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Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

RECIPIENT

The Conservation Fund

AWARD AMOUNT

\$5,212,000

PARTNERS

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust

LOCATION

Baldwin County, AL

AWARD DATE

November 2019

STATUS

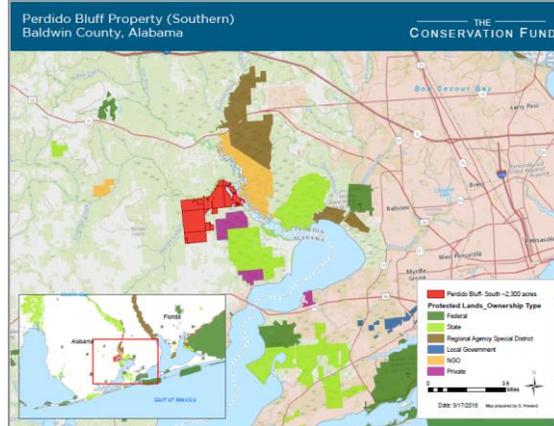
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Blackwater River South Tract Acquisition

This project will acquire and permanently protect 2,300 acres of coastal habitat at the confluence of the Blackwater and Perdido rivers. The subject tract includes four miles of frontage along both rivers, over 1,200 acres of wetlands, and a 90+ acre lake. Wetlands and other diverse habitat types found on the property support a variety of bird species and other wetland-dependent species. The threat of future development of the parcel is significant and substantial residential growth in the area is also noted. Protection of the subject property will maintain water quality in the Perdido estuary and the living coastal and marine resources it supports. Once acquired, the property will be conveyed to the state of Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust.

Acquisition and permanent protection of the proposed tract will protect and conserve a diversity of coastal habitat types and support many wildlife species impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The project builds upon previous acquisition investments made within the area by Alabama Forever Wild, the state of Florida, and the Northwest Florida Water Management District, which are working together to protect this important river corridor. Project outcomes will directly support objectives of EPA’s emerging Perdido Bay Estuary Program.



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The picture above shows hardwood forest habitats on the Blackwater River. Acquiring this tract will protect the habitat and wildlife species in the Blackwater and Perdido river system.

The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about NFWF, go to www.nfwf.org.