

STATE OF ALABAMA

ADCNR Grant #: B2WQ-FRWS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

SUBAWARD GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS SUBAWARD GRANT AGREEMENT, (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (hereinafter “ADCNR”) and the Baldwin County Commission (hereinafter “Subrecipient”). Pursuant to this Agreement, ADCNR and Subrecipient (collectively hereinafter “Parties”) agree as follows:

1. **PROJECT PURPOSE AND IDENTITY:** The purpose of this Agreement is to provide funding under the Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (hereinafter “RESTORE Act”) to Subrecipient for implementation of the RESTORE Act Council Selected Restoration Component project titled “Fish River Watershed Sediment and Stormwater Improvements” (hereinafter “Project”). The purpose of this project is to fund the planning of the conversion of about 80 acres of farmland into a regional stormwater facility that will reduce sediment with the Fish River Watershed Sediment and Stormwater Improvements; further described in the Federal Award GT3CP24AL0010-01-00. This Agreement between the Parties will be identified by the “ADCNR Grant Number” set forth above in the upper right corner of this Agreement. All invoices and other correspondence submitted to ADCNR in connection with this Agreement must be identified by said Grant Number.

2. **FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION:** The Project’s Financial Assistance Award (hereinafter “Federal Award”) in its entirety is hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference. Information as to the Federal Award associated with the Project includes the following:
 - a. Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): GT3CP24AL0010
 - b. Federal Award Period of Performance: 03/12/2024 – 12/21/2028
 - c. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated to Subrecipient: \$150,000.00
 - d. Subrecipient UEI#: XXXXX
 - e. Total Amount of Federal Award: \$16,130,748.66
 - f. Name of Federal Awarding Agency: Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (hereinafter “RESTORE”)
 - g. Pass-Through Entity & Awarding Official Contact Information:
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner
Christopher M. Blankenship
64 N. Union Street; Suite 468
Montgomery, AL 36130
 - h. CFDA Number & Name: CFDA# 87.051 “Council-Selected Restoration Component”
 - i. Indirect Cost Rate of Subrecipient: 0%

3. **AGREEMENT FUNDING AMOUNT:** ADCNR’s funding commitment under this Agreement shall be within the budgetary limits as described herein and pursuant to the Federal Award and shall not exceed a total of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).

4. **PROJECT PERIOD:** The period allowed for Project completion by the Subrecipient (hereinafter “Project Period”) shall commence on March 12, 2024, and end on September 30, 2026.
5. **AGREEMENT TERM:** The term of this Agreement shall commence when the Agreement is executed by both Parties and end on September 30, 2026 (hereinafter “Agreement Term”).
6. **APPLICABLE LAWS:** Subrecipient shall perform and/or procure all Agreement Services in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, regulations, and ordinances, including, but not limited to all executive orders (EO), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements, and RESTORE Regulations. In addition, Subrecipient shall procure all applicable federal, state, and local permits and pay all said fees. Subrecipient further agrees and acknowledges it is responsible for ensuring of all lower tier compliance as to all such requirements. Subrecipient shall at all times maintain effective internal control providing reasonable assurance as to compliance with all requirements.
7. **AGREEMENT SERVICES:** Subrecipient hereby agrees, in proper sequence and in the time herein specified, to perform all tasks and to provide all the necessary labor, materials, equipment, services and facilities necessary to achieve Project completion and fulfill all terms of this Agreement in accordance with all requirements of the Federal Award, including, but not limited to, any RESTORE-specific Special Award Conditions, and the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions contained therein, and all applicable laws (hereinafter “Agreement Services”). Research and Development are not services funded under this subaward.
8. **RELIANCE UPON SUBRECIPIENT:** Subrecipient acknowledges and hereby accepts responsibility to stay current as to necessary compliance measures and that ADCNR is relying upon the Subrecipient to maintain compliance as to all requirements associated with performance under this Agreement including, but not limited to, all exhibits hereto, required certifications, and all applicable laws.
9. **FUNDING AVAILABILITY/SOURCES:** Subrecipient acknowledges and agrees the commencement and continuation of this Agreement, as well as any funding to be disbursed pursuant to this Agreement, is contingent on the availability of and actual receipt by ADCNR of the Federal Award funding designated for this Project.
10. **ALLOWABLE COSTS:**
 - a. Costs allowed under this Agreement shall be determined in accordance with provisions of all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and other requirements including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Federal Award;
 - ii. Special Award Conditions incorporated within the Federal Award;
 - iii. 2 C.F.R. Part 200; and
 - iv. 31 C.F.R. Part 34.
 - b. Subrecipient agrees that any expenditure related to any type of lower tier contract or subaward support prior to both receipt of written approval from ADCNR and execution of a written agreement pursuant to Paragraph 24 of this Agreement may be disallowed at the sole discretion of ADCNR.

