

Tampa Bay Oil Spill

Enhancement of Public Parks: These projects were selected to compensate the public for its loss of recreational access to shorelines and waterways.

Project: Park enhancement

Location: Sunset Vista Trailhead Park, Treasure Island

Funding: \$225,000 (from Tampa Bay Oil Spill settlement)

Year of Completion: 2003

The Sunset Vista Trailhead Park Development is located at 97th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard in Treasure Island. The City of Treasure Island recently purchased this property as a new public beach access site. The project included the restoration of beach dune communities and the creation of a beach access. Native dune vegetation was planted to help establish a protective dune. Observation decks and limited paths and walkways were integrated into the dune restoration to provide beach access and passive recreation opportunities.

Project: Park enhancement

Location: Madeira Beach Causeway Shoreline Restoration Park

Funding: \$400,000 (from Tampa Bay Oil Spill settlement)

Year of Completion: 2004

Madiera Beach Causeway Shoreline Restoration Park is located on the west side of the Tom Stuart Causeway and on the north side of SR 666. The project incorporates a number of features primarily intended to encourage and support passive recreational activities at this site. It includes walkways that take visitors through connecting outdoor interpretive and educational displays and tagalong the park's shoreline. The project has also created oyster habitat along the shoreline. Alternate funding secured by the City also allowed for the construction of two new piers at the park. Finally, the project establishes some other native vegetation throughout the site such as live oaks and cabbage palms.