



# Alabama Restoration Area

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Bayou La Batre. Photo by Laurie Schaerer



The Trustee representatives for the Alabama Restoration Area are:

- Jaime Miller, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Erin Plitsch, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Stella Wilson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Craig Johnson, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Chris McArthur, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

In the past year, we have been busy overseeing the continued planning, engineering, design, implementation, and monitoring of restoration projects. In October 2022, we completed construction for the Fort Morgan Pier Rehabilitation Restoration Project. We also completed three supplemental restoration plans in 2022.

## WHAT WE DO

Our work in the Alabama Restoration Area focuses on restoring and conserving habitat and replenishing and protecting wildlife, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, birds, and oysters. We are also providing and enhancing recreational opportunities, restoring water quality, and restoring habitats on federally managed lands.

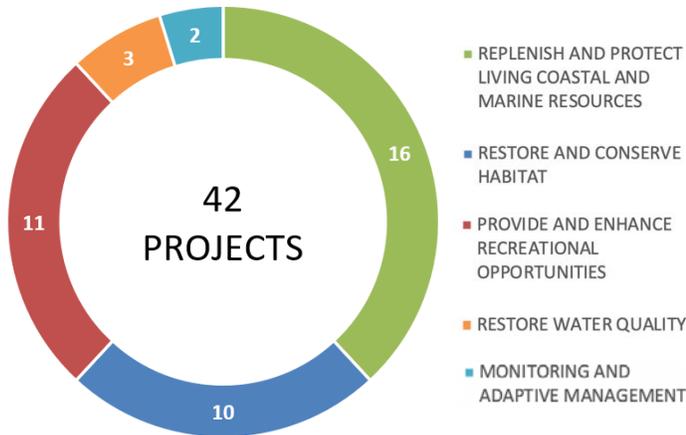




# Restoration Overview

\$188 million committed to approved projects

## PROJECTS BY RESTORATION GOAL



## RECENT NEWS //

In October 2022, we completed construction for the Fort Morgan Pier Rehabilitation Restoration Project.



The original pier was more than 40 years old and had been closed to the public due to its age and condition. The restored pier is now open to the public, providing fishing opportunities in Baldwin County and is ADA compliant.

## RECENT NEWS // GULF STATE PARK TRAIL WINS AWARD



The Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail at Gulf State Park was chosen as the top recreational trail in the U.S. in the 2023 USA TODAY 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards. Trail improvements were part of the Gulf State Park Enhancement Project, an Early Restoration project that included 9.5 miles of new trails and 3.5 miles of trail enhancements, including wayfinding signage, trailheads, and amenities.

## UPCOMING PROJECTS//

The Trustees are currently planning to begin construction for the Laguna Cove Little Lagoon Natural Resource Protection, Dauphin Island Ecotourism and Environmental Education Area, and Mid-Island Parks and Public Beach Improvements (Parcels B & C) projects.





## Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2023	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
<b>Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats</b>	\$93,110,000	\$34,636,998	37%	63%
<b>Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands</b>	\$3,000,000	\$484,001	16%	84%
<b>Nutrient Reduction</b>	\$5,000,000	\$3,479,090	70%	30%
<b>Oysters</b>	\$13,329,000	\$7,760,818	58%	42%
<b>Sea Turtles</b>	\$5,500,000	\$4,096,546	74%	26%
<b>Marine Mammals</b>	\$5,000,000	\$3,118,763	62%	38%
<b>Birds</b>	\$30,145,000	\$12,561,456	42%	58%
<b>Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities</b>	\$110,505,305	\$113,557,642*	103%	0%
<b>Monitoring and Adaptive Management</b>	\$10,000,000	\$3,508,766	35%	65%
<b>Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning</b>	\$20,000,000	\$4,475,644	22%	78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$295,589,305</b>	<b>\$187,679,725</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>37%</b>

\*Interest Used

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