

Natural Resource Damage Assessment

\$8.8 Billion* Committed for restoration

When an oil spill occurs, natural resources (like fish, birds, and marshes) may be injured. A **natural resource damage assessment** (or “NRDA”) is focused on figuring out what those injuries are and then fixing them. This includes compensating the public for not being able to use the resources while they are injured (e.g. no recreational fishing or beach access).



How much money is left?

The oil companies will pay up to **\$8.8 billion**. Of that total, about **\$1.22 billion** has already been designated for projects, programs, and planning. That means about **\$7.58 billion** is left.

What kind of projects?

Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline

This project is designed to stabilize the shoreline and create habitat. It compensates the public for natural resources that were injured by the oil spill (e.g. salt marsh habitat).



Pascagoula Beachfront Promenade

This project funds part of a concrete pathway that will improve access to the beach. It compensates the public for recreational opportunities that were lost because of the spill.



Who pays?

The company (or companies) responsible for the oil spill must pay for the costs of the assessment and fixing the injuries.

Who is in charge?

Federal and state government representatives (called “trustees”) are overseeing the NRDA process here.

*The \$8.8 billion total includes up to \$700 M that may be used for unknown injuries and adaptive management.

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