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# Coastal Headwaters Protection Due Diligence

This project will undertake a technical assessment of the water quality and quantity benefits to coastal bays of significant potential acquisition. Diminished water quality and quantity are noted impediments to the ecological function of high priority coastal bays and estuaries. Land conservation and restoration actions in headwater watersheds are recognized practices to ensure the sustainable delivery of improved water quality and quantity to receiving bays and estuaries.

The target property includes significant portions of the Wolf and Little Biloxi Rivers, major tributaries of St. Louis Bay and Biloxi Bay, respectively. In addition, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will conduct real estate due diligence; including appraisals, title searches, etc., and will develop a long-term management plan for the property if it decides to pursue acquisition of the target property.



Credit | Wolf River Canoe Company

Wolf River, pictured above, drains to Bay St. Louis. Increased water quality upstream will lead to a healthier bay.

## AT A GLANCE

### RECIPIENT:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

### AWARD AMOUNT:

\$1,310,200

### PARTNERS:

Mississippi Secretary of State

### LOCATION:

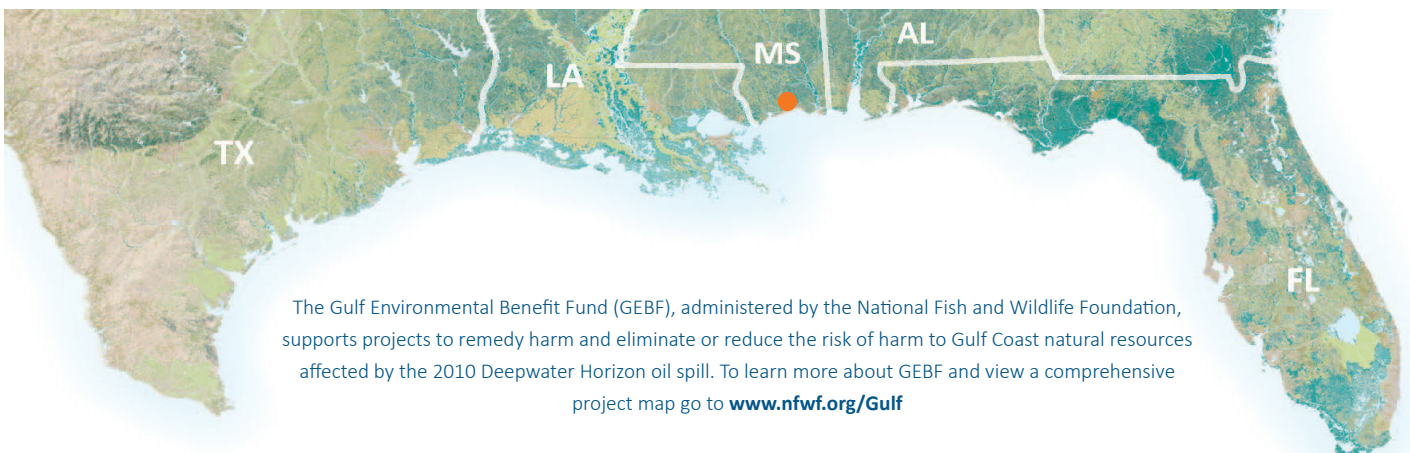
Hancock and Harrison Counties, Mississippi

### AWARD DATE:

August 2017

### STATUS:

Active



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