

A Conservation Blueprint for Habitat Restoration in Tampa Bay

Restoration Plan Database: Crystal Reports of Individual Plan Summaries

I. BASIC PLAN DATA

Plan name:

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Brief description of plan:

The plan summarizes habitat issues for Tampa Bay and provides an overview of the cooperative effort to restore Bay habitat. The results of three restoration workshops are summarized, followed by a list of priority restoration sites, strategies for funding restoration and a summary of available resources. Located on Florida's central Gulf Coast, the Tampa Bay estuary is Florida's largest, encompassing 400 square miles of open water and 2,300 square miles of highly urban, industrially and agriculturally developed watershed supporting several major cities and a diverse population of 2.4 million people.

Region the plan is located within:

Gulf of Mexico Region

Watershed(s) included within the plan:

G070x , G072x

Area plan covers (in square miles):

2,700.00 square miles

Plan scale:

Multi-county

Plan's lead organization(s):

Tampa BayWatch Inc.

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On-line version of plan:

Date of original plan:

11/1998

II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Plan includes restoration goals: N

Plan recommends or uses criteria for selecting restoration sites (e.g. cost benefit ratio, ecological benefits):

Y

Summary of the criteria:

Plan recommends restoration of specific sites.

Plan recommends restoration of specific project sites:

Y

Plan includes a discussion of funding sources:

Y

Plan addresses long-term protection of restored sites:

N

Partners included in developing the plan:

Federal
State
Local
Port Authorities/Commissions
Business/Industry
Non-profit Organizations
Academia
Private landowners

Type(s) of public outreach included during plan development:

Held public workshops, meetings, open house, or scoping meetings
Kept a contact list of interested parties
Distributed brochures or other materials
Conducted surveys
Formed an advisory group(s)
Involved the media through news releases, public service announcements, etc.

Plan includes public outreach as part of plan implementation (e.g. annual public meeting, local group participation):

N

Plan discusses the application of innovative approaches to restoration:

N

Plan make use of GIS mapping capabilities:

Y

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for ecosystem level monitoring (baseline conditions) by:

N

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for project level monitoring by:

N

The plan discusses or coordinates with other restoration plans covering the same geographic area:

Y

Other plan names:

Charting the Course, The Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Tampa Bay

Plan contains detailed information on historic and/or current habitat size, rate of loss, acres restored or protected, etc.):

Y

Summary of this habitat information:

During the past 100 years, water quality, habitat acreage and wildlife populations have declined. Approximately 80 percent of seagrass beds have been lost and the scallop population has been decimated. Nearly half of the saltmarsh and mangrove have been lost. White ibis bird populations have decreased by 75 percent. Since 1972, however, progress has been made in the restoration of Tampa Bay. Water quality has improved and seagrass, marsh and mangrove coverage has increased.