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Mississippi Coastal Restoration Plan - Phase I

This multi-phase, three-year project developed a comprehensive plan for restoring and conserving Mississippi’s coastal natural resources. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) carried out an assessment of current ecological conditions and restoration efforts, compiled and evaluated existing resource management plans, determined habitat and living resource focal areas, drafted a comprehensive restoration plan to identify priority restoration projects and programs that maximize environmental benefits for Mississippi’s coast, and reviewed and updated the planning effort periodically. Additionally, the proposed planning process also ensured sufficient opportunities for effective public engagement in identifying restoration projects. This proposal planned and developed priority restoration projects for future funding consideration under the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF).

This effort offered the first opportunity for Mississippi to establish a single, comprehensive approach to restoration planning that enables the State to prioritize projects in order to make funding recommendations that optimize environmental benefits along Mississippi’s coast. This initiative produced meaningful and measurable outcomes, engaged technical experts and key stakeholders, and produced science-based restoration actions addressing injury to habitats and species affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

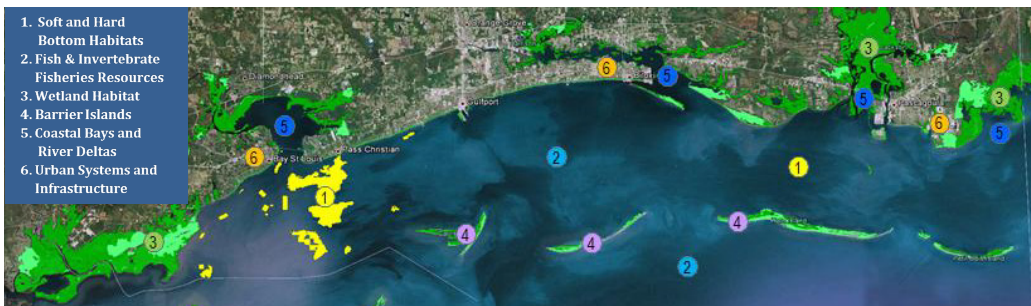
AWARD AMOUNT:
\$2,564,205

LOCATION:
Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi

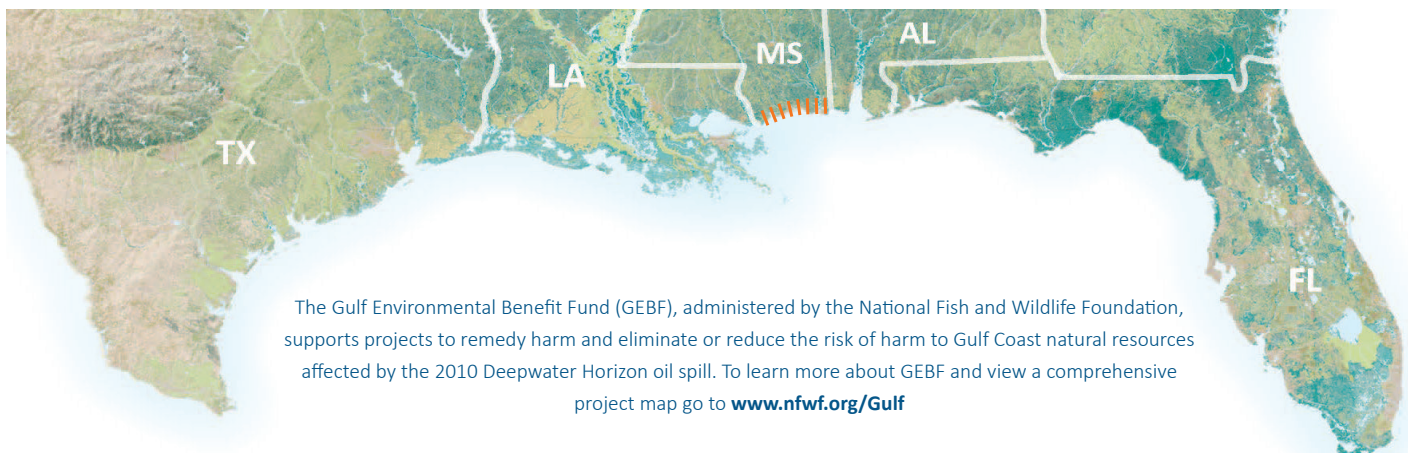
AWARD DATE:
March 2014

STATUS:
Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE:
Final reports submitted and project is now closed. (April 2020)



This project developed a comprehensive plan to prioritize restoration and conservation efforts throughout the coastal habitats of Mississippi as identified above.



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