- c. Subrecipient shall immediately notify ADCNR in writing in the event, subsequent to execution of this Agreement, it receives other financial assistance to support or fund any activity related to Agreement Services. Subrecipient further agrees that no costs funded by such other sources constitute Allowable Costs.
 - d. Sub recipient acknowledges that no pre-award costs or other costs incurred prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement are eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this Agreement, unless specifically authorized in writing by ADCNR. Subrecipient acknowledges that no pre-award costs or other costs incurred prior to the Effective Date.
 - e. Subrecipient specifically agrees that Non-Federal Share funds, in the amount and as described in the Federal Award, will be used as leverage to complete the Project as described in the approved Scope of Work.
11. REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS: Invoices, with required supporting documentation detailing the Allowable Costs to be reimbursed in accordance with the Federal Award Subrecipient budget categories, shall be submitted to the following:

Dr. Rita Peachey
Email: Rita.peachey@dcnr.alabama.gov

OR

Physical Address:
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
31115 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

The Subrecipient may invoice no more frequently than monthly for reimbursement of Allowable Costs. Subrecipient's final request for reimbursement of Allowable Costs under this Agreement must be received by ADCNR no later than fifteen (15) days after the expiration of the Project Period. Subrecipient acknowledges that due to annual State of Alabama fiscal year closeout procedures, ADCNR is not able to process payments in the month of September. Accordingly, requests for payment not submitted to ADCNR on or before August 15 will not be processed prior to commencement of the closeout period. In addition, only Allowable Costs incurred during an active fiscal year performance period are eligible for reimbursement. Requests for payment not received by deadlines set by ADCNR will not be eligible for reimbursement. While funding under this Agreement shall be on a reimbursement- only basis for Allowable Costs, if at any time any funds disbursed by ADCNR are for any reason not expended (or, for example, are returned/credited to Subrecipient subsequent to payment of an invoice), Subrecipient shall immediately notify ADCNR and return such funds in such timeframe and manner as specified by ADCNR. Prior to the submittal of any cost documentation, the sub-recipient shall redact, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.1, all personal information except for Personally Identifiable Information (PII) that is required by law to be disclosed. See also 2 CFR 200.1.

ADCNR reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of requested funding for any of the following reasons:

- a. (1) at ADCNR's discretion, the costs are not determined to reasonable or necessary for completion of the scope of work; 2) at ADCNR's discretion, the costs are determined to be ineligible for reimbursement; (3) the Subrecipient has failed to comply with any term or conditions of this agreement; (4) the Subrecipient has otherwise failed to perform the scope of

- work in accordance with this agreement; or (5) ADCNR has determined that the Subrecipient has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.
- b. Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, and notwithstanding the submission of any reimbursement request by the Subrecipient, ADCNR shall not pay more than 95% of the sub-award amount until such time as the Subrecipient has completed the work, submitted final reporting, and submitted a written certification to ADCNR that the scope of work was completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement, that no additional amounts are owed, and that no additional reimbursement requests will be submitted.
12. **FINAL PAYMENT:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, and notwithstanding the submission of any Reimbursement Request by Subrecipient, ADCNR shall withhold an amount equal to five- percent (5%) of the Funds until such time as Subrecipient has completed the Work, submitted the Final Report, as defined below, required pursuant to this section, and received ADCNR's written approval of such Final Report. Within forty-five (45) days after ADCNR's written approval of such Final Report, ADCNR shall disburse to Subrecipient all or such portion of the five-percent (5%) holdback as is properly payable to Subrecipient for Work performed under this Agreement. However, if ADCNR is satisfied that the Project is proceeding on schedule and on budget, ADCNR (acting in its sole discretion) may reduce the holdback from five-percent (5%) and disburse Funds to Recipient to pay for the costs of Work in advance of completion of the Work and submission of Final Report.

When Subrecipient has performed all the Work, sub-recipient shall transmit to ADCNR a comprehensive report on the Work, along with the corresponding results (the "Final Report"). As appropriate, the Final Report should include copies of any publications, press releases, and other documents, materials, and products developed as part of the Project, including, without limitation, photographs, video footage, and other electronic representations of the Project and Work. The Final Report shall be provided by Subrecipient to ADCNR within forty-five (45) days of Project completion. Upon approval of Final Reports, ADCNR will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement, or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, the Subrecipient shall execute and deliver to ADCNR a release of all claims, on a form provided by ADCNR, against ADCNR arising under, or by virtue of, this Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law, or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of ADCNR 's claims against the sub-recipient or its sureties under this Agreement.

