



Deepwater Horizon


Natural Resource Damage Assessment & Restoration

Trustee Council

2023 Annual Public Meeting

Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Trustee Council Update
- Restoration Area Updates
- Your Comments



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Trustee Council Update



Trustee Council Responsibilities

- Fiscal oversight
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management direction
- Administrative Record
- Coordination and oversight of the groups below



Alabama

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Florida

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Region- wide

All Trustees

Ecosystem Approach

Beaches and Other
Recreational Uses



Marsh and Other
Nearshore Habitat

Birds



Beach Habitat

Sea Turtles

Fish and Water
Column Species

Marine Mammals

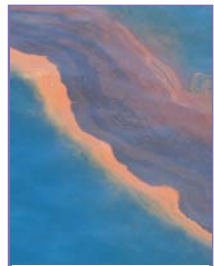
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Adopted from the 2016 *Deepwater Horizon* Final Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic
Environmental Impact Statement; Figure 1.5-1

Source: Programmatic Restoration Plan

Restoration Timeline



APRIL 2010
Oil Spill

APRIL 2011
\$1B Early Restoration
Agreement with BP

APRIL 2016
Settlement Adds
\$7.8B in Natural
Resource Damages

April 2010 – April 2016
Early Restoration



Restoration Timeline

More than **\$5.08 billion**
allocated to more than
320 restoration projects
to date

