

# Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill RESTORE Act Council-Selected Restoration Component Proposal Submissions

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# The RESTORE Act

The RESTORE Act was signed into law on July 6, 2012 by the President. It accomplishes:

- the creation of the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund
- an outline for the proper use of the Trust Fund
- the establishment of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council

August 28, 2013 - The Council released the Initial Comprehensive Plan

August 15, 2014 - US Dept. of Treasury released Trust Fund regulations

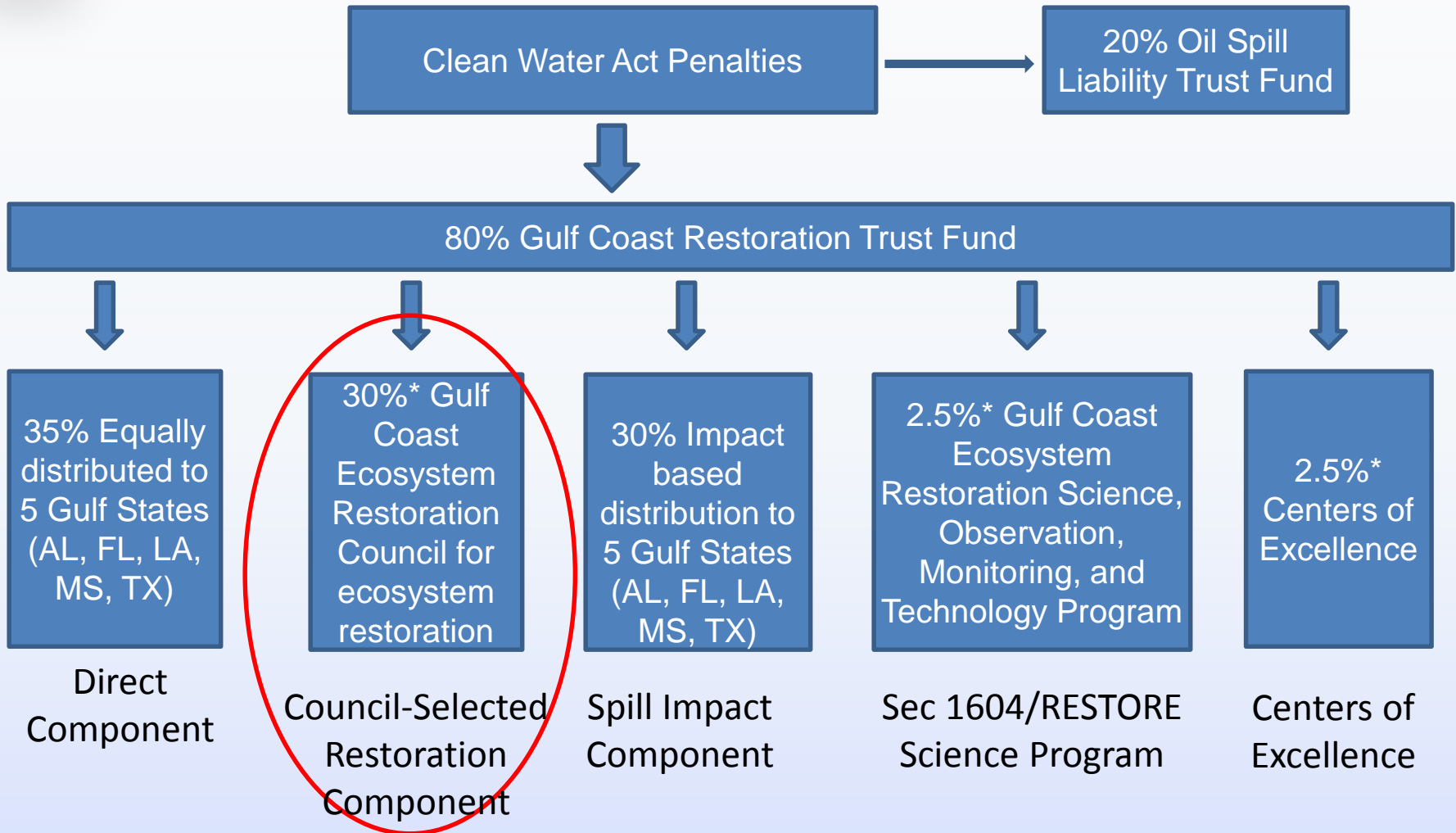
August 21, 2014 - Council-Selected Restoration Component (Bucket 2) submission window opened for Council members

November 17, 2014 – Deadline for Bucket 2 proposal submissions



# ALLOCATION OF RESTORE ACT FUNDS

## Council-Selected Restoration Component



**\*Supplemented by interest generated by the Trust Fund (50% to Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, 25% to Science Program, 25% to Centers of Excellence)**

# Process for Council-Selected Restoration Component (Bucket 2)

**Projects Submitted.** Projects may focus on Habitat and Water Quality goals, with an emphasis on projects that are foundational, sustainable, have a high probability of success and that have community benefits.

