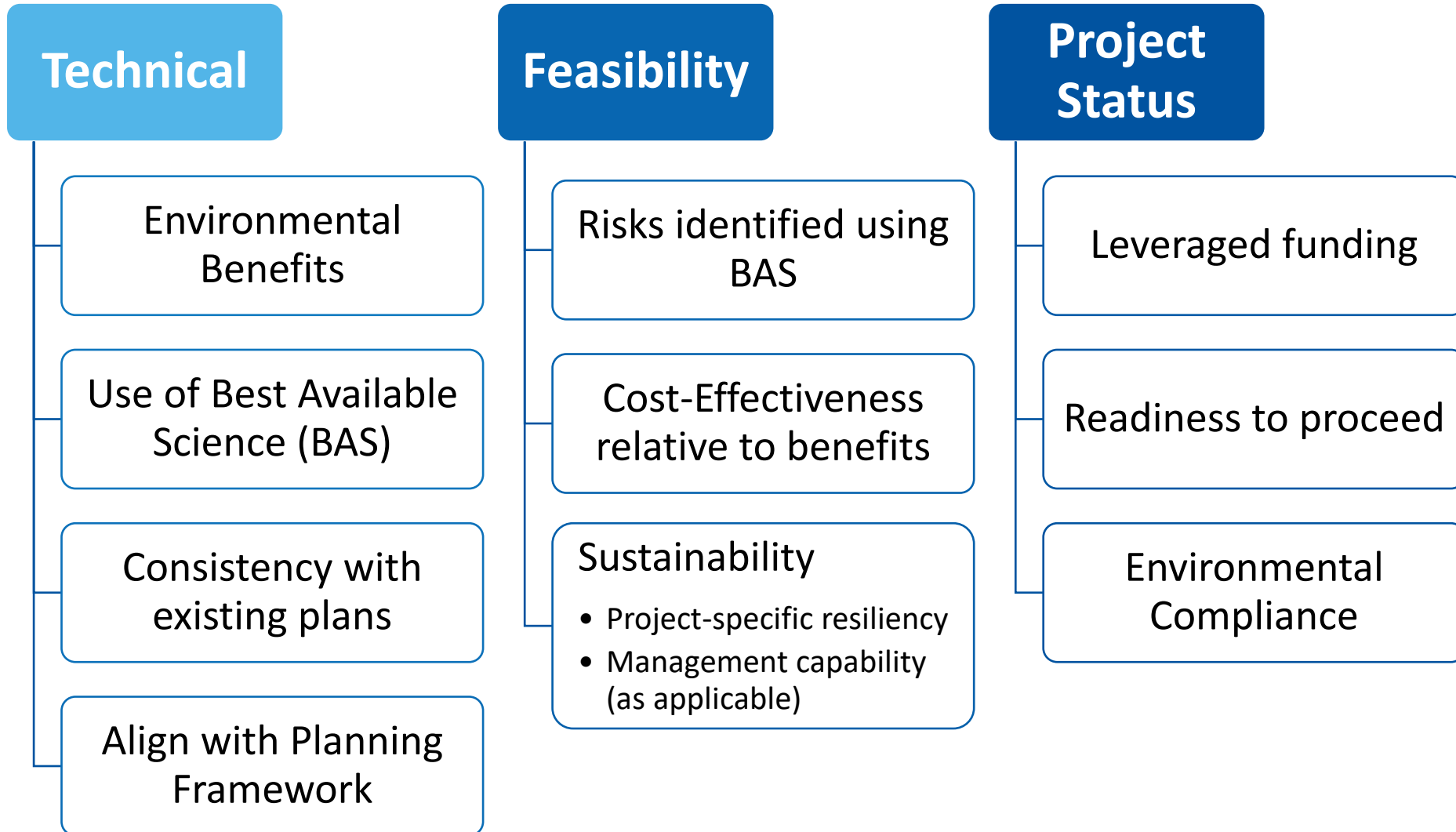


GCTHRP and WQIP



