

Tampa Bay Oil Spill

Fishing Pier Restoration Projects: Fishing pier construction addresses the lost recreational use of area waterways by expanding the public areas available for use by fishermen and enhancing fishing access. It also assists in focusing angling activities in areas equipped to accommodate recreational traffic, which alleviates the environmental harm at other sites.

Project: Fishing pier construction

Location: St. Pete Beach, 7th Avenue Pier

Funding: \$227,000 (from Tampa Bay Oil Spill settlement)

Year of Completion: 2004

This project involved the rehabilitation of the fishing pier that previously existed at 7th Avenue and Pass a Grille Way in the City of St. Pete Beach. The fishing pier was rehabilitated by replacing the existing deck and expanded to increase the amount of available fishing space. The pier was constructed with lumber made of recycled plastic. The City of St. Pete Beach provided 25 percent of the project costs.

Project: Fishing pier construction

Location: St. Pete Beach, McKenny Park

Funding: \$32,000 (from Tampa Bay Oil Spill settlement)

Year of Completion: 2004

This project involved the construction of a new fishing pier at the existing public park at 9300 Blind Pass Road in McKenny Park. The project was constructed with lumber made of recycled plastic. The City of St. Pete Beach provided 25% of project costs.

Project: Fishing pier construction

Location: Pinellas County Park

Funding: \$109,679 (from Tampa Bay Oil Spill settlement)

Year of Completion: 2006/2007

A new boardwalk will be constructed at a Pinellas County park to compensate the public for the loss of use of public beaches, shorelines and waterways. This project will be a new 470-foot elevated boardwalk terminating at a new fishing pier near the Park Street Bridge. The new boardwalk and pier will provide public access to a safe and shaded fishing location in the waters of upper Boca Ciega Bay