13. **SUBMISSION OF REPORTS/INFORMATION:** Subrecipient understands and acknowledges that ADCNR must meet several requirements set forth in the Federal Award and RESTORE Council specific Special Award Conditions related to reporting. Furthermore, Subrecipient acknowledges that ADCNR is specifically relying upon Subrecipient to be familiar with these requirements and any subsequent updates or revisions to these requirements. Subrecipient shall provide accurate and timely information to ADCNR, as necessary, for ADCNR to remain in compliance with all said requirements of the Federal Award and applicable laws and regulations. Accordingly, Subrecipient agrees to provide the following information, and any additional information as may be deemed necessary by ADCNR:

- a. Reporting:
 - (1) The Subrecipient shall provide required progress reports as determined by ADCNR. The form and format shall be prescribed by ADCNR.
 - (2) The final report must provide ADCNR with a summary financial and performance report related to the Project expenditures and confirmation of Project completion including, but not limited to, supporting documentation detailing the Allowable Costs for the expenditures and other documents needed to be maintained by ADCNR for purposes of recordkeeping and potential audit compliance.
- b. Submission: All project communication and documents, including monthly reports and payment requests, should be sent to the ADCNR project manager. If files are too large to send via email, a link to documents for download may be provided. If the sub recipient is unable to send documents via an online link, the ADCNR project manager will work with the sub recipient to determine another suitable method for transfer of documents.
- c. Format: Subrecipient shall provide reports generated or compiled within the scope of this Agreement specified herein in digital format or other format as may be specified by ADCNR.

14. RECORDS RETENTION/ACCESS/AUDITS: Subrecipient shall maintain detailed records sufficient to account for the receipt, obligation, and expenditure of grant funds (including, if applicable and allowed, records related to tracking program income). Accordingly, Subrecipient agrees as follows:

- a. Record Retention: Subrecipient shall maintain (and require all subrecipients and contractors to maintain) records and accounts associated with this Agreement, including, but not limited to, property, personnel, and financial records, in accordance with ADCNR's records retention policy and 2 C.F.R. §200.334, as well as all other applicable federal, state and local requirements, the Federal Award and RESTORE Council specific Special Award Conditions. Such records will be made available to all entities listed below in Paragraph 14(b) and shall be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after expiration of this Agreement, unless ADCNR grants permission in writing to destroy. However, Subrecipient agrees that it is responsible for being familiar with all such retention requirements and maintaining records for periods longer than this 3-year minimum, as applicable.
- b. Access: The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, ADCNR, the Alabama Examiners of Public Accounts, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have timely and unrestricted access during normal business hours to any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records (including electronic records) of the Subrecipient and its agents, subrecipients and contractors in order to make audits, inspections, financial reviews, excerpts, transcripts and other examinations as directed by law (and to make copies of such). In addition, such rights to access shall include timely and reasonable access to Subrecipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such records.
- c. Audit Requirements: Subrecipient shall follow all audit requirements under the Federal Award and this Agreement and applicable federal, state, and local laws. Subrecipient shall also ensure applicable lower tier compliance.
- d. Survival: The provisions of this Paragraph 14 survive the Agreement Term and remain a continuing obligation of Subrecipient.

15. **POLITICAL ACTIVITY:** Subrecipient shall comply with all provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §1501 et seq.), as applicable, which limits political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with federal funds. Subrecipient further agrees that it is responsible for ensuring such compliance of lower tier subrecipients and contractors, as applicable.
16. **LOBBYING ACTIVITY:**
 - a. **Compliance:** Subrecipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws related to lobbying activities including, but not limited to, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. §1352). Subrecipient further acknowledges and agrees it is responsible for ensuring compliance as to lower tier subrecipients and contractors.
 - b. **Certification:** Subrecipient hereby certifies, by execution of this Agreement, that no federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of Subrecipient, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - c. **Lower Tier Certification:** Subrecipient further agrees to include the certification required pursuant to Paragraph 16(b) in all applicable lower tier agreements.
 - d. **Notification:** If subsequent to execution of this Agreement, Subrecipient becomes aware of any information indicating any certification potentially is no longer accurate or indicating any potential non-compliance issue, it shall immediately notify ADCNR in writing. Subrecipient shall also immediately suspend any related expenditures/activities until the potential issue has been resolved to ADCNR's satisfaction and Subrecipient receives written approval from ADCNR to resume such expenditures/activities.
17. **FRAUD/WASTE/ABUSE:** Subrecipient shall immediately report to ADCNR as well as the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Inspector General in accordance with 31 C.F.R. §34.803(a), any indication of fraud, waste, abuse, or potential criminal activity associated with any activity or expenditure of funds related to this Agreement.
18. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Subrecipient by his/her/its signature, certifies to the best of his/her/its knowledge and belief, no conflict of interest (or appearance of conflict), either personal or organizational, in any manner existed or now exists which has, has had, or may have any effect on this Agreement, or any activity/expenditure associated with this Agreement. By execution of this Agreement, Subrecipient certifies that a conflicts of interest policy consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.318 covering each activity associated with or funded pursuant to this Agreement is currently in effect and at all times will remain in effect during the Agreement Term. In the event Subrecipient subsequently cannot maintain this certification during the Agreement Term, Subrecipient shall immediately notify ADCNR in writing. Subrecipient shall also immediately suspend any related expenditures/activities until the potential issue has been resolved to ADCNR's satisfaction and Subrecipient receives written approval from ADCNR to resume such expenditures/activities.
19. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:** Subrecipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local environmental laws, regulations and policies including, but not limited to, all requirements