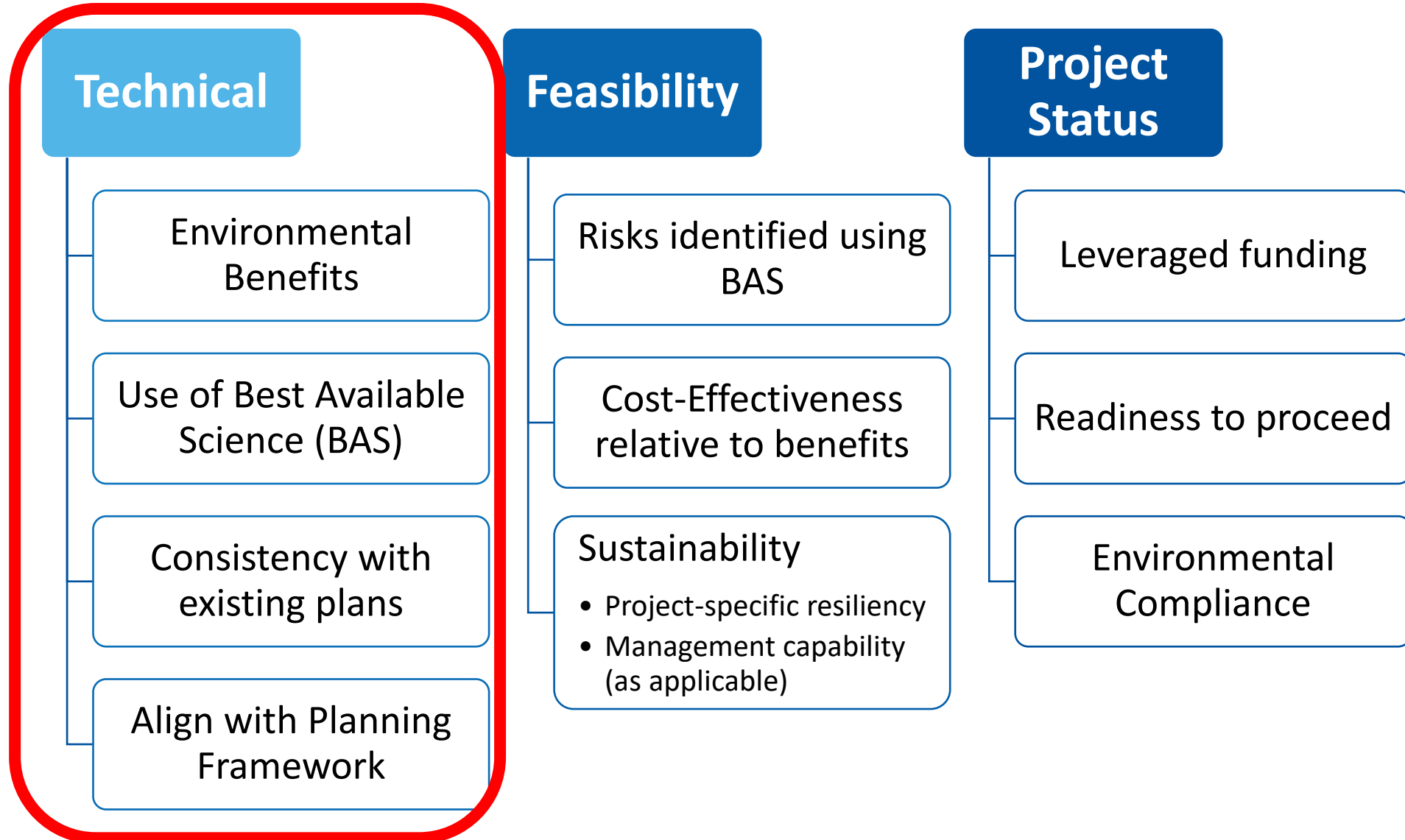


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