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## ALABAMA

# Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Acquisition- Phase II (Three Rivers)

This project acquired and restored 219 acres of estuarine and forested shrub wetlands on Fort Morgan Peninsula. The Three Rivers parcel is within the acquisition boundary of the Little Point Clear Unit of the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge (BSNWR), bordered on the east, west and north by Bon Secour Bay. Following acquisition, the property was transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to become part of the BSNWR. Habitats within this unit consist of scrub/shrub, pine flatwoods, saltwater marsh and tidal creeks, scattered with permanent and semi-permanent wetlands. Fort Morgan Peninsula is under significant and consistent threat of commercial and residential development that would result in loss of habitat and negatively impact living coastal and marine resources.

This tract was identified by the USFWS as among the highest priority for acquisition and long-term management by the BSNWR as well as a priority for conservation in BSNWR's Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Additionally, the property is specifically included in the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program's Bon Secour, Oyster Bay and Skunk Bayou Watershed Management Plan as a priority for habitat protection. This acquisition protects critical coastal habitat from development and adds to 2,241 acres of contiguous, protected habitat within the Little Point Clear Unit of the BSNWR. Under Phase I, 250 acres were added to the BSNWR through a 2017 GEBF award.



The tract provides habitat to 90 species of birds impacted by the Deepwater Horizon Spill, including great blue herons (above).

## AT A GLANCE

### RECIPIENT:

The Conservation Fund

### AWARD AMOUNT:

\$4,340,805

### PARTNERS:

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

### LOCATION:

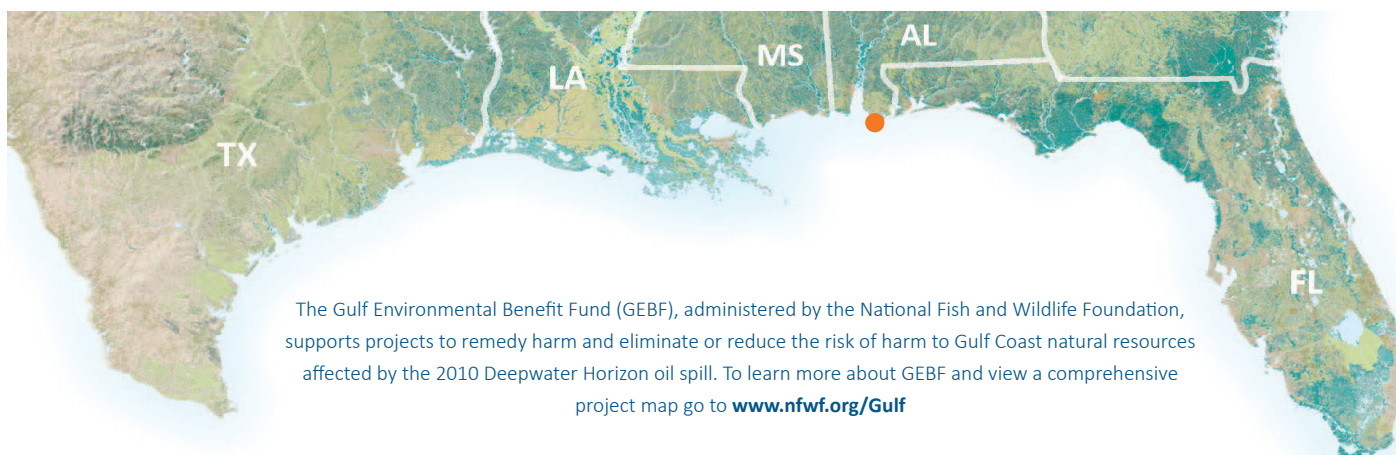
Baldwin County

### AWARD DATE:

November 2018

### STATUS:

Closed in July 2020



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