## Project Vetting Activities

**Eligibility Verification and Budget Reasonableness, Coordination Reviews**

**Science  
Evaluation**

**Priority and  
Commitment to  
Plan Evaluation**

**Environmental  
Compliance  
Readiness**

Results from proposal submission and evaluation will be compiled into a context report and attached to each proposal to aid in the development of a draft Funded Priorities List.



# Successful Project Proposals for the Council-Selected Restoration Component

- Water quality and habitat focus
- Reasonable cost
- Gulf-wide significance
- Wide-spread support
- Scientifically-sound
- Meets the goals and objectives outlined in the Initial Comprehensive Plan
- Environmental compliance status

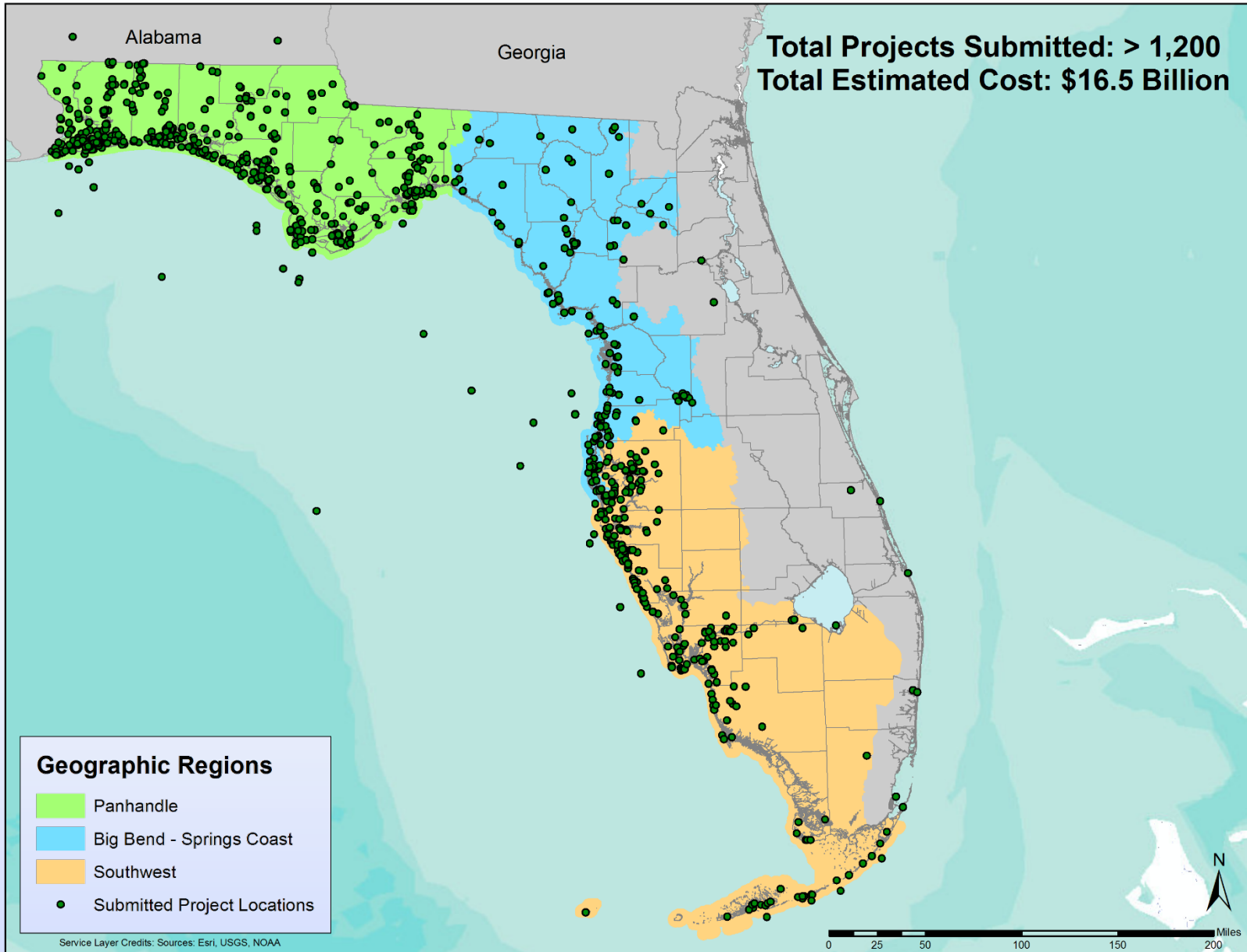
# Florida's Restoration Priorities

- Stormwater / Wastewater
- Community resilience / Living shorelines
- Water quality projects
- Agriculture BMPs
- Fish and wildlife habitat and management

