



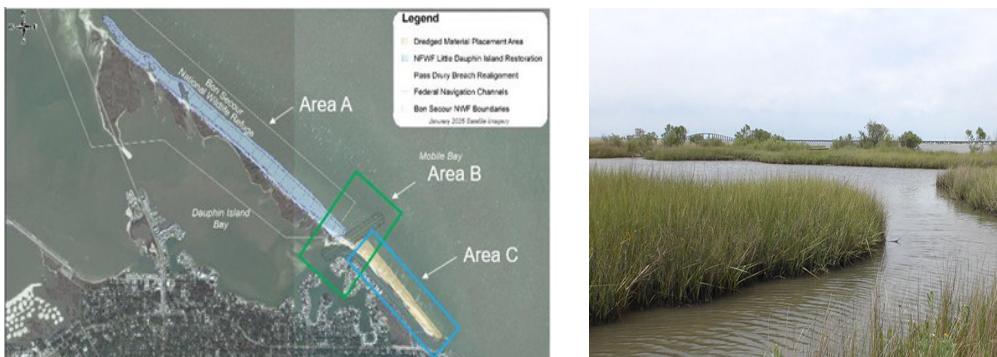
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Little Dauphin Island Restoration - Phase II

This project will restore approximately 130 acres of beach and dune habitat at Little Dauphin Island, protect approximately 850 acres of conservation land within the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, provide storm damage reduction to the east end of Dauphin Island, and support salinity regulation in Dauphin Island Bay. The project concept was prioritized in the GEBF-funded Alabama Barrier Island Restoration Assessment (2014) and the construction request will implement the project designed by the GEBF-funded Little Dauphin Island Restoration Assessment project (2017). The project leverages multiple Federal projects being undertaken by the US Army Corps of Engineers, including dredging of the Mobile Ship Channel and the Pass Drury Realignment.

Little Dauphin Island is a critical barrier island facing severe erosion, breaching, and habitat loss due to sea level rise and storms, threatening its ability to protect inland ecosystems, wildlife, and nearby communities and its protection remains a high priority of the state of Alabama and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To address current challenges, the project will place compatible sand to restore beach and dune habitat to benefit a wide range of species, including several imperiled species of shorebirds. Restoration of Little Dauphin Island, in conjunction with the adjacent Pass Drury stabilization project, will improve water quality in Dauphin Island Bay and benefit oyster reefs.



Left: Restoration plan for Little Dauphin Island ("Area A" is the focus of this project); Right: Marsh habitat near Little Dauphin Island.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:
Mobile County

AWARD AMOUNT:
\$10,000,000

PARTNERS:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

LOCATION:
Dauphin Island

AWARD DATE:
November 2025

STATUS:
Active



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