

DONA & ROBERTS BAYS BASIN

The Dona & Roberts Bays Basin is comprised of portions of Sarasota and Manatee Counties. The share of these counties within the basin is relatively small compared to other Basins in the CHNEP area with about 18% of Sarasota County and 1% of Manatee County in the basin. The total economic impact of the Dona & Roberts Bays Basin within the CHNEP area is approximately \$607.0 million annually. The primary driver in the county is natural resource-based recreation (primarily tourism), followed by agriculture, commercial fishing and ecological restoration. Agriculture is dominated by fresh market crops, ranching and timber. From the selected case studies in this valuation, the Dona & Roberts Bays Basin benefits directly from the Dona Bay project (benefit-cost ratio of 8.8).

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Natural resources in the CHNEP region generate economic impacts for Dona & Roberts Bays Basin through:

			
Annual Recreation Spending	Annual Commercial Fishing Production	Annual Agriculture Production Value	Property Value Impacts*
\$661,369,000	\$234,000	\$28,095,000	\$266,957,000

*not annualized

Annual spending driven by natural resources in the CHNEP area **creates indirect spending through other businesses and induced spending through jobs as well as tax revenues.** The table below shows the components of the annual economic impacts in Dona & Roberts Bays Basin:

Activity	Total Output	Labor Income	Value Added	Jobs
Recreation	\$588,238,000	\$203,516,000	\$305,345,000	
Commercial Fishing	\$249,000	\$36,000	\$242,000	
Agriculture	\$18,298,000	\$8,170,000	\$10,192,000	
Total	\$607,015,000	\$211,813,000	\$315,902,000	6,966



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Annual capital investments within the Dona & Roberts Bays Basin total **\$965,000**. These investments in protection of natural resources in **Dona & Roberts Bays Basin** results in a net fiscal benefit of **\$20,782,000**. Fiscal impacts include tax revenues from resource-based activity, improved property values, and return on investment from specific capital projects.



ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

The Habitat Restoration Needs Plan (HRN) was developed to guide habitat preservation/conservation, connectivity, management, restoration, sustainability, and resiliency through the CHNEP Area. **At full implementation, the HRN would preserve/conservate an additional \$167,000 of land value in the Dona & Roberts Bays Basin. It is estimated that these investments will generate economic benefits of \$231,000 every year.**