

RESTORE Act Overview And Development of a Regional Plan

The Joint Policy Boards of Sarasota Bay, Charlotte
Harbor, and
Tampa Bay Estuary Programs

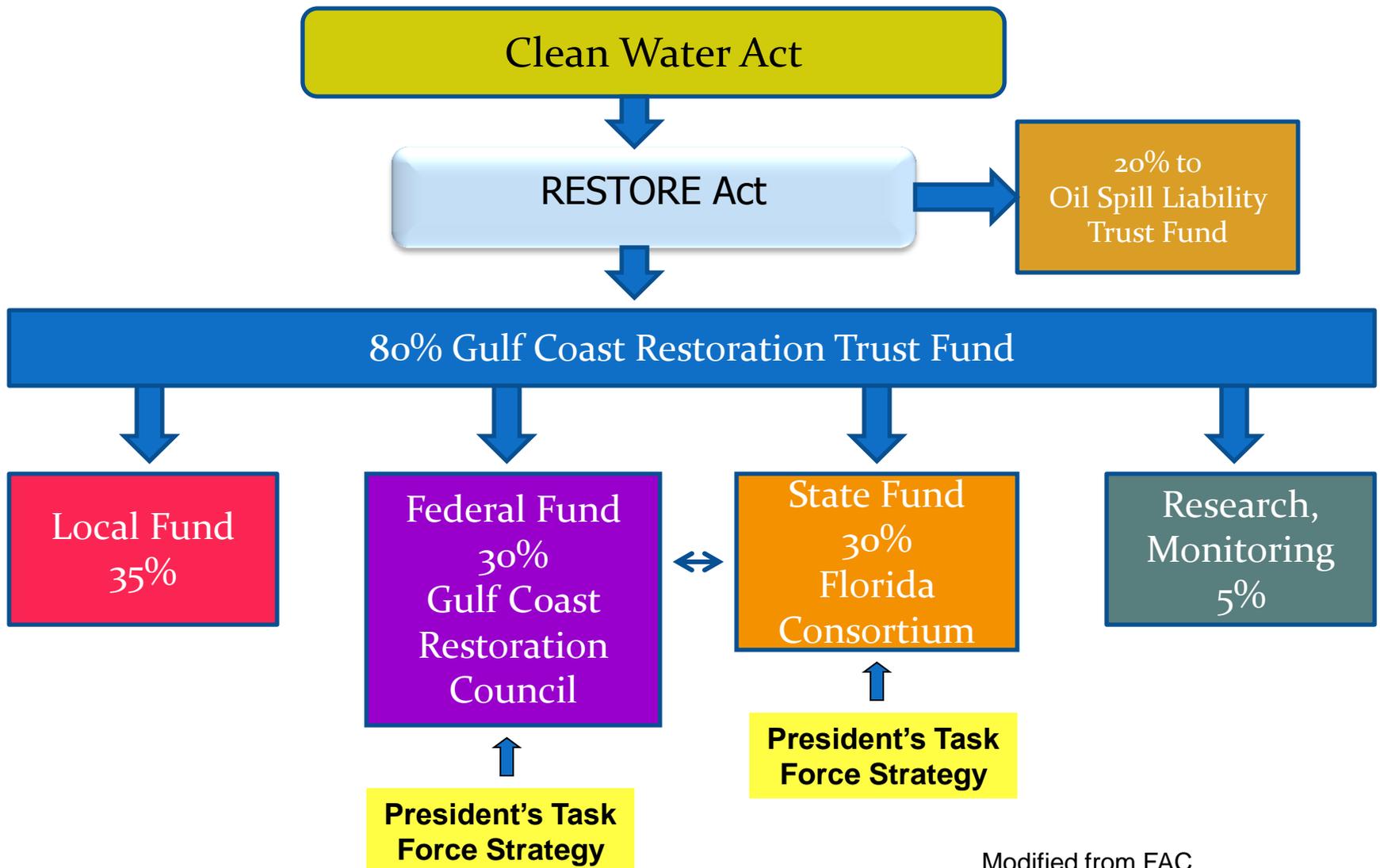
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BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill damage restoration and fines

- Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)
Purpose: restore injured natural resources and compensate for interim losses
- Clean Water Act fines and penalties
Purpose: Penalize parties that have discharged oil into US waters in violation of the CWA.

RESTORE ACT directs 80% of CWA fines to a Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund

Purpose: help the Gulf recovery environmentally and economically from both Deepwater Horizon *and other impacts*.



Modified from FAC

Potential Penalties: \$4B to \$25B, subject to negotiation between government and responsible parties.

