



NFWF

Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

RECIPIENTS

The Nature Conservancy
Town of Dauphin Island

AWARD AMOUNT

\$3,568,600

LOCATION

Dauphin Island, Alabama

AWARD DATE

November 2016

STATUS

Active

PROGRESS UPDATE

Acquisition has been completed and a conservation easement is under development. Transfer of title to the Town of Dauphin Island anticipated in the summer of 2019. (February 2019)

ALABAMA

Dauphin Island Conservation Acquisition

This project proposes the acquisition of approximately eight acres of remaining undeveloped beachfront (1,200 linear feet) on a mid-island section of Dauphin Island. This primary barrier island provides important nesting, loafing, stopover and foraging habitats for a variety of coastal birds, shorebirds, neotropical migrants and other avian species, as well as nesting habitat for endangered sea turtles.

Dauphin Island was recently named as a Globally Important Bird Area, and preservation of this unique parcel will ensure that critical beachfront habitat will be protected for future generations. In addition to the acquisition, funding is included to design and construct a dune walkover and fencing to protect habitat while allowing limited and appropriate public access.



Least terns: Credit iStock



Dauphin Island provides critical habitat for beach nesting birds, such as the least terns pictured above.