

RESTORATION ACTIVITIES

Tampa Bay Oil Spill

Boat Ramp Restoration Project

Project: Boat Ramp Replacement

Location: St. Pete Beach 33rd Boat Ramp

Funding: \$41,000 (from Tampa Bay Oil Spill settlement) plus an additional 25% from the City of St. Pete Beach

Year of Completion: 2004

The St. Pete Beach 33rd boat ramp was replaced to compensate the public's lost use of area waterways resulting from the spill. The project involved replacing the current cement boat ramp with a pre-fabricated ramp, featuring a non-slip surface. Boat owners risked damage to their trailers if they used the ramp in its previous condition. The new boat ramp has the potential to increase access to and use of area waters for water-based recreation such as boating, fishing, diving, water skiing, and recreational harvesting of shellfish. Additionally, it facilitates safety by improving access or use by emergency response or rescue personnel.