

CRC Infrastructure Sub-Committee

Project Identification Template and Instructions

Mobile County Parks and

Recreational Facilities

Project Identification Template

Instructions: Please complete all of the information requested with the best information you have available. Limited attachments are acceptable if necessary to adequately describe the project but the **total length should be limited to 6 pages** one-sided (including attachments). This Identification Template is intended as a preliminary mechanism by which proposals and projects to improve the resiliency of Coastal Alabama are solicited and captured with some consistency of format, scope definition, and project benefits and impact. **This is only a first step: proposals and projects will not be funded based upon this submittal. Further information and details will be solicited at such time as the screening and funding process is more fully defined.**

Responses should be received by December 7, 2010, to be included in the appendix the Coastal Recovery Commission Report to the Governor to be submitted December 15, 2010. Submittals after that date will be accepted for consideration but will not be included in the Project Appendix.

Completed Templates may be submitted:

- Electronically (.pdf preferred) to: crcalabama.templateresponse.com.
- By US mail to: Coastal Recovery Commission.

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I. What – Project Information/Basic Facts

1. Project Scope Mobile County 10 year Park and Recreation Master Plan implementation. This project provides for developing, acquiring, and enhancing park and recreational facilities based on the County's new master plan.

2. Project duration or schedule by phase and status of any work in progress The Park and Recreation Master Plan has been adopted by Mobile County and the implementation is estimated to be ten years.
- 2.1. Conceptual and Feasibility Planning, Engineering, Construction The plan has been previously adopted.
3. Estimated Cost (plus or minus 30%) Estimated cost is \$46,000,000
- 3.1. Indicate level of confidence in accuracy of these estimates 75%

II. Why - Project Description relative to Impact and Criteria

1. Identify what need, threat or opportunity that this project, study, or recommendation will address Park and recreation facilities are an integral component of creating a high quality of life. The plan that has been adopted is based on future population projections and growth. This effort is being undertaken to ensure that the quantity and quality of public recreational facilities keeps pace with future demand.
2. How does this project or recommendation address and impact the recommended evaluation criteria:
 - 2.1.1. Coastal Recovery This project implements recovery by acquiring additional park and recreational space which includes waterfront and ecologically sensitive properties.
 - 2.1.2. Resiliency This project does not directly address this criteria.
 - 2.1.3. Transformational This project is transformational in the fact that it is a forward looking needs assessment improving the quality of life of the general public. It seeks to not only increase the quantity of recreational facilities in Mobile County, but also quality.
 - 2.1.4. Regionalism The project is regional in that it seeks to serve the entire population of Mobile County, as well as visitors to the area.
 - 2.1.5. Economic Diversification The parks and recreation implementation by itself does not create economic diversification. However, it can impact the perception of quality of life, which in turn does make a difference in individual and business investment decisions in the region.

3. Project Economics The estimated cost of the project is \$46,000,000.
4. Identify Direct Project benefits to Coastal Alabama, including avoided costs, consequence of “No Build” alternative. Project benefits include the improvement and enhancement of quality of life opportunities. Costs of avoidance and no build includes loss of recreation opportunities and the perception that Mobile County is an attractive destination to work, live, and play.
 - 4.1. Impact on employment, job training and development, both short term and permanent There will be a positive short term increase in construction jobs during the enhancement of facilities. This project will significantly improve the quality of life and make the area a more attractive place to live. The amenities will promote the area and be a factor considered by new industry to locate in the region, thus creating jobs and expanding the economy.
 - 4.2. Oil spill mitigation outside of claims process The negative image cast on the area during the oil spill crisis can be reversed over time as park lands are acquired, enhanced, and preserved making this area a leader in environmental and recreational concerns.
5. Identify Indirect benefits and costs
 - 5.1. Collateral Benefits to the objectives of Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy and Healthy Society (subjective responses allowed) The greatest collateral benefits can be found in creating a more healthy society. This is created by increasing opportunities for active recreation, social interaction, and environmental awareness.
 - 5.2. Collateral Costs or impacts to the objectives of Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy and Healthy Society (subjective responses allowed) There are no negative collateral impacts for this project.
 - 5.3. Connectivity and Linkage to other projects or initiatives: Does this project complement or compete with other projects? What other projects would be precluded if this project is funded? No other projects will be precluded or adversely impacted by this project.

III. Who/How – General Information

1. Name and contact information for Entity, Collaboration or Person submitting project or recommendation nomination. **Joe Ruffer, P.E., Mobile County Engineer, Mobile County Public Works, Mobile County Commission, 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36644-1600 (251) 574-8595 phone, (251) 574-4722 fax, jruffer@mobilecounty.net**

1.1. Entities and communities sharing a common threat or need are encouraged to collaborate for a joint/combined project submittal to raise the profile of the issue and solution to be addressed. Also please indicate the level of community support or resistance and hurdles to collaboration. This project is supported by the Mobile County Commission and local residents.

2. Identify Sponsoring Entity for oversight and accountability if different from above.

2.1. Existing or to be created? Existing

2.1.1. If to be created, what parties or interests must be involved and what level of effort is required to do so? Not Applicable

2.2. Describe governance, organizational capacity, availability of skills, experience of sponsoring entity to implement the Project The Mobile County Commission, operating through the Mobile County Public Works Department will be responsible for the maintenance of the project following construction and acceptance. The Mobile County Commission has the financial capability, expertise, and support personnel to maintain the project to function as designed. The facilities will be maintained for continuous use by the public. The Mobile County Commission will budget the necessary funds to maintain and make repairs as required.

2.3. Project complexity: Hurdles and barriers to project implementation, completion and sustainability. Identify regulatory issues. There are no regulatory issues considered "hurdles" at this time.

3. Identify any known or anticipated administrative, regulatory, or legislative action that would be required at either the local, state, or federal governmental level. No legislative action required other than the purchase of property and construction of improvements.

4. Requested funding from Coastal Recovery Fund (CRF) \$46,000,000

5. Identified potential funding sources other than the CRF None at this time.

5.1. Leverage or multiplier on CRF investment: matching funds, public or private None at this time.

5.2. Public Private Opportunities, user fees, Federal funds, private foundation grants, bonding capacity, etc. None at this time.

6. Forecast of ongoing maintenance or operating costs and source of funding if not self sustaining The Mobile County Commission budgets annual funding for the maintenance of the County's Park facilities.

