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Dauphin Island Conservation Acquisition

This project proposes the acquisition of approximately eight acres of remaining undeveloped beachfront (1,200 linear feet) on a mid-island section of Dauphin Island. This primary barrier island provides important nesting, loafing, stopover and foraging habitats for a variety of coastal birds, shorebirds, neotropical migrants and other avian species, as well as nesting habitat for endangered sea turtles.

Dauphin Island was recently named as a Globally Important Bird Area, and preservation of this unique parcel will ensure that critical beachfront habitat will be protected for future generations. In addition to the acquisition, funding is included to design and construct a dune walkover and fencing to protect habitat while allowing limited and appropriate public access.



Dauphin Island provides critical habitat for beach nesting birds, such as the least terns pictured above.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENTS:

The Nature Conservancy
Town of Dauphin Island
Pelican Coast Conservancy

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$3,568,600

LOCATION:

Dauphin Island

AWARD DATE:

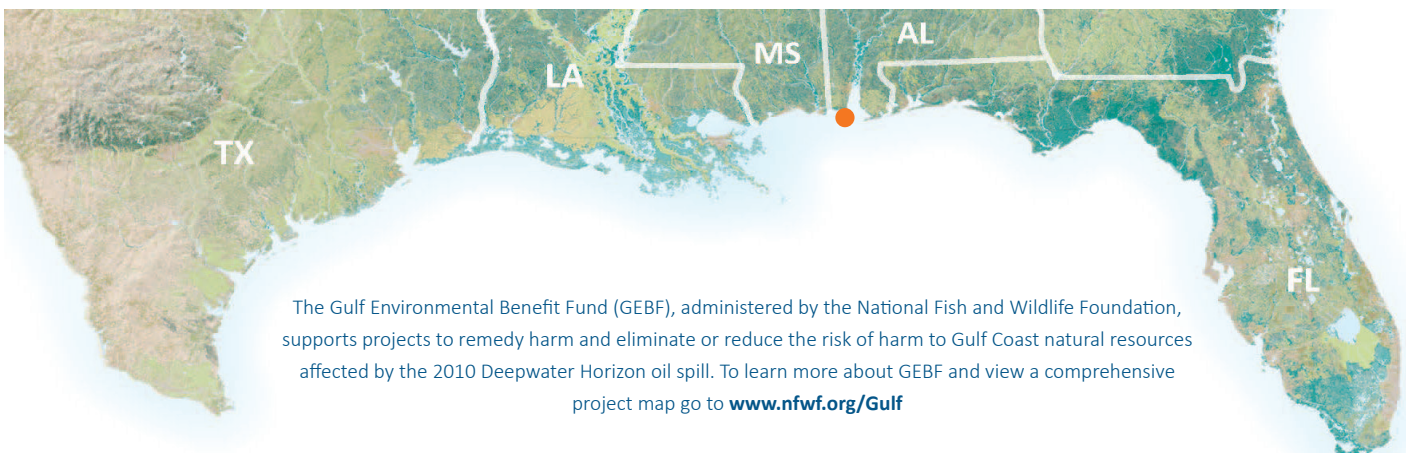
November 2016

STATUS:

Active

PROGRESS UPDATE:

Whitney Bank property has been purchased by TNC and will be transferred to the Town of Dauphin Island after easement is secured.



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