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Little Dauphin Island Restoration Assessment

This project will provide funding to study both nearshore and onshore restoration options for a future project to enhance and protect Little Dauphin Island. Included in the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Little Dauphin Island is an important nesting and foraging area for several coastal bird species, including several imperiled shorebird species.

Protecting and enhancing Little Dauphin Island is a priority for the state of Alabama and the USFWS. Habitat quality has deteriorated in recent years due to loss of beach habitat through erosion. This project will examine several options to restore and enhance the east side of the island. A technical analysis is needed to determine the feasibility, scope and costs of various restoration techniques. Project deliverables include plans and specifications for preferred restoration alternatives. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District will perform the analysis and design of this project.

Little Dauphin Island is a noted nesting and foraging area with high concentrations of colonial and solitary beach nesting birds. This project represents a first phase in ongoing efforts to restore Little Dauphin Island and ensure its continued ecological function in the Dauphin Island and Mobile Bay complex.



This project will undertake necessary studies to protect and restore Little Dauphin Island, highlighted in the map above.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,481,500

LOCATION: Dauphin Island

AWARD DATE: November 2017

STATUS: Active

PROGRESS UPDATE: Partnership agreement negotiations are ongoing.



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