set forth below and more fully described within the Federal Award and RESTORE Council specific Special Award Conditions. Subrecipient further agrees that it is responsible for including all environment requirements set forth below pursuant to the RESTORE Council specific Special Award Conditions in all lower tier agreements and for ensuring lower tier compliance. If Subrecipient becomes aware of any potential impact on the environment not approved pursuant to the Federal Award, Subrecipient shall immediately notify ADCNR and suspend activities related to such potential impact until Subrecipient receives written approval from ADCNR to resume such activities.

- a. National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.) and Archeological and Historic Preservation Act, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 312501 et seq.)
 - b. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.)
 - c. Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.), Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.), and EO 11738.
 - d. The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4002 et seq.)
 - e. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.)
 - f. The Coastal Zone Management Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.)
 - g. The Coastal Barriers Resources Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 3501 et seq.)
 - h. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 1271 et seq.)
 - i. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 300f-j)
 - j. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.)
 - k. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund) (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.) and the Community Environmental Response Facilitation Act (42 U.S.C. § 9601 note)
 - l. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1801)
 - m. Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 31)
 - n. Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. §§ 703-712)
 - o. Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds, EO 13186
 - p. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 668-668d)
 - q. Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1401-1445 and 16 U.S.C. §§ 1431— 1445)
 - r. National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1431 et seq.)
 - s. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 407)
 - t. Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, EO 12898, as amended
 - u. Floodplain Management, EO 11988, as amended by EO 13690 and, Protection of Wetlands, EO 11990, May 24, 1977, as amended by EO 12608
 - v. Farmland Protection Policy Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 4201 et seq.)
 - w. Coral Reef Protection, EO 13089 Invasive Species, EO 13112
 - x. Invasive Species, EP 13112
 - y. Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-544), as amended, (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.)
 - z. Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 4701 et seq.)
20. FEDERAL PROVISIONS: This Agreement relies on Federal funds; therefore, the following terms and conditions apply, in addition to others provided in this Agreement.

- a. Equal Employment Opportunity: Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled “Equal Employment Opportunity,” as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Chapter 60). The foregoing is applicable, except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, to any grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee involving Federal assisted construction.
- b. Davis-Bacon Act: The Davis Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. 3141-3148, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR Part 5, applies to grants awarded by RESTORE under the RESTORE Act in two situations: (1) for a construction project if it is for the construction of a project that can be defined as a “treatment works” in 33 U.S.C 1292; and (2) for a construction project regardless of whether it is a “treatment works” project if it is receiving federal assistance from another federal agency operating under an authority that requires the enforcement of Davis-Bacon Act-related provisions. Under this Act, contractors and subcontractors performing work on federally funded or assisted contracts in excess of \$2,000.00 for construction, alteration, or repair or public works must pay their laborers and mechanics employed under the Contract no less than the locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits of corresponding work on similar projects in the area.
- c. Copeland “Anti-kickback” Act: The Copeland “Anti-kickback” Act, 40 U.S.C. 3141-3148, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). This Act is applicable to contracts awarded by a non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000.00 that involve employment of mechanics or laborers. Under this Act, contractors and subrecipients are prohibited from inducing by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.
- d. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standard Act Section 103 and 107 of the Agreement Work Hours and Safety Standard Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulation (29 CFR part 5). Applicable to construction contracts awarded by Contracts and subcontractors in excess of \$2,000.00, and in excess of \$2,500.00 for other contracts which involve the employment of mechanics or laborers. Under this Act, contractors and subcontractors must compute wages of mechanics and laborers (workers) on the basis of standard forty (40) hour work week; provide workers no less than time and a half for hours worked in excess of the forty (40) hour work week; and not require workers to work in surroundings or work conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous.
- e. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement 37 CFR Part 401. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR 401.2(a) and the recipient and Subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under the “funding agreement,” the recipient or Subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
- f. Compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circulars. As applicable, Contractors shall comply with the following Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200).
- g. If the Subrecipient, with the funds authorized by this Agreement, seeks to procure goods or services, in compliance with 2 CFR 200.321, the Subrecipient shall take affirmative steps to assure that minority business enterprises, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

