



Community members were actively engaged, learning about the project and providing input on the design concepts.



In September 2019, the city and project team facilitated stakeholder meetings and community open house events to share initial design concepts, gather input on the designs and review the feasibility of the proposed projects.

Over 50 community members attended an open house, and 77 community members responded to the online survey that followed. Participants shared enthusiasm for the designs and for the future of Mexico Beach.

Participants identified the following priority issues and goals for the project area: flood reduction, vehicular and pedestrian safety, accessible parks and public spaces that attract visitors and benefit residents, and water quality improvements.



The greenway-blueway trail system is designed within public right-of-way areas along the city's streets and canals. Different types of paths, including boardwalks, bike lanes and dedicated paths, are proposed to improve safety and prevent disturbance of wetland areas. Multimodal paths can accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists and golf carts.

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Staff from the following regional, state and federal agencies and organizations offered technical assistance and expertise to help Mexico Beach connect its vision to implementation opportunities.



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## RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY PARTNERSHIP MEXICO BEACH

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND GREENSPACE PROJECT

MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA



Illustration of proposed 8th Street Canal beach access.



Mexico Beach collaborated with regional, state and federal partners to develop community-focused design projects to improve resilience and support long-term recovery across Mexico Beach.

Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, the state of Florida and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Interagency Recovery Coordination sponsored technical assistance starting in April 2019. The goal was to support the recovery effort following Hurricane Michael with a sustainable vision and design options to improve stormwater management, open space and economic development. The community-focused planning and design effort resulted in six design projects.

- Wetland Parks
- 8th Street Canal
- Under the Palms Park Extension
- Citywide Greenway Blueway Trail System
- City Pier
- Parker Park



Illustration of paths and greenspace proposed in the Under the Palms Park greenway extension, above.



Illustration and plan for proposed City Pier area, including pedestrian and bicycle paths, mixed use space, and expanded public amenities, above.

Illustration of proposed Central Wetland Park, boardwalk and pavilion, left.

Plans showing two design options for Parker Park, including new amenities, gathering spaces and connections, right.

The six design projects, which are linked by land and water trails, focus on three strategies that support the local economy and long-term recovery of Mexico Beach: managing stormwater for resilience and recreation, connecting the community across the landscape, and enhancing community spaces.



Parker Park Design Option A



Parker Park Design Option B

