



NFWF

# Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

**RECIPIENTS**

City of Mobile

**AWARD AMOUNT**

\$300,000

**LEVERAGE AMOUNT**

\$64,000

**PARTNERS**

Mobile Bay NEP

The Nature Conservancy

Alabama Coastal Foundation

Pelican Coast Conservancy

**LOCATION**

City of Mobile, Alabama

**AWARD DATE**

November 2015

**STATUS**

Active

**PROGRESS UPDATE**

Due diligence work continued on selected key parcels to inform future acquisitions. (February 2019)

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](http://www.nfwf.org).

**ALABAMA**

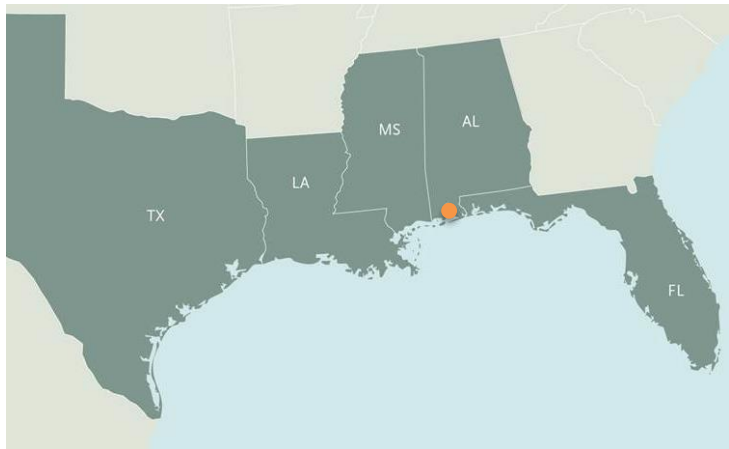
## Mobile Bay Shore Habitat Conservation and Acquisition Initiative – Phase I

This project advances goals of conserving and protecting coastal habitat through land acquisition in Mobile Bay. Gulf Environmental Benefit Funds will be utilized to perform the necessary due diligence activities to inform future acquisition and management of several key intact tidal marsh habitats within the jurisdiction of the City of Mobile.

This project will fund due diligence and planning needed to identify specific, high-priority properties for future acquisition, with a goal of preserving intact undeveloped intertidal habitat within the City of Mobile. Specific focal priorities include restoring and conserving habitats which support estuarine and marine fisheries and wildlife, including, up to 300 acres of riparian, wetland, and upland habitats in the Dog River Watershed (Perch Creek) near its connection to Mobile Bay; up to 40 acres of bay shore property in the Garrows Bend Watershed connecting to Helen Wood Park on the mouth of Dog River; and up to 450 acres in the lower reaches of the Three Mile Creek Watershed, which will advance the recommendations of the Three Mile Creek Watershed Management Plan. Work to be completed during Phase I includes site-specific assessments of the ecological value and net environmental benefit of protecting identified coastal habitats; real estate due diligence on key parcels; and preliminary restoration and long-term management planning for priority parcels.



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This project will conduct the due diligence necessary to identify high-priority properties for future acquisitions and restoration; similar to the engineered living shoreline restoration pictured above.