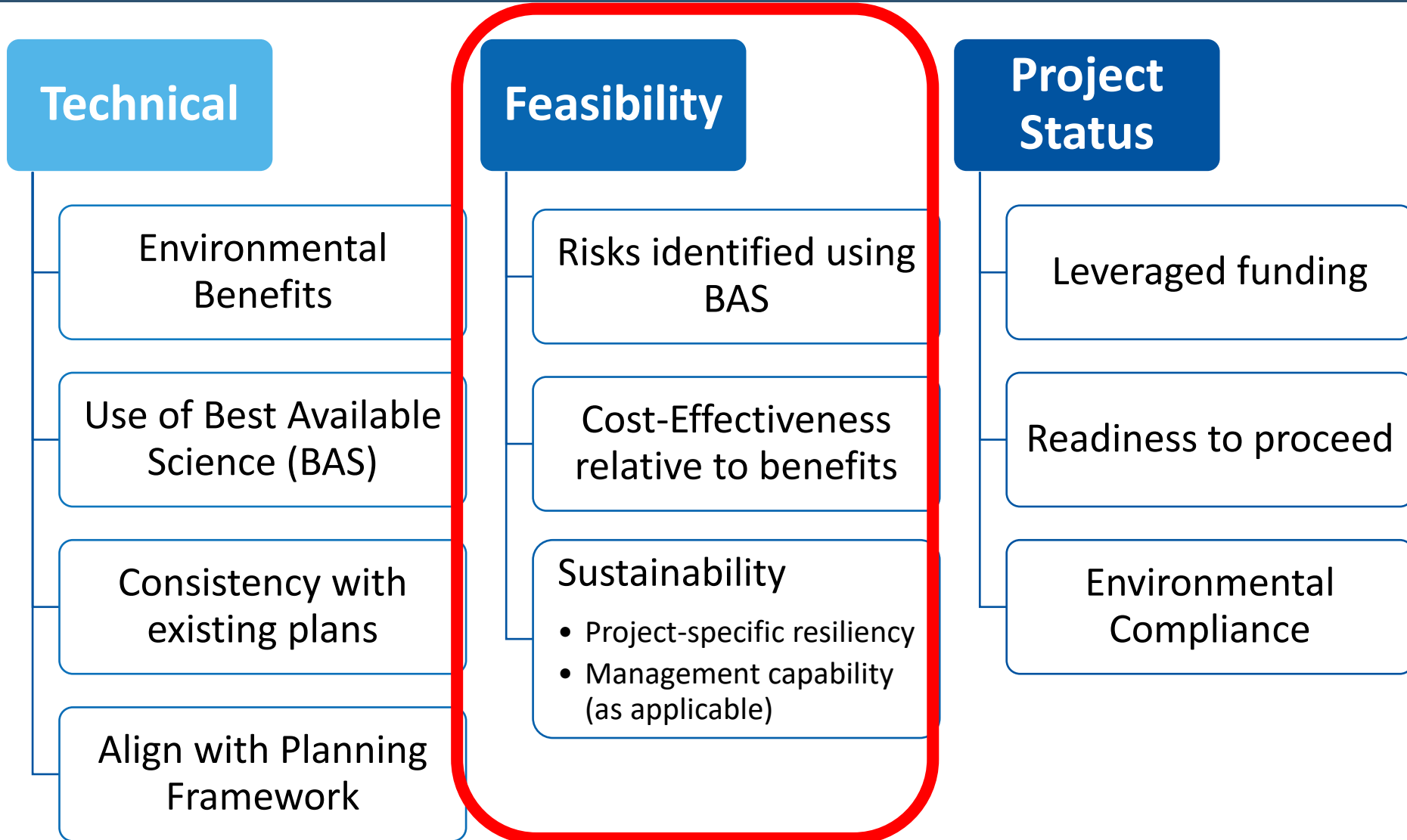


