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Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

ALABAMA

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Acquisition- Phase I (Navy Cove)

This project acquired a 251-acre property (Navy Cove tract) on the Fort Morgan Peninsula that has been identified as a high conservation priority in the state of Alabama. The parcel was deeded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for inclusion and management within the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge (BSNWR). The property represents an important priority area within the authorized acquisition boundary of the Refuge and includes scrub/shrub, pine flatwood, saltwater marsh, and tidal creek habitats, with permanent and semi-permanent wetlands scattered across the parcel.

This project met a priority goal of conserving coastal habitat and expanding the network of conservation areas. The Fort Morgan Peninsula and South Baldwin County are under significant commercial and residential development pressure. Acquisition of this parcel and its inclusion in the BSNWR benefits living coastal and marine resources, including 90 species of birds affected by the spill and numerous fish and shellfish species. This acquisition protects this important habitat in perpetuity, allows for effective and proactive management, and adds to the contiguous habitat within the BSNWR.



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Acquisition of this property, pictured above, will protect habitat for species affected by the oil spill.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:

The Conservation Fund

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$5,866,177

PARTNERS:

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

LOCATION:

Fort Morgan Peninsula

AWARD DATE:

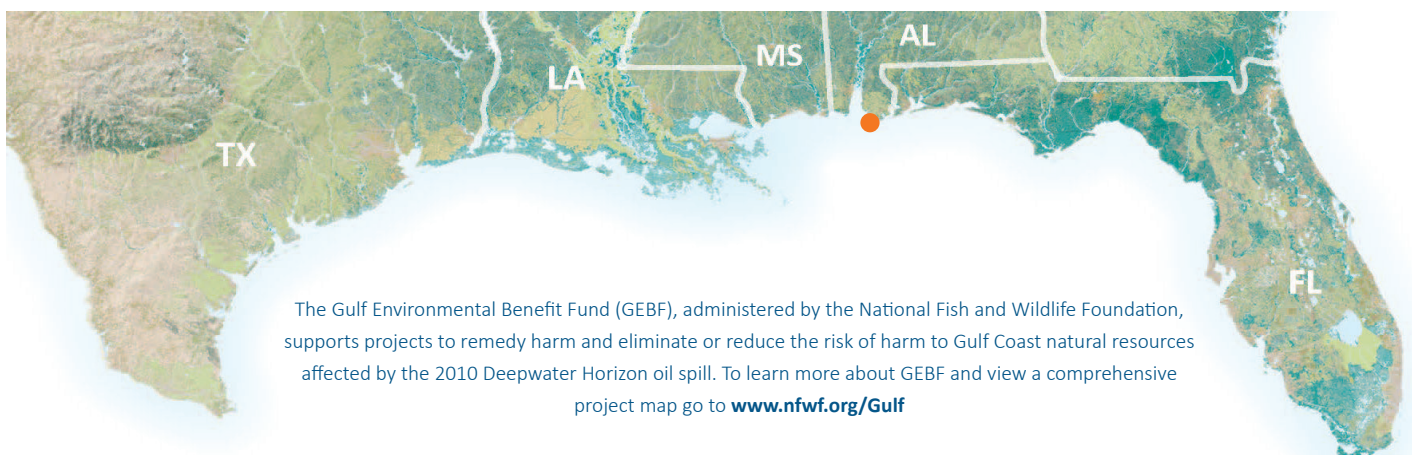
November 2017

STATUS:

Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE:

Project closed December 2018.



The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF), administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 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 GEBF and view a comprehensive project map go to www.nfwf.org/Gulf