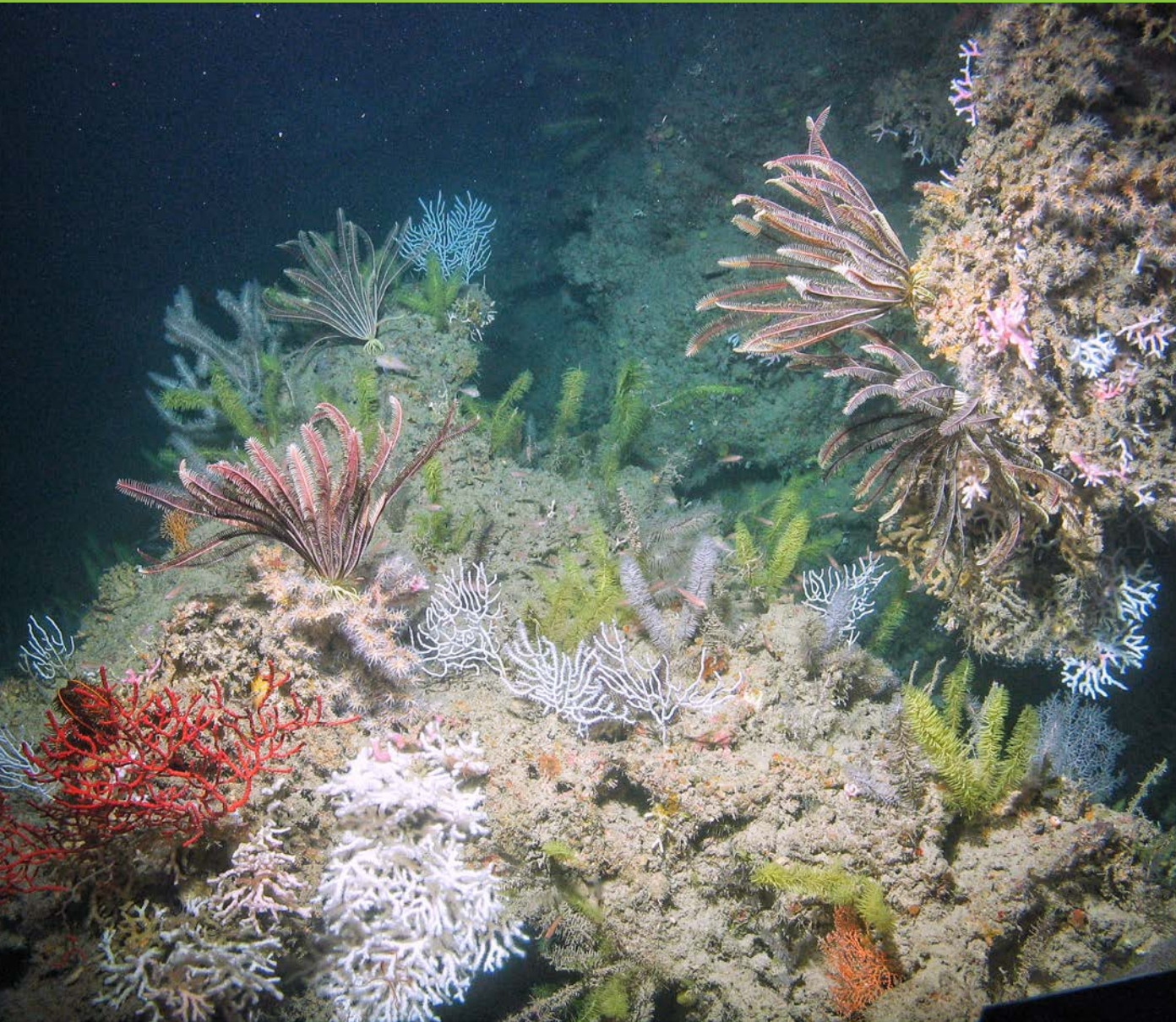
TODAY
June 2023

2017-2031

Trustees Receive Settlement Payments Every April
Trustees Release Annual Reports Every Year
Restoration Planning and Implementation and Monitoring



Restoration Timeline



Continued implementation and monitoring of restoration projects

2032 - beyond
Payments from BP end,
but the work continues

Accomplishments



More than
320
projects
approved
to date

In 2022 the Trustee Implementation Groups collectively finalized **5 Restoration Plans** and **2 Supplemental Plans**

The Trustees have collectively allocated approximately
\$5.08 Billion
to funding restoration projects



In 2022
posted more
than **60**
webstories

Highlight Reel



An aerial photograph of a wetland restoration area. The landscape is dominated by lush green vegetation, including grasses and shrubs, interspersed with dark, winding waterways. A prominent feature is a small waterfall or drop-off in the waterway, where white foam is visible. The waterways are bordered by sandy or light-colored soil. The overall scene depicts a healthy, restored natural environment.