# How Florida reached the five proposals

- DEP's project portal
- Extensive outreach efforts
- Public input
- Intersection of common interests

# Submitted Projects to Date





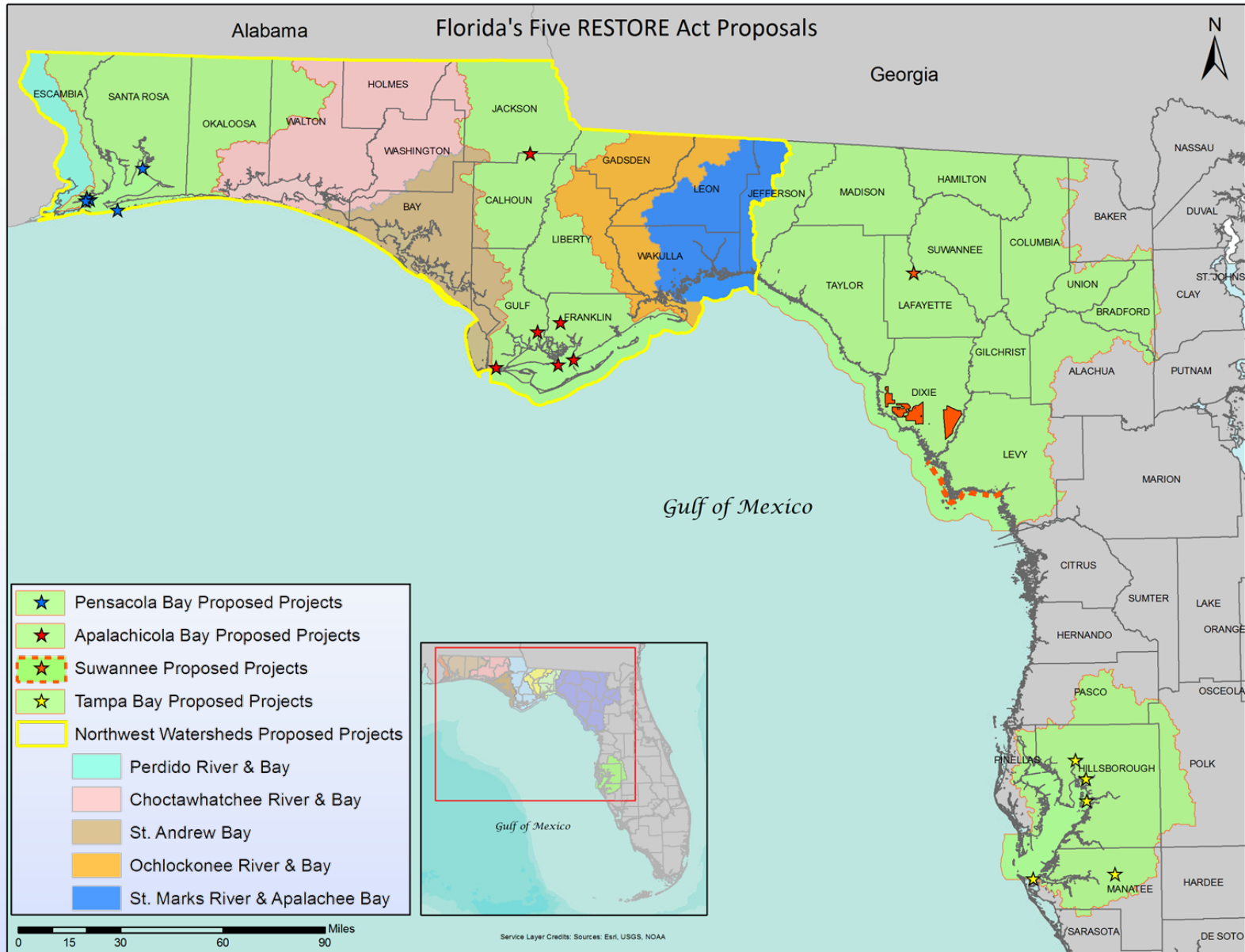
# Outreach Activities

- Two Webinars - 125+ participants on each
- Florida Association of Counties and Gulf Consortium
- NGOs
- Gulf Coast Counties
- State agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Other States
- NEPs

