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Coastal Headwaters Protection Due Diligence

This project will undertake a technical assessment of the water quality and quantity benefits to coastal bays of significant potential acquisition. Diminished water quality and quantity are noted impediments to the ecological function of high priority coastal bays and estuaries. Land conservation and restoration actions in headwater watersheds are recognized practices to ensure the sustainable delivery of improved water quality and quantity to receiving bays and estuaries. In total, the potential conservation footprint of the project is anticipated to be approximately 48,000 acres.

The target property includes significant upland portions of the Wolf and Little Biloxi Rivers, major tributaries of St. Louis Bay and Biloxi Bay, respectively. In addition, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will conduct real estate due diligence; including appraisals, title searches, etc., and will develop a long-term management plan for the property.