Restoration Area Updates



Alabama Restoration Area

Chris Blankenship

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Alabama Funding Update



Amount committed for projects and activities as of May 2023

\$188 million

Total allocation

\$295 million

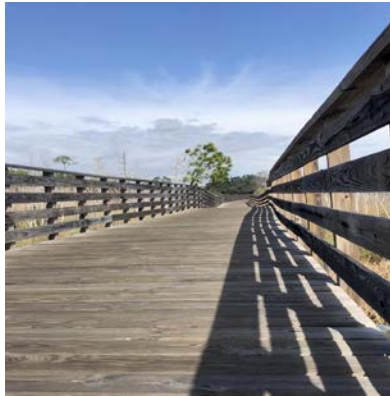


\$212 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

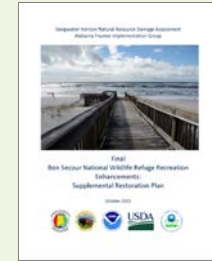
42 projects approved



What We've Been Up To



Approved **3 supplemental restoration plans** in 2022



32

Projects in progress

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



Held the Alabama TIG's annual public meeting (via video recording) in December

Featured Project



Fort Morgan Pier Rehabilitation Restoration Project



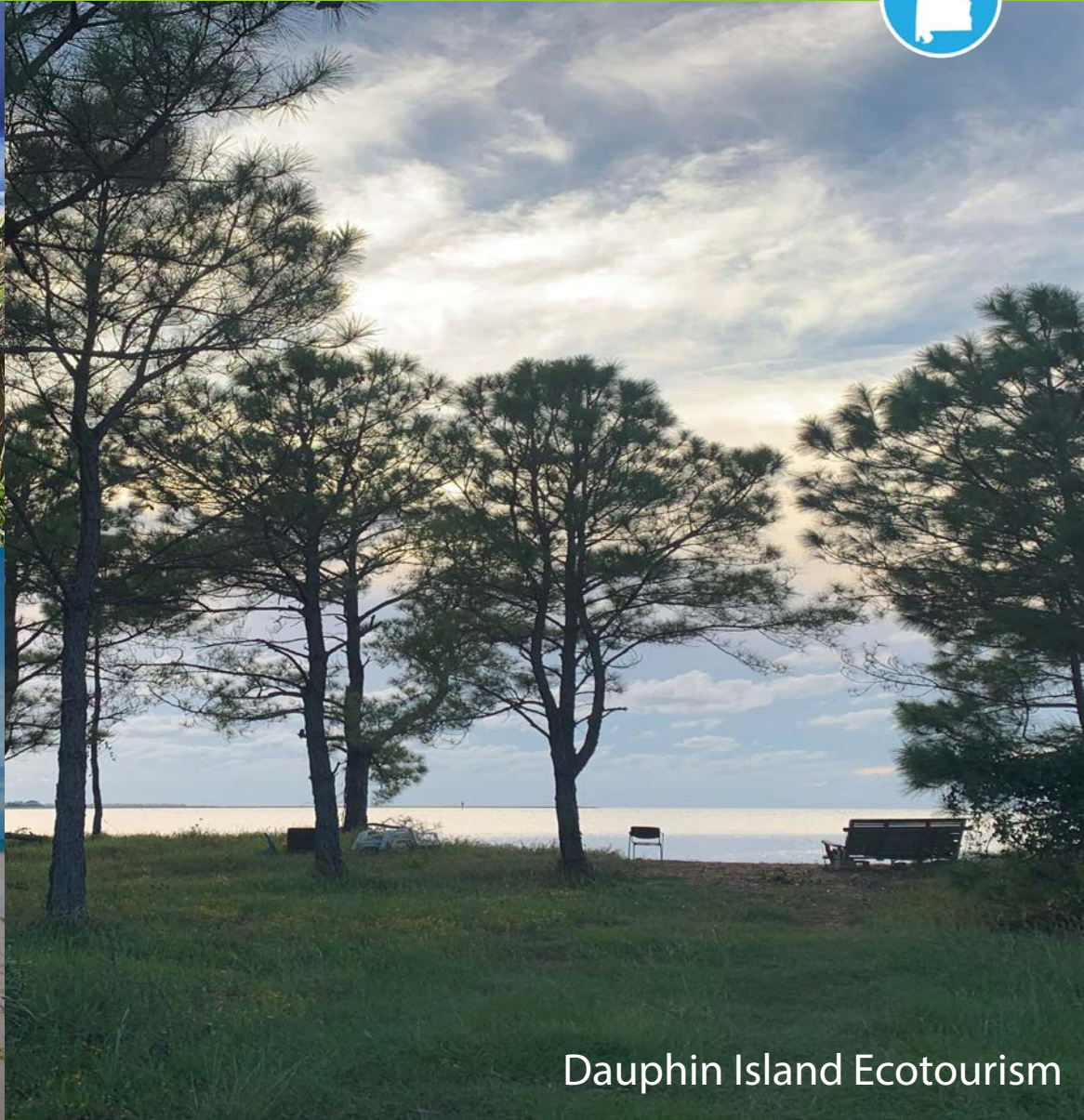
What's Next?



Laguna Cove



Mid-Island Parks



Dauphin Island Ecotourism



Florida Restoration Area

Gareth Leonard

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Florida Funding Update



Amount committed for projects and activities as of May 2023

\$267 million

Total allocation

\$680 million



\$405 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

73 projects approved



What We've Been Up To



Screening project ideas for the Florida TIG's third restoration plan, which is focused on water quality.