21. OTHER COMPLIANCE: Subrecipient shall comply, and ensure lower tier compliance, with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies including, but not limited to, all requirements set forth below and more fully described within the Federal Award and RESTORE Council specific Special Award Conditions. In addition, Subrecipient shall assist ADCNR as to compliance with all such requirements.
- a. Foreign Travel: Subrecipient agrees that no travel outside the United States shall be permitted pursuant to this Agreement.
 - b. Seat Belts: Pursuant to EO 130443, Subrecipient agrees to encourage employees and any contractors to enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs when operating any vehicles in connection with performance of activities associated with this Agreement.
 - c. Research Involving Human Species: Subrecipient agrees that no research involving human subjects shall be permitted pursuant to this Agreement.
 - d. Federal Employee Expenses: Subrecipient agrees that no funding pursuant to this Agreement shall be used to pay transportation, travel or other expenses for any employee of the federal government without prior written approval from ADCNR.
 - e. Minority Serving Institutions: Subrecipient acknowledges the RESTORE's goal of meaningful participation of minority serving institutions ("MSIs") in its financial assistance programs and agrees to include such meaningful participation of MSIs as to Project activities when possible.
 - f. Research Misconduct: Subrecipient agrees, to the extent at any time applicable, to abide by all provisions of the Federal Policy on Research Misconduct issued by the Executive Office of the President's Office of Science and Technology Policy on December 6, 2000 (65 FR 76260).
 - g. Care and Use of Live Vertebrate Animals: Subrecipient agrees that no research involving vertebrate animals shall be permitted pursuant to this Agreement.
 - h. Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12: Subrecipient acknowledges and agrees that its performance under this Agreement does not require or involve routine physical access to a federally- controlled facility or routine access to a federally controlled information system.
 - i. Export-Controlled Items: Subrecipient acknowledges and agrees that its performance under this Agreement does not require or involve access to export-controlled items.
 - j. Trafficking of Victims Protection Act Of 2000: Subrecipient agrees the award term set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 175.15(b) implementing provisions of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. §7104(g), to extent applicable, is hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
 - k. Subrecipient shall comply and assist ADCNR as to compliance with all applicable requirements of FFATA, as amended (Pub. L. No 109-282, 31 U.S.C. §6101) associated with this Agreement.
 - l. Certifications: Subrecipient shall execute, as applicable, and comply (and assist ADCNR as to compliance) with all certifications associated with this Agreement including, but not limited to, all certifications and requirements set forth in 31 C.F.R. §34.802, assurances (Forms SF-424B and SF- 424D, or equivalent, as applicable), and any required RESTORE-specific certifications and/or other certifications as required by 2 C.F.R. Part 200.
 - m. Construction Activities: Subrecipient acknowledges and agrees that its performance under this Agreement does require or involve construction related activities.
 - n. To the extent equipment and products are authorized to be purchased pursuant to this Agreement, the Subrecipient is encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided pursuant to this Agreement.

22. **PROCUREMENT:** Subrecipient shall conduct all procurement actions consistent with the Federal Award, RESTORE Council specific Special Award Conditions, and all applicable federal, state, and local requirements including, but not limited to, provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Furthermore, Subrecipient specifically agrees to ensure that applicable clauses set forth pursuant to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 will be included in all purchase orders, contracts, and agreements.
23. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION:**
- a. **Compliance:** Subrecipient shall comply with provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 “OMB Guides To Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement),” which generally prohibit entities, and their principals, that have been debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded from participating in Federal non-procurement transactions either through primary or lower tier covered transactions, and which sets forth the responsibilities of recipients of Federal financial assistance regarding transactions with other persons, including subrecipients and contractors. Subrecipient further acknowledges and agrees it is responsible for ensuring compliance as to lower tier subrecipients and contractors. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. Part 19, Subrecipient shall verify that its contractors (for contracts expected to equal or exceed \$25,000), subcontractors (for subcontracts expected to equal or exceed \$25,000), or principals that the subrecipient engages to accomplish the scope of work, if applicable, do not appear on the federal government’s Excluded Parties List. Subrecipient may not enter into a contract or subcontract with an entity, or that entity’s principals, if that entity or its principals appear on the Excluded Parties List.
 - b. **Certification:** Subrecipient hereby certifies, by execution of this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for disbarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in Project implementation or any aspect of the Agreement by any Federal department or agency.
 - c. **Lower Tier Covered Transactions:** The Subrecipient must include a term or condition in all lower tier covered transactions (subawards, contracts, and subcontracts described in 31 CFR Part 19, Subpart B) that the award is subject to 31 C.F.R Part 19 and require a certification of compliance in covered lower tier transactions as may be required by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.
 - d. **Notification:** If subsequent to execution of this Agreement, Subrecipient becomes aware of any information indicating any certification potentially is no longer accurate or indicating any potential non-compliance issue, it shall immediately notify ADCNR in writing. Subrecipient shall also immediately suspend any related expenditures/activities until the potential issue has been resolved to.
 - e. **ADCNR’s satisfaction and Subrecipient receives written approval from ADCNR to resume such expenditures/activities.**
24. **LOWER TIER SUBAWARDS/CONTRACTS:** Subrecipient shall not enter into a lower tier subaward, or contractual agreement associated with its performance under this Agreement without the prior written consent of ADCNR. Further, Subrecipient agrees and acknowledges that, unless otherwise approved in writing by the applicable RESTORE Grants Officer, all lower tier engagements shall be made in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practicable, open and free competition in accordance with 2 C.F.R. §200.317-27, in addition to all other applicable federal, state, and local requirements. No expenditure of funds associated with this Agreement shall be made prior to full execution of a written, legally binding agreement extending to the approved subrecipient/contractor all applicable requirements associated with this Agreement. As to all lower