Potential Implications for SW Florida

Assuming \$15B to the Gulf

Local Fund
~\$70M to each
state/yr**

Environmental &
Economic

Directly to
Counties

Estimated
\$ 0.5 – 3M
per county/yr for
15 years in SW
Florida

Federal (Council)
Allocation
~\$300M/yr**

Environmental

Allocated per
Council's
Comprehensive
Plan

2.5% each, plus interest, to
NOAA/USFWS and Centers of
Excellence (FIO in Florida)

State Fund
Min \$15M/yr to
each state**

Environmental &
Economic

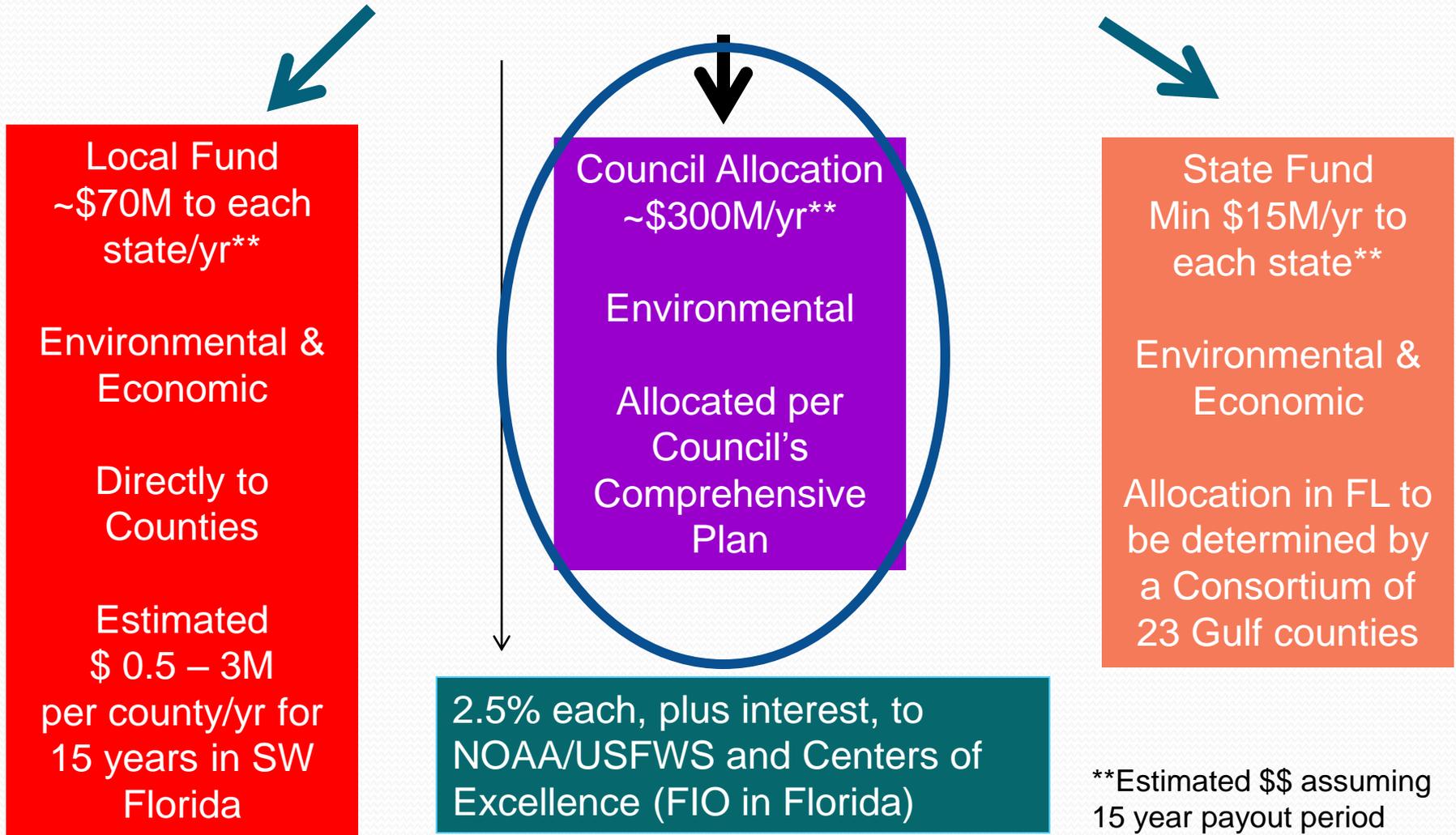
Allocation in FL to
be determined by
a Consortium.
FAC is working
with the 23 Gulf
Counties.