49

projects in progress



770

nests of beach-nesting birds protected



Held the Florida TIG 2022 annual public meeting on December 15

Featured Project



Phase V.4 Florida Coastal Access Project: Dickerson Bay Addition

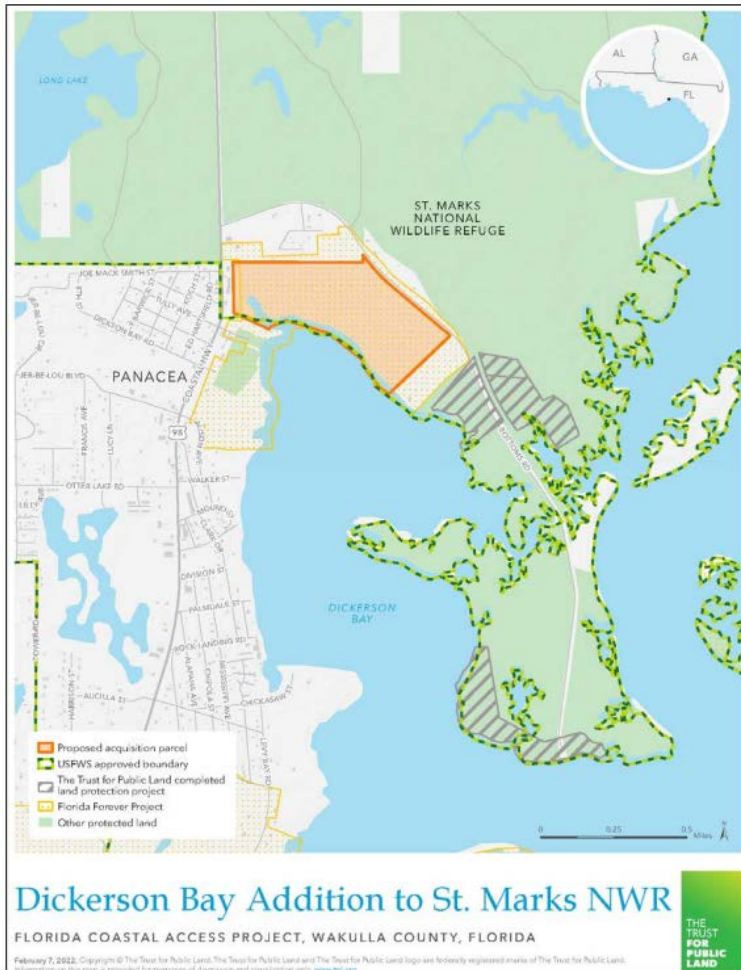
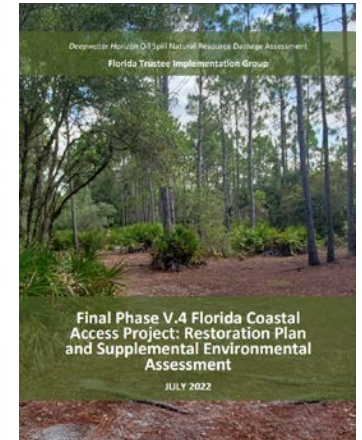


Figure 2-4a. Dickerson Bay Addition upland habitat



Figure 2-4b. Dickerson Bay Addition wetland/open grassy habitat



What's Next?



- Implementation and monitoring of early restoration, RP1, and RP2 projects as well restoration planning activities and MAM projects
- Drafting RP3/EA: Water Quality
- Annual public meeting in late 2023



Louisiana Restoration Area

Maury Chatellier

Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

Funding Update



Amount committed for projects and activities as of May 2023

\$3.78 billion

Total allocation
\$5 billion



\$2.48 billion in settlement funds received from BP to date

72 projects approved



What We've Been Up To



Completed restoration planning on three plans aimed at restoring wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats and birds. These plans encompassed six projects for engineering and design and construction for the totaling over **\$2.4B**

Trustees have initiated development of seven new Adaptive Management activities totaling **over \$36M**



NOAA-led Large Scale Barataria Marsh Creation project creates **over 1,100 acres** in the Barataria Basin

Featured Project



**Spanish Pass Ridge and
Marsh Creation Project**

What's Next?



