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Lower Halls Mill Creek Protection

This project will acquire and permanently protect approximately 300 acres of wetland habitat in the Dog River Watershed. The target acquisition areas in Lower Halls Mill Creek comprises one of the largest contiguous undeveloped areas of bottomland hardwood wetlands remaining in the watershed. The area surrounding the subject tracts are under direct threat of development. Acquisition of the subject tracts will permanently protect them from commercial or residential development and preserve unique tidally influenced marshes in the Dog River watershed that support many species of shellfish, finfish, birds, and other wildlife of the type directly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Protection of these natural wetland areas will ensure continued protection of downstream water quality and wetland habitats in the Dog River Watershed.

The proposed parcel locations have been identified as priority wetland preservation areas within the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program's Dog River Watershed Management Plan, funded by GEBF. Project activities will address wetland conservation goals listed as a top priority in the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program's Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan.



Acquiring priority acreage in the Dog River Watershed will protect important wetland habitat and bird species, such as the blue heron pictured above.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:

Mobile County Commission

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$2,687,000

PARTNERS:

Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

LOCATION:

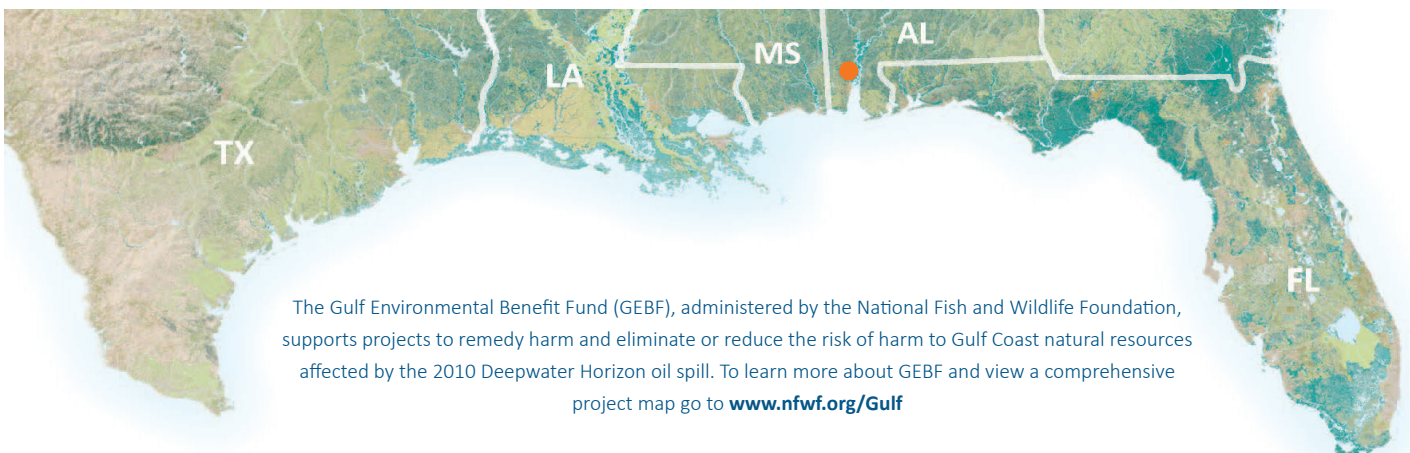
Dog River Watershed

AWARD DATE:

November 2019

STATUS:

Awarded



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