# ESCAMBIA COUNTY RESTORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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#### **EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

Independent Special District Created in 1981 by Special Act of Florida Legislature:

**5-Member Elected Board** 

#### Responsibilities:

- Water
- Wastewater
- Sanitation Collection

All utility revenues stay with the utility system



# RESTORE ACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS

### Environmental

- Improve Ambient Water Quality
- Recycling Programs
- Improve Air Quality
- Improve Drinking Water Quality

Economic

Infrastructure

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS

#### Improve Ambient Water Quality

1985 – 10 WWTPs, 6 surface water discharges

2014 - 3 WRFs, 1 surface water discharge w/partial reuse

Two RESTORE Act project submittals - CWRF, PBWWTP (will supplement grant funding and local match)

### Sewer Expansion Program/Septic Tank Phase-out

Program Inception – 1996, Service extended to 5,366 properties

4,057 Septic Tanks Phased-out

Four RESTORE Act project submittals – two joint projects for sewer expansion/stormwater improvements

# ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS (CONT.)

#### Recycling

Initiated 2009, Voluntary Program

Serves 65% (48,750) of Sanitation Customer Base

2013 - 12,000 tons recycled

Pending Joint Venture w/Escambia County for comprehensive program

#### Improve Air Quality

ECUA Fleet Transition from Diesel to CNG (2012)

Annual Fuel Savings of over \$1 million

Cooperative Program w/Pensacola Energy – 2 CNG filling stations

## ECONOMIC NEEDS

Expand and diversify target industries

ECUA Level of Service - Backbone infrastructure

Water and wastewater systems are well positioned to serve

prospective commercial and industrial customers

Cooperative working relationship with Greater Pensacola Chamber

## INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Water quantity and quality - groundwater withdrawal

Drinking water distribution (i.e. smaller systems – consolidation?)

Improved/expanded collection system

Three RESTORE Act project submittals

Miscellaneous Programs/projects

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