



# Mississippi Restoration Area

## Coastwide Habitat Acquisition

January 2024

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will acquire land from willing sellers in coastal areas for conservation that have 1) high ecological value and/or 2) where wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitat creation, restoration, and preservation projects could be implemented in future restoration actions (for example, lands adjacent to coastal bays and estuaries).

Conserving and protecting land parcels via acquisition can protect wetlands and other significant coastal, estuarine, riverine and riparian habitats; create connections between protected areas; and remove direct threats of development. Once acquired, parcels will be conserved, complementing and advancing the goals of coastal management, habitat conservation, and other applicable plans.

Parcels may also be sites for future restoration activities not currently a part of this project budget (e.g., habitat management, installation of living shorelines, intertidal and subtidal oyster reef restoration, hydrologic connectivity projects, and/or expansion/enhancement of marsh habitat using beneficial use materials).

### IMPLEMENTING TRUSTEES AND PROJECT PARTNERS

The Implementing Trustee for this project is the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

### BUDGET

\$5,000,000

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