# Managing Expectations for Bucket 2

- \$150 to \$180 million available Gulf-Wide
- 5 proposal limit per Council member
- Competitive - no guarantee that any proposal will be selected

# Florida's Five Proposals

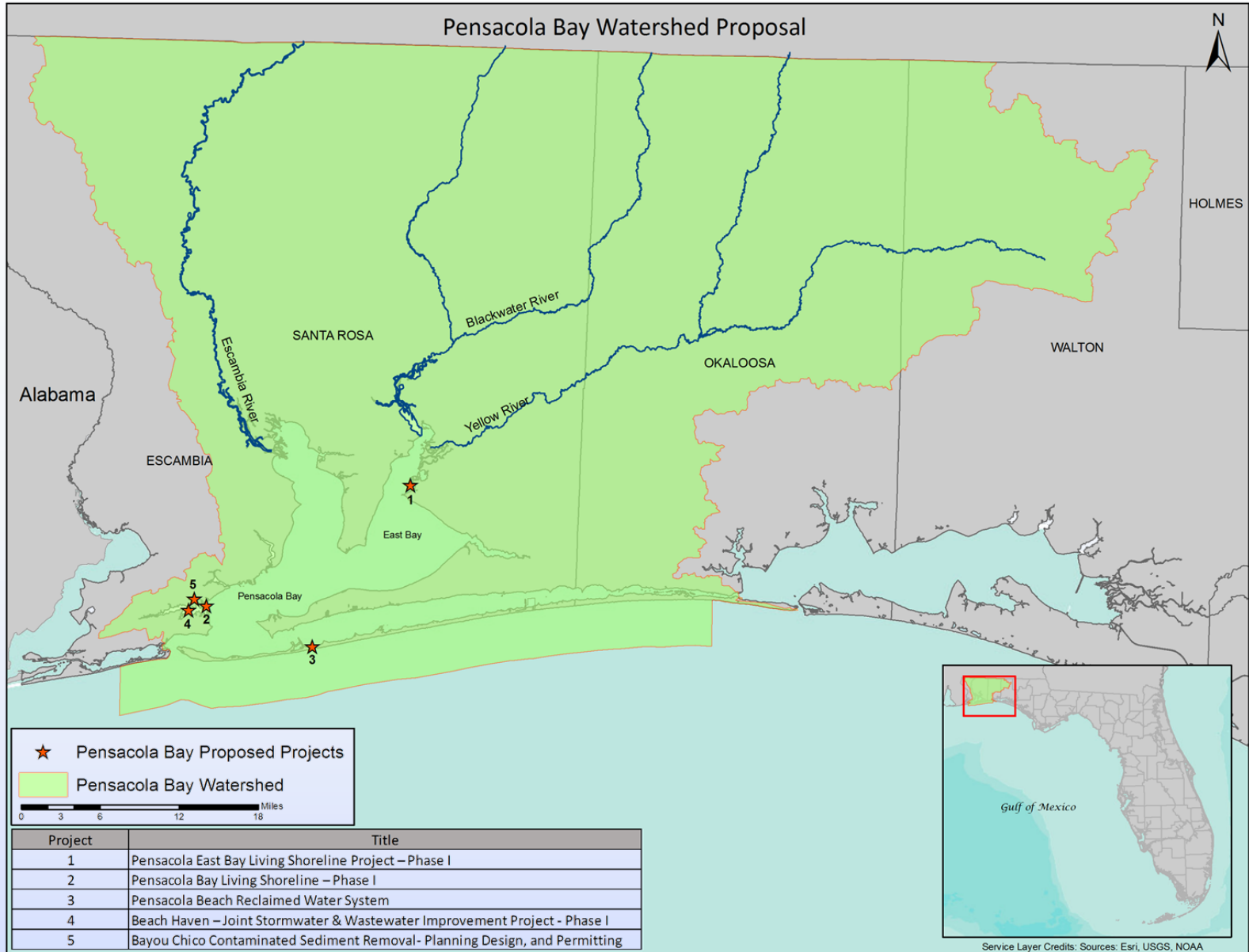


# Florida's Five Proposals

- Pensacola Bay Watershed Restoration - \$15.9 million
- Apalachicola Bay Watershed Restoration - \$26.1 million
- Suwannee River Watershed Restoration and Preservation - \$12.1 million
- Tampa Bay Watershed Restoration - \$6.9 million
- Northwest Florida Estuaries Restoration - \$16.8 million

