



Mississippi Restoration Area

June 2024



Photo by Melanie Lane

RECENT ACTIVITIES

In January 2024, we released Final Restoration Plan 4/Environmental Assessment. In April 2024 we began planning for Restoration Plan 5/Environmental Assessment and released a Notice for Project Ideas on May 8. We have also been busy overseeing the implementation of 26 restoration projects, including the projects approved in our restoration plans 1-4, 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. Our restoration work also includes nonpoint source nutrient reduction to watersheds, partnerships to conserve habitats on federal lands, and enhancement of recreational opportunities.

The Trustee Representatives for the Mississippi Restoration Area are:

- Chris Wells, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
- Cody Haynes, 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





Restoration Overview

\$216 M committed to approved projects

RECENT NEWS // Graveline Bay Land Acquisition and Management

The Trustees approved \$11.5 M in Birds and Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats Restoration Types through our Restoration Plan 2/ Environmental Assessment for acquisition and habitat management at the Graveline Bay Coastal Preserve. The goal of the 10-year project is to protect and manage natural habitats including those which provide foraging, loafing, and nesting areas for bird species injured by the oil spill. In February 2024, the State of Mississippi completed the first project acquisition of 611 acres of land.



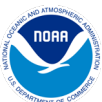
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RECENT NEWS // Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management



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The Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management project includes acquisition and habitat management within the Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR), and Grand Bay Savanna Coastal Preserve boundaries in Jackson County, Mississippi. The Trustees approved \$16 M in Birds and Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats Restoration Types through our Restoration Plan 2/ Environmental Assessment. To date, the State of Mississippi has acquired 1,548 acres and is managing it by mechanical clearing, chemical treatment and prescribed fire.





Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2024	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats	\$135,500,000	\$125,637,500	93%	7%
Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands	\$5,000,000	\$3,000,000	60%	40%
Nutrient Reduction	\$27,500,000	\$9,000,000	33%	67%
Sea Turtles	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000	50%	50%
Marine Mammals	\$10,000,000	\$5,440,000	54%	46%
Birds	\$25,000,000	\$11,355,500	45%	55%
Oysters	\$33,600,000	\$22,474,129	67%	33%
Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	\$23,957,000	\$25,914,000*	108%	0%
Monitoring and Adaptive Management	\$7,500,000	\$0	0%	100%
Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning	\$22,500,000	\$10,650,000	47%	53%
Total	\$295,557,000	\$215,971,129	73%	27%

*Interest Used



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www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/Mississippi