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Lightning Point Restoration Project- Phase II

This project completed construction of approximately 28 acres of coastal marsh and 1.5 miles of breakwaters near the mouth of Bayou La Batre. Restoration activities will protect the newly acquired 127 acres of coastal habitat managed by the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust program and Mobile County. Over time, the breakwaters are expected to develop into reefs that provide habitat for fish and shellfish. Consisting of more than 2 miles of nearly contiguous undeveloped waterfront, the project area provides a critical interface between land and water. These conservation lands are comprised of coastal marshes, upland buffers, and intertidal habitats that serve as nursery habitat for coastal finfish and shellfish. The area is also home to many threatened and endangered species, including the West Indian manatee and Gulf sturgeon.

The Bayou La Batre area has been identified in the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program's (MBNEP) Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan as a priority watershed for long-term conservation and restoration. This project extends an existing 1.2 mile shoreline protection and a 30-acre restoration project immediately to the west of the mouth of Bayou La Batre.



Lightning Point Restoration, Bayou La Batre, AL | Credit: Sam St. John, FlytheCoast.com

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:
The Nature Conservancy

FINAL AWARD AMOUNT:
$15,410,096

PARTNERS:
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Mobile County

City of Bayou la Batre

Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

LOCATION:
Mobile County

AWARD DATE:
November 2018

STATUS:
Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE:
Project closed in August of 2026



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