**Total - \$77.9 million**

# Pensacola Bay Watershed Restoration Projects

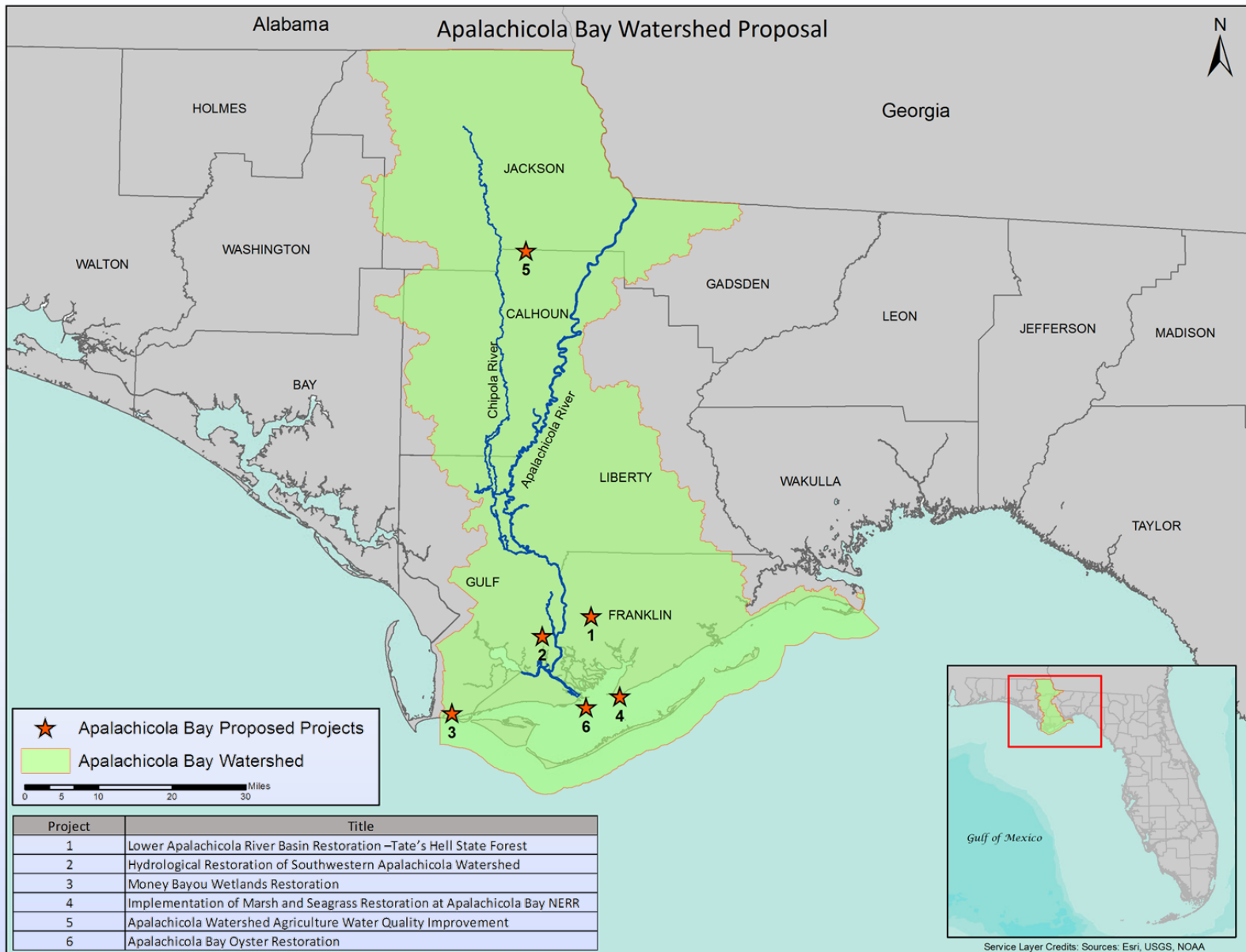


# Pensacola Bay Watershed Restoration Projects

- Pensacola East Bay Living Shoreline
- Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline
- Pensacola Beach Reclaimed Water System
- Beach Haven – Joint Stormwater & Wastewater
- Bayou Chico Contaminated Sediments