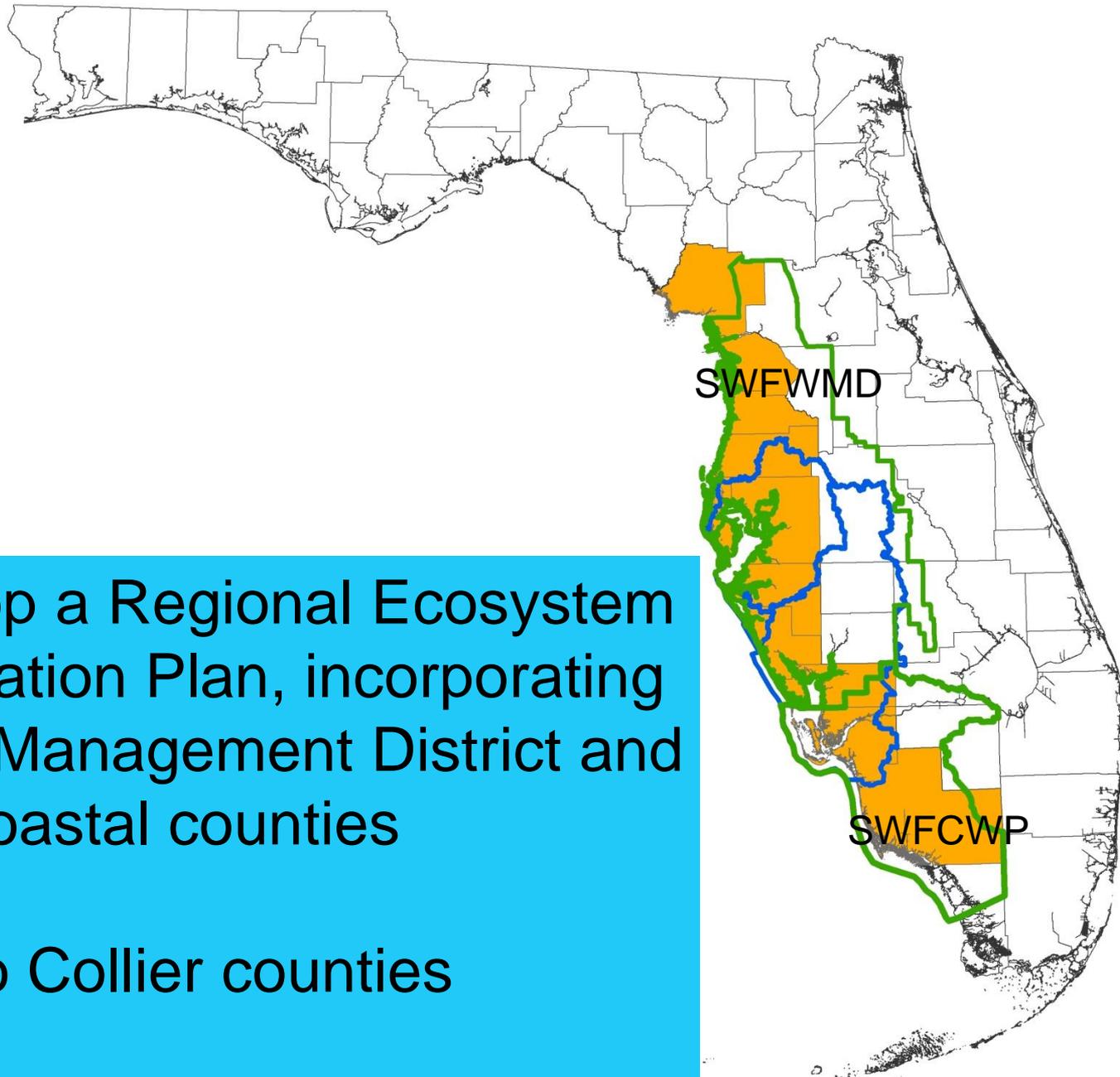
**Estimated \$\$ assuming
15 year payout period

SW Florida Regional Ecosystem Restoration Plan

- In August/September, elected officials of the Policy Boards of Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay and Charlotte Harbor NEPs approved regional coordination of comprehensive restoration plan to:
 - Develop a prioritized list of environmental projects to restore and protect natural resources, ecosystems, water quality and coastal wetlands of Southwest Florida;
 - Address three- and 10-year projects and costs;
 - Discuss ranking criteria;
 - Describe how secured funds can be administered and monitored fairly, effectively and efficiently.

