

## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Perdido Boat Ramp Groundbreaking June 16**

The media is invited to attend the Perdido Boat Ramp groundbreaking Friday, June 16 at 11:30 a.m. The boat ramp will be Escambia County's first large public access to Perdido Bay. One or more Escambia County Commissioners may be in attendance.

**WHAT:** Perdido Boat Ramp Groundbreaking

**WHERE:** 10836 Lillian Highway

**WHEN:** Friday, June 16 at 11:30 a.m.

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Additional information:

The new 40-acre facility is located on Heron Bayou and will include a two-lane boat ramp, 62 parking spaces for vehicles with trailers, 22 parking spaces for vehicles without trailers, and a stormwater treatment facility. In addition, a new channel measuring at 2,260 feet long by 40 feet wide and a depth of 5 feet will be dredged from the launching facility to Perdido Bay. Additional passive recreational opportunities include a landing area along the Perdido paddling trail with two primitive campsites and 11 acres of wetlands placed into conservation.

In 2013, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners funded the acquisition of the Perdido Boat Ramp property for \$1.24 million through Local Option Sales Tax III. Project design was paid through a grant from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Vessel Registration Fees. The \$4.2 million needed for construction is funded through U.S. Treasury RESTORE Direct Component funds, American Rescue Plan Act funds and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Natural Resource Damage Assessment Coastal Protection Fund. Hewes and Company, LLC is constructing the new facility.



*Site of the Perdido Boat Ramp*