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Press Release: Levy County Provides Oyster ROCKS Restoration Project Update

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BRONSON, Fla. – Levy County is pleased to share that construction is officially underway on the Oyster ROCKS – Suwannee Sound/Cedar Key Oyster Restoration Project, marking a significant milestone in the County's efforts to restore historic oyster reefs in Waccasassa Bay.

Rock installation has begun within the Corrigan's Reef project area, where naturally occurring limestone is being strategically placed to create the foundation for new oyster growth and long-term reef recovery. The project is already creating a positive economic impact by employing approximately 40 local commercial fishing vessels, along with numerous individuals responsible for environmental and wildlife monitoring, project oversight, and construction coordination.

Funded through approximately \$1.9 million in RESTORE Act Bucket 3 funding, the Oyster ROCKS project is designed to restore critical oyster habitat, improve water quality, enhance marine ecosystems, strengthen shoreline resilience, and support the long-term sustainability of Levy County's commercial fishing industry and historic working waterfronts.

Levy County has published a new project update featuring additional information about the restoration effort, project photos, and the important role local commercial oystermen are playing in bringing this collaborative restoration project to life.

To read the full update and view project photos, visit the RESTORE Act Project Updates page on the Levy County website:

<https://www.levycounty.org/409/Project-Updates>

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