



# Regionwide Restoration Area

June 2025



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- Ron Howard, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Timothy Landers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

The Regionwide Trustee Implementation Group continues to oversee implementation and monitoring of two Early Restoration projects. The Regionwide Trustees released the Final Restoration Plan 1 in September 2021. The plan includes nearly \$100 million for eleven projects to restore birds, sea turtles, oysters, and marine mammals. Implementation of these projects is underway including, removing marine debris to reduce impacts on birds and sea turtles throughout the Gulf, restoring and enhancing sea turtle nest productivity, stewarding and monitoring bird nesting and foraging areas to reduce disturbance, and evaluating design alternatives for restoration of the Chandeleur Islands.

## WHAT WE DO

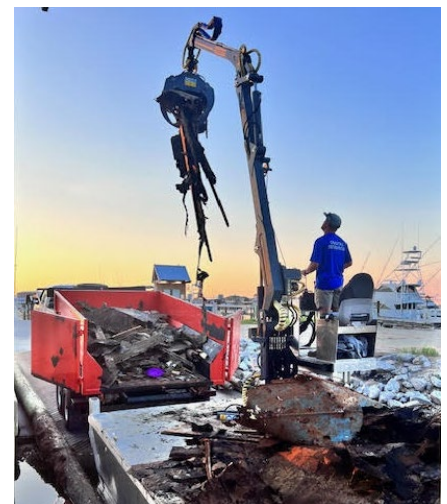
Our work within the Regionwide Restoration Area is intended to replenish and protect targeted marine resources (marine mammals, sea turtles, birds, and oysters) affected by the spill and which often live and migrate across broad jurisdictional boundaries.



## Restoration Update







### PROJECT UPDATE // Reducing Marine Debris Impacts on Birds and Sea Turtles

This project will reduce the impacts of marine debris on birds and sea turtles across the Gulf coast. The project involves a coordinated effort among Regionwide Trustees and other partners to compile data on marine debris hotspots, conduct marine debris removal, engage in prevention through public education, and conduct monitoring. In 2024, Trustees continued to coordinate on identifying hotspots and other project planning activities. In March 2025, on-the-ground implementation began with a cleanup in Levy County, FL, targeting clam cover netting and hurricane debris that presented an entanglement risk to sea turtles. Through this effort, Trustees removed over four tons of debris in collaboration with local partners. Debris removal events have also been held in Wakulla County, FL; Orange Beach, AL; Harrison County and Jackson County, MS; and Freeport, TX. We anticipate additional project activities to continue in 2025 and over the next several years.





# Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2025	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
 Oysters	\$64,372,413	\$36,642,484	57% <div><div></div></div>	43%
 Sea Turtles	\$89,256,165	\$52,351,359	59% <div><div></div></div>	41%
 Marine Mammals	\$19,000,000	\$7,710,657	41% <div><div></div></div>	59%
 Birds	\$72,223,100	\$37,136,980	51% <div><div></div></div>	49%
 Monitoring and Adaptive Management	\$65,000,000	\$7,778,938	12% <div><div></div></div>	88%
 Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning	\$40,000,000	\$18,659,514	47% <div><div></div></div>	53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$349,851,678</b>	<b>\$160,279,931</b>	<b>46%</b> <div><div></div></div>	<b>54%</b>



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