**Total - \$15.9 million**

# Apalachicola Bay Watershed Restoration Projects



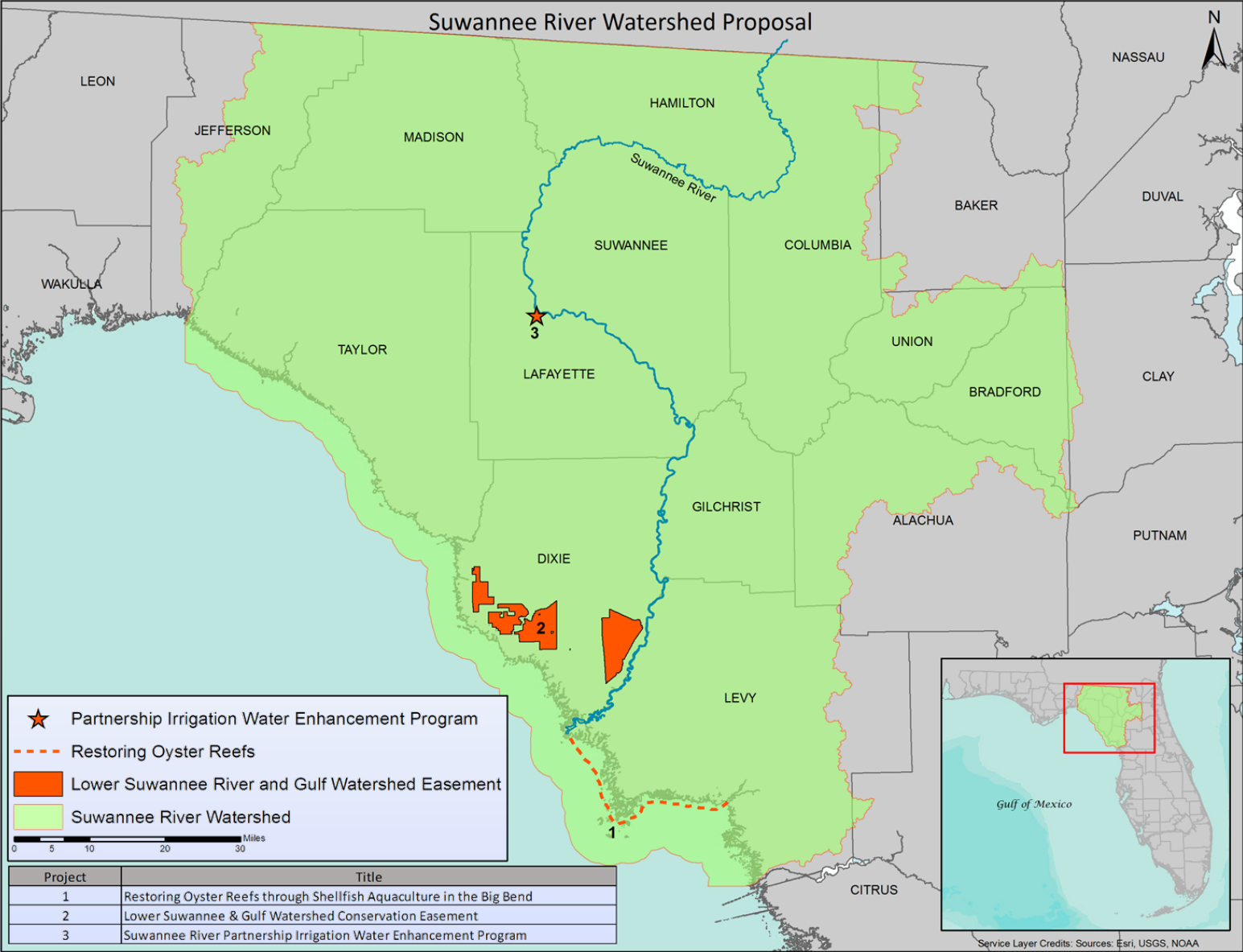
# Apalachicola Bay Watershed Restoration Projects

- Restoration –Tate’s Hell State Forest
- Restoration - Wildlife Management Areas
- Money Bayou Restoration
- Marsh and Oyster Reef Restoration at Apalachicola NERR
- Agriculture Water Quality Improvement
- Bay Oyster Restoration