tier awards and activities, Subrecipient agrees that it is responsible for ensuring compliance under all applicable federal, state, and local laws including, but not limited to, all requirements of 2 C.F.R 200, the Federal Award, and RESTORE Council specific Special Award Conditions.

25. **MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESSES:** As applicable, when contracting, Subrecipient must take all necessary affirmative steps, as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b), to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. This provision applies to all lower-tier transactions.
26. **LOWER TIER SUBAWARD/CONTRACT NOTICE:** In the event ADCNR approves Subrecipient engaging a lower tier subrecipient and/or contractor pursuant to Paragraph 24, Subrecipient shall include the following notice in each request for applications or bids for a subaward, contract, or subcontract, as applicable:

“Applicants or bidders for a lower tier covered transaction (except procurement contracts for goods and services under \$25,000 not requiring the consent of a RESTORE official) are subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180, “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement).” In addition, applicants or bidders for a lower tier covered transaction for a subaward, contract, or subcontract greater than \$100,000 of Federal funds at any tier are subject to relevant statutes, including among others, the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, as well as the common rule, “New Restrictions on Lobbying,” published at 55 FR 6736 (February 26, 1990), including definitions, and the Office of Management and Budget “Governmentwide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying,” and notices published at 54 FR 52306 (December 20, 1989), 55 FR 24540 (June 15, 1990), 57 FR 1772 (January 15, 1992), and 61 FR 1412 (January 19, 1996).”
27. **LOWER TIER AGREEMENT PROVISIONS:** In the event ADCNR approves Subrecipient engaging a lower tier subrecipient and/or contractor pursuant to Paragraph 24, all resulting subawards and contracts made by the Subrecipient must contain, as applicable, provisions required pursuant to 2 C.F.R. Appendix II to part 200, “Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards,” the Federal Award, the RESTORE Council specific Special Award Conditions, and all other federal, state, or local laws.
28. **DRUG FREE WORKPLACE:** Subrecipient shall comply with all provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690, Title V, Sec. 5153, as amended by Public Law 105-85, Div. A, Title VIII, Sec. 809, as codified at 41 U.S § 8102), and RESTORE implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 20, which require that the recipient take steps to provide a drug-free workplace.
29. **PROPERTY RIGHTS AND STANDARDS:** The provisions of Section 200.310-200.316, OMB Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200) apply to Federal property rights and the acquisition of real property, equipment, supplies and intangible property to the extent authorized by this Agreement.
30. **PRESS/EVENTS:** Subrecipient shall notify ADCNR of the location, date, and time of any press conferences, press releases, media events, etc., related to this Project at least five (5) working days prior to the scheduled event or release.
31. **PUBLICATIONS/VIDEOS/SIGNAGE/ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Subrecipient agrees to the following:

- a. Subrecipient shall submit copies of all publication materials including, but not limited to, print, recorded, or Internet materials to ADCNR.
- b. When releasing information related to the Project, Subrecipient shall include a statement that the project or effort undertaken has been sponsored by the “The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council in cooperation with the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.”
- c. Any signage to be produced pursuant to this Agreement must have prior written approval of ADCNR and shall contain language required by the RESTORE Council specific Special Award Conditions and ADCNR.
- d. Unless otherwise approved by ADCNR in writing, every publication of material based on, developed under, or otherwise produced pursuant to this Agreement (except scientific articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical, or professional journals) shall contain the following disclaimer: “This project was paid for [in part] with federal funding from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act).” Publications (except scientific articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical, or professional journals) produced with funds from this Award must display the following additional language: “The statements, findings, conclusions, and recommendations are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council or ADCNR.”

