



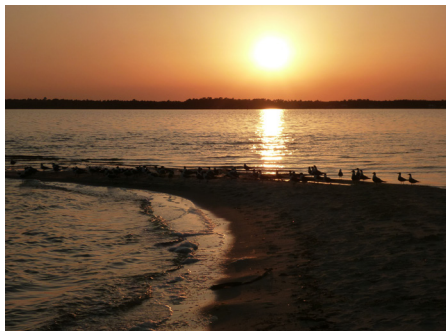
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Restoration and Management of Escribano Point Coastal Habitat – Phase II

Phase two of this project completed strategic acquisitions to improve the sustainability of, and provide long-term protection for, the coastal habitat of Escribano Point in Pensacola Bay. Acquisitions under this proposal resulted the permanent protection of approximately 590 acres of high-value coastal habitat. The acquired Escribano Point parcels, along with adjacent state-owned parcels, are now being actively managed by the state to maximize ecological function.

The Escribano Point region of the Yellow River Wildlife Management Area (WMA) represents high value coastal fish and wildlife habitat located in the East Bay portion of Pensacola Bay at the confluence of the Yellow River and Black Water River. This project complemented conservation activities already underway or planned, using previously awarded funding from the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, the MOEX settlement and the Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration process. The shoreline provides stopover and foraging habitat for migrating shorebird species, among which are listed species such as the piping plover, Cuban snowy plover, least tern, and black skimmer. This project protects the estuarine system and adjacent Blackwater Bay, which contains sea grass beds vital to fish and other marine species such as the listed Gulf sturgeon.



Acquisition and restoration of key properties within the Escribano Point region of the Yellow River WMA protect the above critical ecological areas.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:

Trust for Public Land

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$602,584

PARTNERS:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Florida Department Environmental Protection

Florida Forest Service

Eglin Air Force Base

LOCATION:

Santa Rosa County, Florida

AWARD DATE:

November 2014

STATUS:

Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE:

Seven parcels were acquired and donated to the state for inclusion in the Escribano/ Yellow River Wildlife Management Area. This project is now closed. (November 2017)



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