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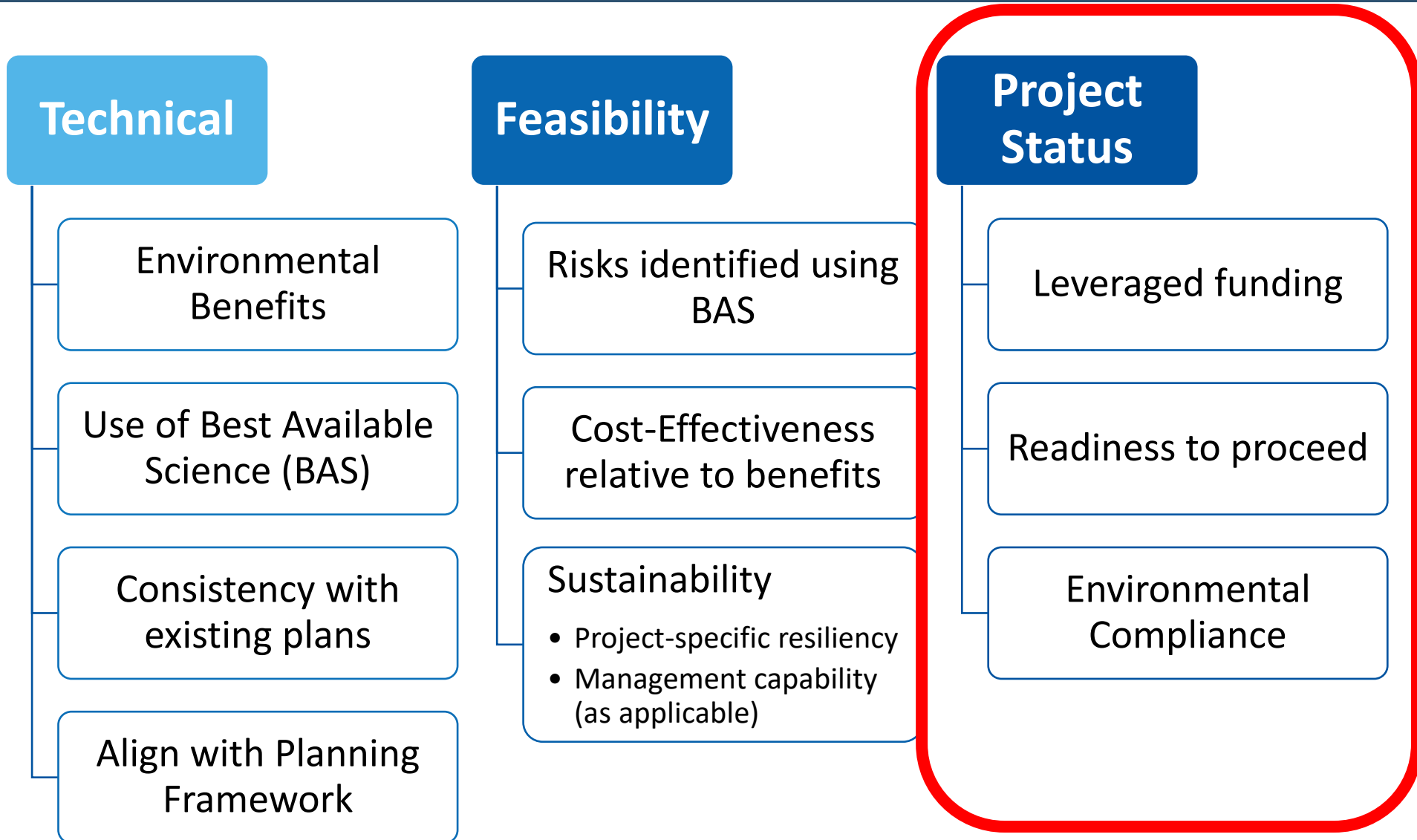


