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RECIPIENTS

Mobile County Commission

AWARD AMOUNT

\$4,217,803

LOCATION

Southeastern Mobile County, Alabama

AWARD DATE

November 2015

STATUS

Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE

Final reports have been submitted. This project is now closed. (December 2018)

ALABAMA

Mobile County Conservation Acquisition

This project proposes to expand the Mobile County Commission's investment in habitat conservation and restoration by acquiring and conserving a 233-acre parcel located on Mobile Bay near the mouth of Fowl River. The parcel contains approximately 90 acres of brackish marsh habitat and transitional upland habitat with a high diversity of plants, birds and aquatic species. Funding will be utilized to complete due diligence and acquisition of the parcel, and the development and implementation of a conservation stewardship and management plan.

With over 4000 feet of frontage on Mobile Bay and Old Fowl River, the parcel is one of the largest, unprotected marsh habitats on the Bay's western shore. It contains both high quality tidal marsh habitat and a buffer of old growth hardwood forest. This project also addresses a key goal of the 2013-2018 Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) for the Mobile Bay Estuary: Improving ecosystem function and resilience of the Mobile Bay estuary through protection, restoration and conservation of habitats.



The 223-acre property has long been a high priority target for conservation and includes significant high quality acreage of both tidal marsh and maritime forest, as pictured above.

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