



Press release

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AGCRC Releases Draft State Expenditure Plan Amendment for 45-day Public Comment Period

On February 10, 2022, the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (AGCRC) released a draft amendment to Alabama's State Expenditure Plan (SEP) for a 45-day public comment period. AGCRC will hold a virtual public meeting in April 2022 to vote on the amendment. To review the draft amendment, visit www.outdooralabama.com/alabama-coastal-restoration-program.

In 2019, the federal Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration (RESTORE) Council approved Alabama's SEP. The initial SEP contained 29 projects totaling approximately \$132 Million, all of which addressed one or more goals of the RESTORE Council's Comprehensive Plan.

This amendment to Alabama's SEP proposes to approve \$37,161,000 in contingency funds to augment the budgets of approved SEP projects and programs, as needed, in response to the increased cost of labor and materials and/or other considerations. All other projects and programs (and the corresponding details and provisions) approved in the initial Alabama SEP remain in effect.

The purpose of the contingency funding is to enable approved SEP projects and programs to be completed as previously described in the initial SEP. These funds are not to be used for new projects or programs, or to change the overall scope or objective of approved SEP projects or programs.

Public comment on the draft SEP amendment will be accepted until April 1, 2022. Comments can be submitted by email to agcrc@dcnr.alabama.gov or mailed to Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council, 31115 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527.

Comments received by the April 1, 2022, deadline will be reviewed and considered in preparing the final SEP Amendment that will be submitted to the federal RESTORE Council.

AGCRC was created with the passage of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). The 10-member council consists of the Governor (chair); the Director of the Alabama State Port Authority (vice-chair); the Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission; the President of the Mobile County Commission; and the mayors of Bayou La Batre, Dauphin Island, Fairhope, Gulf Shores, Mobile and Orange Beach.

To review Alabama's SEP, [click here](#).

To review RESTORE Council's Comprehensive Plan, [click here](#).

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