**Total \$26.1 million**



# Suwannee River Watershed Restoration Projects

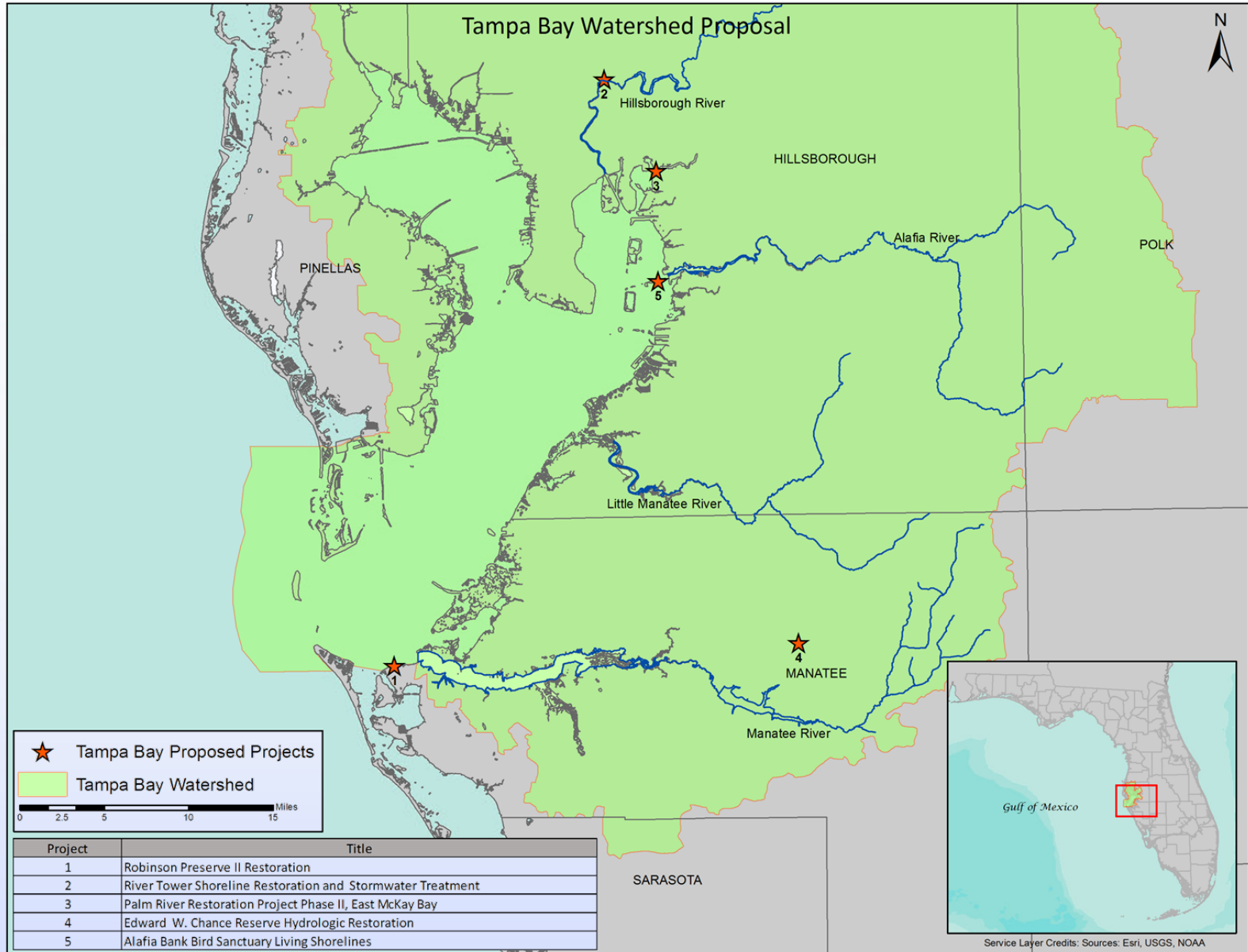


# Suwannee River Watershed Restoration Projects

- Oyster Reef Resilience
- Lower Suwannee & Gulf Watershed Conservation Easements
- Suwannee River Partnership Irrigation Water Enhancement Program

