

Mississippi Restoration Area

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WHO WE ARE

The Trustee Representatives for the Mississippi Restoration Area are:

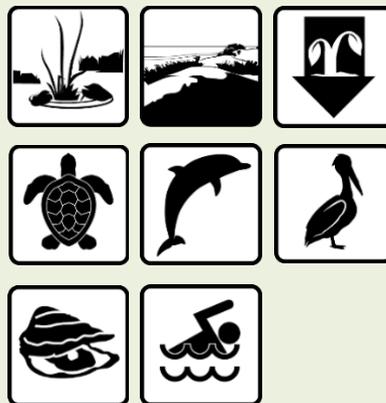
- Chris Wells, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
- Erin Plitsch, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Stella Wilson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Ron Howard, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Troy Pierce, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

RECENT ACTIVITIES

In September of 2020 we released our Restoration Plan 2, approving four restoration projects. In October 2020 we requested project ideas in anticipation of drafting our third restoration plan. We have also been busy overseeing the implementation of restoration projects, including the projects approved in the MS TIG RP 1 and MS TIG RP 2 and continuing with the implementation and monitoring of our early restoration projects.

WHAT WE DO

Our work in the Mississippi Restoration Area focuses on living and coastal marine resources such as sea turtles, marine mammals, birds, and oysters. We also restore and conserve wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats. Restoration work also includes nonpoint source nutrient reduction to watersheds, partnerships to conserve habitats on federal lands, and enhancement of recreational opportunities.



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RESTORATION OVERVIEW

For more information, visit www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/mississippi and/or the State of Mississippi, Trustee website <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/restoration/nrda/>.



A 90-acre subtidal reef at Deer Island, Mississippi.

\$159 million committed to approved projects

RECENT NEWS // In September 2020, we released Restoration Plan 2. The plan approved four projects to address some of the injuries to various coastal habitats and oysters.

Restoration Projects by Goal

RESTORE WATER QUALITY - NUTRIENT REDUCTION

Upper Pascagoula Water Quality Enhancement Project (🔄 \$4M)

REPLENISH AND PROTECT LIVING COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES

Mississippi Artificial Reef Habitat Project (✓ \$2.6M)

Mississippi Oyster Cultch Restoration Project (🕒 \$11M)

Oyster Spawning Reefs in Mississippi (🔄 \$10M)

Mississippi Oyster Gardening Program (🔄 \$500K)

RESTORE AND CONSERVE HABITAT

Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management (also included in Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources Goal) (🔄 \$16M)

Graveline Bay Land Acquisition and Management (also included in Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources Goal) (🔄 11.5M)

Hancock County Coastal Preserve Habitat Management - Wachovia Tract (🔄 \$1.8M)

Mississippi Hancock County Marsh Living Shoreline Project (🔄 \$50M)

Restoring Living Shorelines and Reefs in Mississippi Estuaries (🔄 \$30M)

Wolf River Coastal Preserve Habitat Management-Dupont Tract and Bell's Ferry Tract (🔄 3.1M)

PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Pascagoula Beach Front Promenade (🕒 \$3.8M)

Popp's Ferry Causeway Park (🕒 \$4.8M)

Restoration Initiatives at the INFINITY Science Center (🕒 \$10.4M)

🔄 In progress 🕒 Monitoring/O&M ✓ Complete