32. INDEMNIFICATION:

- a. To the extent legally enforceable, the Subrecipient (hereinafter at times referenced in this paragraph as “the Indemnitor”) agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State of Alabama, all State Agencies, Boards and Commissions, along with the respective officers, agents, servants employees, and volunteers of each (hereinafter at times referenced in this paragraph collectively as “the Indemnitees”), from and against any and all claims, demands, expense and liability arising out of injury or death to any person, or the damage, loss or destruction of any property, which may occur or in any way grow out of, any act or omission of the Indemnitees, the Subrecipient, and the Subrecipient’s agents, servants, employees, and subcontractors. Indemnitor’s obligation and duty to protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless the Indemnitees shall include and extend to any and all costs, expenses, attorney fees, judgements, awards, and settlements incurred by Indemnitees and/or Indemnitor as a result of any claims, demands, and/or causes of action arising out of the performance of the obligations or objectives set forth herein. Indemnitor agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claims are groundless, false or fraudulent.
- b. Subrecipient further agrees it releases from liability and waives its right to sue Indemnitees regarding any and all claims resulting in any physical injury, economic loss, or other damage or loss as a result of or related in any way to the Agreement.
- c. The provisions of this Paragraph 32 shall survive the Agreement Term and remain a continuing obligation of Subrecipient.

33. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT: This Agreement may be terminated as follows:

- a. If, in the determination of ADCNR, Subrecipient fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner its

obligations under this Agreement or violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, ADCNR, in addition to all other available remedies, shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice, sent certified mail (return receipt requested), or overnight courier (signature required), to Subrecipient of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least fifteen (15) days before the effective date of termination. In that event, at the option of ADCNR, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by Subrecipient under this Agreement shall become the property of ADCNR.

- b. ADCNR may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving written notice to Subgrantee by certified mail (return receipt requested) or overnight courier (signature required) of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date. In that event, at the option of ADCNR, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by Subrecipient under this Agreement shall become the property of ADCNR.
- c. If the Agreement is terminated by ADCNR, as provided herein, Subrecipient shall promptly submit a statement detailing the actual services performed and associated Allowable Costs to date of termination. The Subrecipient shall immediately return any remaining funds to ADCNR in such manner as specified by ADCNR.

34. NOTICE: Contact information of Parties for purposes of providing notice pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are set forth below. In the event the designation of new contact information is necessary, such shall not require a formal amendment to this Agreement.

Dr. Rita Peachey
Deepwater Horizon Restoration Coordinator
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
31115 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, AL 36527
Email: rita.peachey@dcnr.alabama.gov

To Subrecipient:

Baldwin County Commission
Attn: Billie Jo Underwood, Chairman
312 Courthouse Square
Bay Minette, Alabama 36567
Email for contact: Bunderwood@baldwincountyal.gov

35. NONDISCRIMINATION: Subrecipient shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, pregnancy, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, or disability in its hiring or employment practices nor in relation to admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Further, Subrecipient shall comply with all RESTORE regulations and policies prohibiting discrimination as well as all other applicable federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws including, but not limited to, the following: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Revised ADA Standards for Accessible Design for Construction Awards; and Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Public Health Service Act of 1912 and the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970; and any other applicable non-discrimination law(s).

36. **PROTECTIONS FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS:** In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, neither the Subrecipient or any of its contractors (vendors), or subcontractors may discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee as a reprisal for disclosing information to a person or entity listed below that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant:
- a. A Member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress;
 - b. An Inspector General;
 - c. The Government Accountability Office;
 - d. A RESTORE Council employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management;
 - e. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency;
 - f. A court or grand jury; and/or
 - g. A management official or other employee of the recipient, subrecipient, vendor, contractor (vendor), or subcontractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.
37. **ASSIGNABILITY:** Subrecipient shall not assign or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of ADCNR.
38. **AMENDMENT:** Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and approved by all signatory/authorities prior to becoming effective. The Parties agree to renegotiate this Agreement if Federal, State and/or local revisions of any applicable laws or regulations make changes in the Agreement necessary.
39. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:** This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.
40. **ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS:** Failure of ADCNR to strictly or promptly enforce the rights and obligations herein shall not operate as a waiver thereof.
41. **NO AGENCY RELATIONSHIP:** By entering into this Agreement, Grantee understands and agrees it is not an agent of the state, its officers, employees, agents or assigns. The Grantee is an independent entity from the State and nothing in this Agreement creates an agency relationship between the parties.
42. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** In the event of any dispute between the parties, senior officials of both parties shall meet and engage in a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute. Should that effort fail, and the dispute involves the payment of money, a party's sole remedy is the filing of a claim with the Board of Adjustment of the State of Alabama. For any and all other disputes arising under the terms of this contract which are not resolved by negotiation, the parties agree to utilize appropriate forms of non-binding alternative dispute resolution including, but not limited to, mediation. Such dispute resolution shall occur in Montgomery, Alabama, utilizing where appropriate, mediators selected from the roster of mediators maintained by the Center For Dispute Resolution of the Alabama State Bar.