Focus on providing input for Federal Council consideration





Develop a Regional Ecosystem Restoration Plan, incorporating Water Management District and NEP coastal counties

Levy to Collier counties

Regional Plan Development

- Eligible entities: local governments, agencies, NGOs which address RESTORE environmental priorities
- Proposals were due Jan 7, 2013
- NEPs coordinate a Work Group to develop recommended ranking strategy

**Almost 280 projects from 40+ entities
have been submitted
\$3 B requested**

Recommended Strategy Overview

Don't reinvent the wheel

- Utilize RESTORE Act Prescribed Approach and Priority Criteria
- Utilize the Four Major Goals and Actions of the Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy
- Utilize the Florida State Priorities identified in the Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy

Prescribed Restoration Council Priority Criteria per RESTORE Act

The Council shall give highest priority to projects that address one or more of the following criteria:

- **Greatest Contribution** to restoring and protecting natural resources
- **Large-scale** projects and programs
- **Existing Gulf Coast State Comprehensive Plans**
- **Long-term resiliency**

Gulf Restoration Task Force Priorities

Goal #1: Restore and Conserve Habitat

Goal #2: Restore Water Quality

Goal #3: Replenish and Protect Living
Coastal and Marine Resources

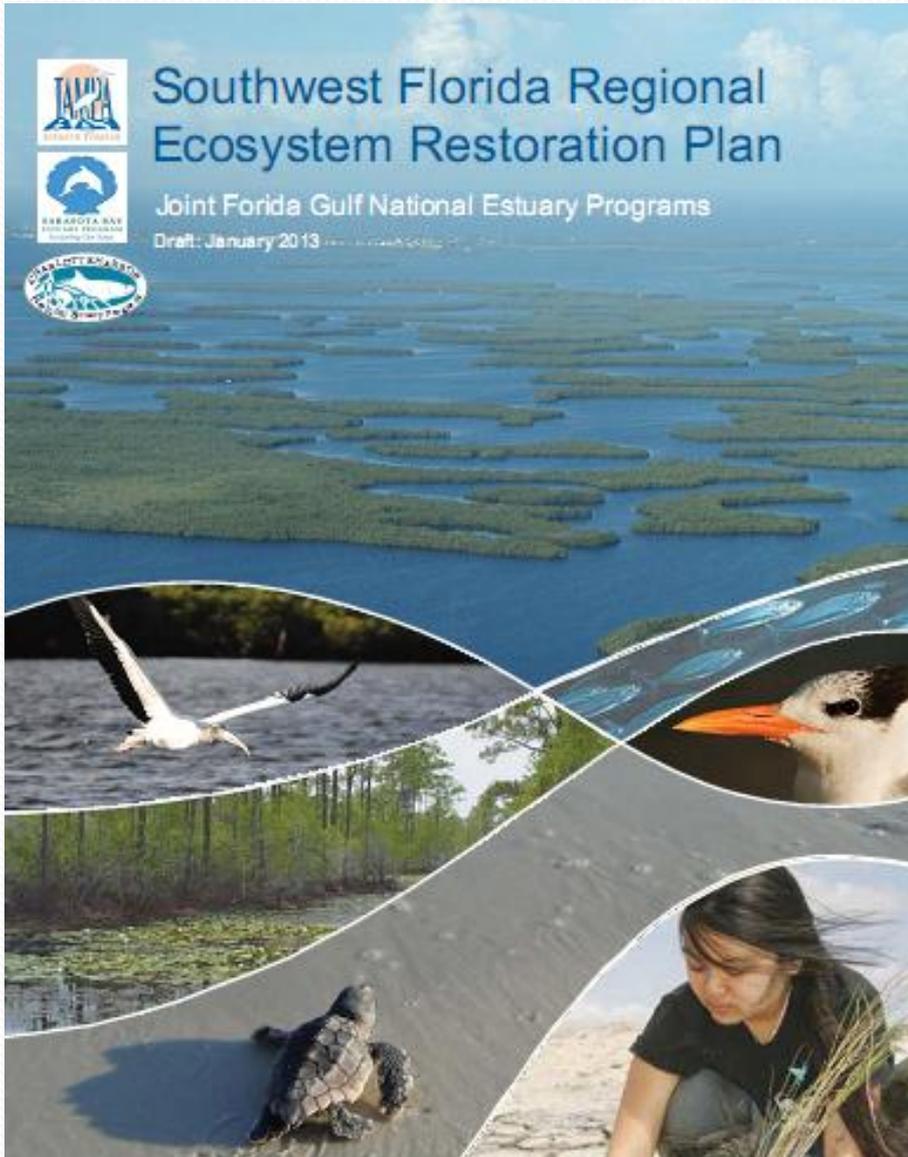
Goal #4: Enhance Community Resilience

Source: Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy – Executive Summary

Strategy Summary:

Step-wise approval process

- Joint Boards meet in *February/March* to review and approve H, M, L or Not Recommended ranks within each of the four goals
- Joint Boards meet in early *April* to review and approve numeric ranks within each of the four goals
- Plan submitted to State and Federal Council in April
- Encourage County Consortium to utilize for environmental projects in their Plan



QUESTIONS?