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Lower Fish River Watershed Restoration- Phase II

This project completed several restoration actions designed under the GEBF-funded Lower Fish River Watershed Restoration Engineering and Design project. Under Phase I, highly eroded stream segments in the Magnolia River watershed were identified as priorities for restoration and Phase II completed the implementation of restoration designs to reduce the amount of sediment and nutrient carried into Weeks Bay, benefiting water quality and coastal habitats in the bay. Multiple tributaries within the Lower Fish and Magnolia River Watersheds have been negatively impacted by severe erosion and nutrient enrichment in headwater areas, resulting in downstream impacts to once productive seagrass beds and oyster reef habitats. Restoring and protecting priority stream and riparian corridors is vital to improving overall water quality in the watershed and to enhancing habitat productivity in Weeks Bay.



This project will restore Magnolia River (left) utilizing stream restoration techniques successfully implemented in the D'Olive Watershed (right).

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:
Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

AWARD AMOUNT:
$7,265,709

LOCATION:
Baldwin County

AWARD DATE:
November 2022

STATUS
Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE
Project award amount reduced



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