43. **NOT A DEBT OF THE STATE:** It is agreed that the terms and commitments contained herein shall not be constituted as a debt of the State of Alabama in violation of Article 11, Section 213 of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as amended by Amendment Number 26. It is further agreed that if any provision of this contract shall contravene any statute or constitutional provision or amendment, either now in effect or which may, during the course of this Contract, be enacted, then that conflicting provision in the Contract shall be deemed null and void.
44. **NOT ENTITLED TO MERIT SYSTEM:** The subrecipient understands and agrees that neither it nor any employees or agents thereof are entitled to any benefits of the Alabama State Merit System.
45. **BOYCOTT:** In compliance with Act 2016-312, Permittee hereby certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which the State can enjoy open trade.

In compliance with Ala. Act No. 2023-409, by signing this contract, Contractor provides written verification that Contractor, without violating controlling law or regulation, does not and will not, during the term of the contract engage in economic boycotts as the term “economic boycott” is defined in Section 1 of the Act.

46. **PRORATION:** In the event of the proration of the fund from which payment under this contract is to be made, the contract will be subject to termination.
47. **CLAIMS FOR LIENS:** Subrecipient shall be solely liable for and shall hold the State of Alabama, all State Agencies, Boards and Commissions, along with the respective officers, agents, servants, employees, and volunteers of each, harmless from any and all claims or liens for labor, services or material furnished to Subrecipient in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
48. **TAX RESPONSIBILITY:** Subrecipient hereby agrees that the responsibility for payment of any taxes from the funds received under this Agreement shall be the Subrecipient's obligation and shall be identified under the appropriate Tax Identification Number. In the event any tax refund is received by Subrecipient, it shall immediately notify ADCNR in writing and comply with all RESTORE Council requirements associated therewith.
49. **VENUE:** Subgrantee agrees that the laws of the State of Alabama shall govern and be controlling and binding over the provisions of the rights herein granted, and that, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the venue of any legal action brought in connection herewith shall be the circuit court of Montgomery County, Alabama.
50. **SEVERABILITY:** In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, the invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision and this Agreement shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it.
51. **IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE:** By signing this Agreement, Subrecipient affirms, for the duration of the Agreement, that it will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the state of Alabama. Furthermore, if found to be in violation of this provision, Subrecipient shall be deemed in breach of the Agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

52. PARTIES REPRESENT THAT THIS AGREEMENT SUPERSEDES ALL PROPOSALS, ORAL AND WRITTEN, ALL PREVIOUS CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, NEGOTIATIONS AND ALL OTHER COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

53. DOCUMENTS: The documents which comprise this Agreement between ADCNR and the Subrecipient are:

- a. This Subaward Agreement; and
- b. Federal Award, including any RESTORE Council Special Award Conditions incorporated within the Federal Award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized as of the date entered below.

**STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Christopher M. Blankenship, Commissioner

Date

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST

Recipient Name, Title

Name, Title

Date

Date

AL-03/13/2024

Subrecipient Name: Baldwin County Commission, UEI#: XXXXX

Title of Grant Project: **Fish River Watershed Sediment & Stormwater Improvements**

Attachment 1
Federal Award Identification

The entity identified in this agreement is a subrecipient of a subaward, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.332. Be advised, the following information describes the Federal award and subaward:

(1) Federal Award Identification	
i. Subrecipient name	<u>Baldwin County Commission</u>
ii. Subrecipient's unique entity identifier	UEI#: XXXXX
iii. Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN);	GT3CP24AL0010
iv. Federal Award Date (see §200.1 Federal award date) of award to the recipient by the Federal agency;	03/13/2024
v. Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date;	The subaward period of performance shall commence when the Agreement is executed by both Parties and end on September 30, 2026.
vi. Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this action by the pass-through entity to the subrecipient;	\$150,000.00
vii. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated to the subrecipient by the pass-through entity including the current obligation;	\$150,000.00
viii. Total Amount of the Federal Award committed to the subrecipient by the pass-through entity;	\$150,000.00
ix. Federal award project description, as required to be responsive to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA);	The purpose of this project is to fund the planning of the conversion of about 80 acres of farmland into a regional stormwater facility that will reduce sediment with the Fish River Watershed Sediment and Stormwater Improvements.
x. Name of Federal awarding agency, Name of pass-through entity, and contact information for awarding official of the pass-through entity;	Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Christopher M. Blankenship Chris.blankenship@dcnr.alabama.gov
xi. CFDA Number and Name; the pass-through entity must identify the dollar amount made available under each Federal award and the CFDA number at time of disbursement;	CFDA #: <u>87.051 "Council-Selected Restoration Component"</u> total Federal Award issued to ADCNR, which is registered in SAM with the <u>UEI: XXXXX</u> , is \$16,130,748.66.
xii. Identification of whether the award is R&D; and	This is not a R&D award.
xiii. Indirect cost rate for the Federal award (including if the de minimis rate is charged per §200.414 Indirect (F&A) costs).	The indirect cost rate for the Federal award is 27.19%.