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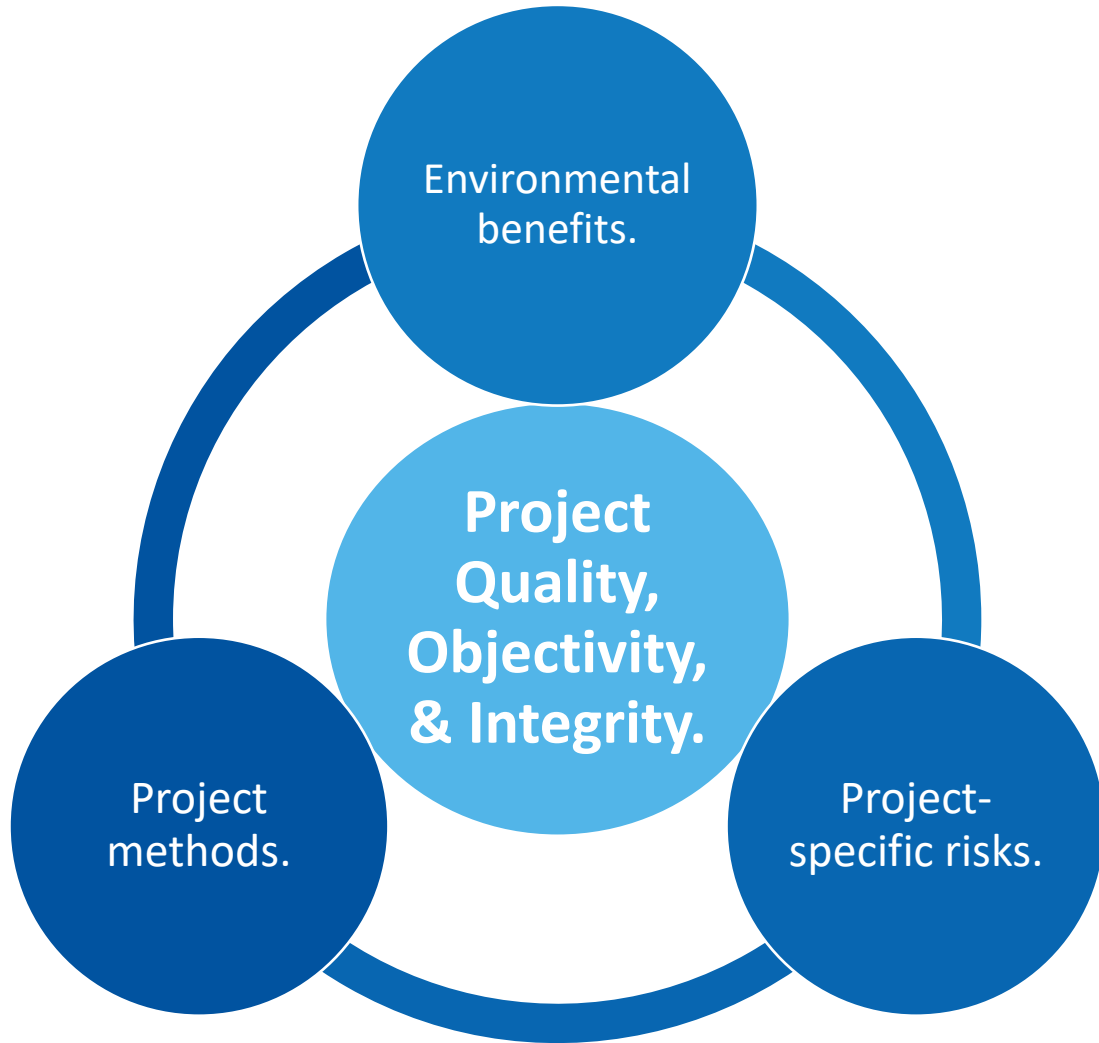


PROJECT SCREENING





BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE



- Include citations/bibliography.
- Discuss applicable regional plans.
- Consider all project risks and uncertainties.
- Discuss monitoring and adaptive management (as applicable).
- Discuss plan for data management and accessibility.



BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE

Examples of Applicable Regional Plans

Alternative Restoration Plan (ARP)

Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP)

Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL-TIG) Restoration Plan

Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF) Restoration Strategy

Minimum Flow Level (MFL)

Mitigation Strategies

Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP)

State Expenditure Plan (SEP)

Surface Water Improvement Management (SWIM) Plan



OTHER FACTORS

Regional Project



Two or more sponsors

**Disadvantaged
Communities**



REDI or Rural Area of
Opportunity



WHO CAN SUBMIT PROJECTS

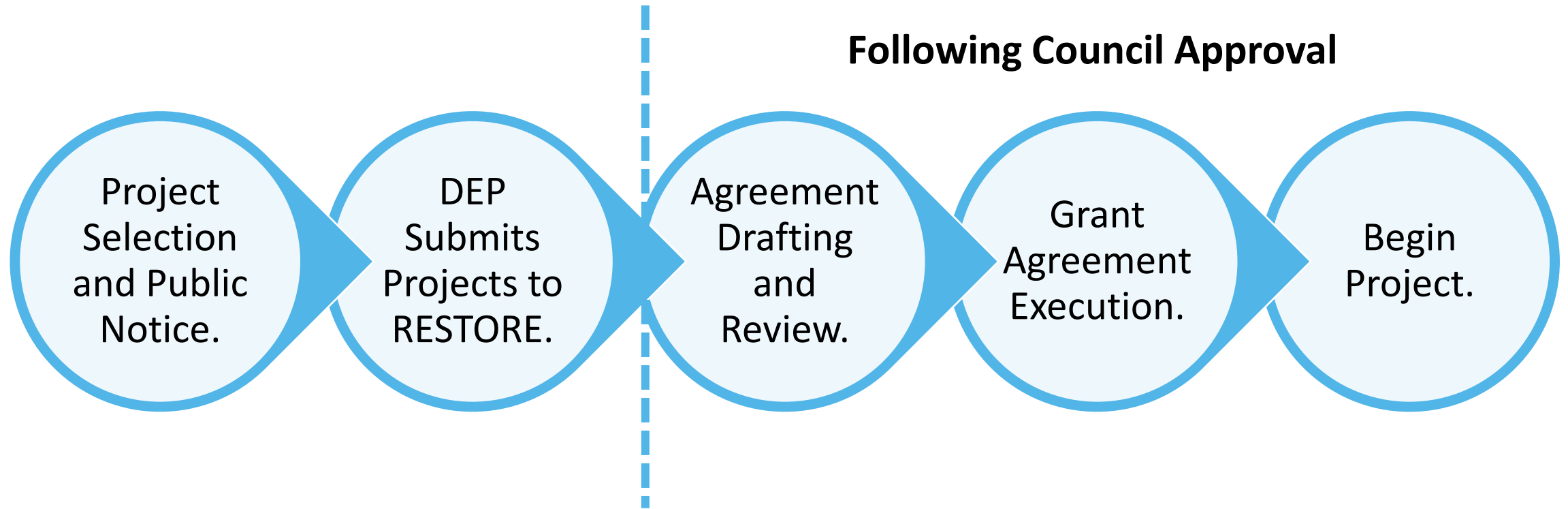
- Counties.
- Municipalities.
- Water Management Districts.
- State Agencies.
- Special Districts.
- Non-governmental Organizations.

Must be able to meet 2 C.F.R. 200 guidelines.





GRANT PROCESS TIMELINE



From project selection to the start of a project can take around twelve to eighteen months.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Selection Criteria

- 30-day public comment period starting from today.
- Final selection criteria posted on DEP website.

Call for Projects

- Announce on [Website](#) & [GovDelivery](#).
- Proposal guidance materials:
 - FAQs.

Submit Proposal in Portal

- **Protecting Florida Together** Grants Page- Deepwater Horizon.
 - Must create an account.
- Call for projects anticipated to open **July 1, 2026** for 60 days.

<https://protectingfloridatogether.gov/grants>



HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Public comment period is open until 11:59 PM EST on June 11, 2026.
- This presentation will be posted to:
<https://floridadep.gov/wra/deepwater-horizon>
- Submit public comments via email to:
DeepwaterHorizon@DEP.state.fl.us

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THANK YOU

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