**Total \$12.1 million**

# Tampa Bay Watershed Restoration Projects

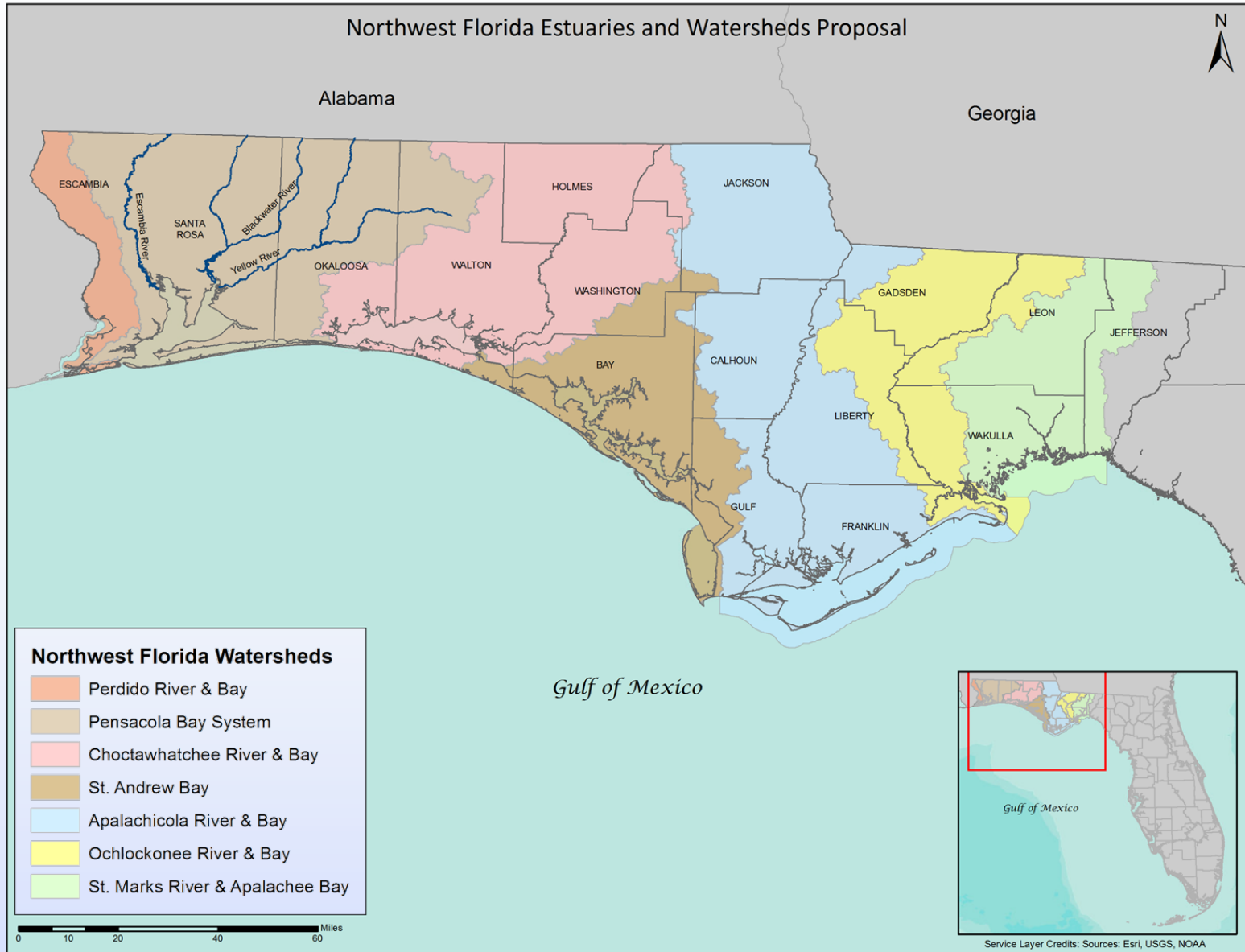


# Tampa Bay Watershed Restoration Projects

- Robinson Preserve Restoration
- River Tower Shoreline Restoration and Stormwater Treatment
- Palm River Stormwater and Habitat Restoration
- Edward W. Chance Reserve Hydrologic Restoration
- Alafia Bank Bird Sanctuary Living Shoreline

**Total \$6.9 million**

# Northwest Florida Estuaries & Watersheds Restoration Projects



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- Update Watershed Management Plans
- Design and Permitting
- Implementation of Projects
- Project Monitoring

**Total amount requested: \$16.8 million**

# Next steps

- All proposals posted on Council website
- The amount of funding available for the first FPL is approximately \$150-\$180 million
- Competitive - no guarantee that any proposal will be selected
- Council members will work to create the draft FPL once all proposals are reviewed for eligibility
- Public review of draft FPL
- Final FPL

# National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

## 2014 Funding Cycle: 9 Florida projects totaling \$34.3 million

- Restoration and Management of Escribano Point Coastal Habitat – Phase II -\$1,486,800
- Enhanced Assessment for Gulf of Mexico Fisheries – Phase II -\$3,000,000
- Florida Shorebird Conservation Initiative -\$1,489,800



# National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

- Benthic Habitat Mapping, Characterization and Assessment -\$4,477,900
- Oyster Reef Habitat Restoration in Saint Andrew Bay -\$1,973,500
- Restoration of Florida's Coastal Dune Lakes -\$3,045,400
- Bayou Chico Restoration -\$11,032,300
- Destin Harbor, Joe's Bayou, and Indian Bayou Water Quality Improvement -\$3,593,600
- Boggy Bayou Watershed Water Quality Improvement -\$4,223,000

# Questions

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