



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name and Title:** Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
2. **Department:** Board of County Commissioners
3. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026
4. **Requested Action:**

Approve an Amendment to Levy County's RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component (Pot 3) State Expenditure Plan to remove Project 12-1 to "Waccasassa Land Acquisition" and Project 12-3 "Septic-to-Sewer Conversion" and add new Project 12-4 "Levy County Coastal Working Waterfront: Cultural Heritage, Economic Development, and Reef Restoration (CLEAR Initiative)."

5. **Cost & Funding Source:**

This project would be funded by RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component (Pot 3).

6. **Justification of Request:**

This project, funded at \$10.5 million, will be implemented by the Levy County Board of County Commissioners and will restore approximately 25–35 acres of oyster reef habitat at Corrigan's Reef and nearby estuarine areas. Activities include planning, permitting, reef construction, workforce training, monitoring, and community engagement. The CLEAR Initiative builds upon Project 12-2, a smaller, previously funded effort demonstrating effective reef restoration techniques. Together, these efforts expand from localized restoration to a regional scale, combining habitat recovery with economic revitalization for the working waterfront communities of Cedar Key, Yankeetown, and Inglis.

This project was unanimously approved by the Levy County RESTORE Act Advisory Committee on January 27, 2026.