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ALABAMA

Lower Fish River Watershed Restoration

This project will address sediment and nutrient issues in the lower Fish River Watershed, a priority coastal watershed draining into Weeks Bay. Project activities will consist of planning, engineering and design, and permitting efforts to identify solutions for six tributaries. In addition, engineering and design, permitting, and construction of a priority stream restoration project at Marlow is included.

Multiple tributaries within the Lower Fish River Watershed have been negatively impacted by severe erosion and nutrient enrichment in headwater areas, resulting in downstream impacts to once productive seagrass beds and oyster reef habitats. Restoring and protecting priority stream and riparian corridors is vital to improving the overall water quality in the watershed and the receiving waters of Weeks Bay, and this will be done by utilizing stream restoration techniques used on the successful D'Olive Watershed restoration project funded by GEBF.



Credit | Jon Porthouse

This project will help to restore highly-eroded riparian areas and streams, like the above-pictured Weeks creek.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:

Mobile Bay Natural Estuary Program

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$6,554,000

PARTNERS:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management

LOCATION:

Lower Fish River Watershed

AWARD DATE:

March 2020

STATUS:

Awarded



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