Chandeleur Islands



Terrebonne HNC Island



Mid Barataria
Sediment Diversion



Mississippi Restoration Area

Chris Wells

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality



Funding Update



Amount committed for projects and activities as of May 2023

\$185 million

Total allocation

\$295 million



\$212 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

22

projects and planning activities approved



What We've Been Up To



COMING THIS SUMMER
Draft MS TIG Restoration
Plan 4/Environmental
Assessment



20
Projects in
progress

RP4/EA Restoration Types include:



Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore
Habitats



Nutrient Reduction



Recreational Opportunities



Held the Mississippi
TIG's annual
public meeting last
November as part
of the Restoration
Summit

Featured Project: Bird Stewardship and Enhanced Monitoring in Mississippi



What's Next?



- Continue restoration project implementation and monitoring.
- Finalize and release Draft Restoration Plan 4 which is slated for publication in summer 2023.
- Hold Annual Meeting and Mississippi Restoration Summit in the fall of 2023.



Texas Restoration Area

Robin Riechers
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Texas Funding Update



Amount committed for projects and activities as of May 2023

\$147 million

Total allocation

\$238 million



\$172 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

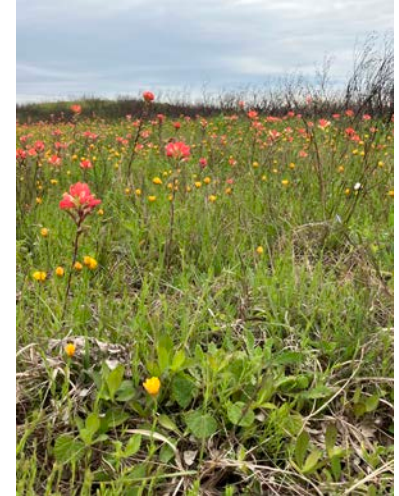
32 projects approved



What We've Been Up To



13 projects
selected in
2022 Final
Restoration Plan

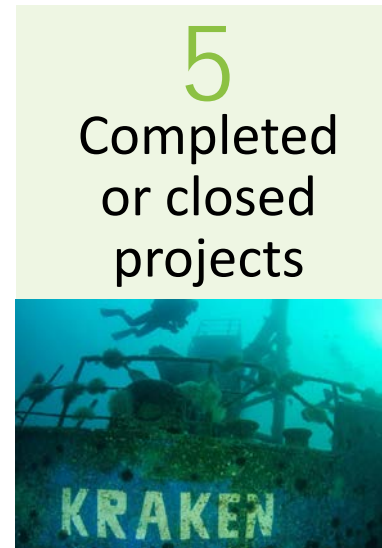


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Projects in
progress



6
Projects in
monitoring



5
Completed
or closed
projects

1,492
Acres of
Habitat
Preserved

Featured Project



Texas Rookery Islands
Dickinson Bay Island II

What's Next?



Jones Bay Oystercatcher Habitat Project



Petronila Creek Watershed Nutrient
Reduction Initiative



What's Next?



Restoration plan focusing on beneficial use of dredge material



- 1. Lower Neches WMA Old River Unit
- 2. Texas Point NWR
- 3. McFaddin NWR Willow Lake Terraces
- 4. Anahuac NWR Roberts Mueller Tract
- 5. San Bernard NWR Sargent Oil Field
- 6. Schicke Point
- 7. Guadalupe River Old Delta
- 8. Goose Island State Park Cells
- Alt 1: McFaddin NWR Mud Bayou
- Alt 2: McFaddin NWR Barnett Lake Broken Marsh



Open Ocean Restoration Area

Laurie Rounds

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Open Ocean Funding Update



Amount committed for projects and activities as of May 2023

\$357 million

Total allocation

\$1.2 billion



\$606 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

34 projects and planning activities approved



What We've Been Up To



More than
14,000
anglers
received
descending gear
from Return
'Em Right.

600

linear feet of important sea turtle
nesting beach habitat protected.



6,800
acres of wetland
and grassland
habitat conserved
for black terns.



More than
2,100
square miles of
sea floor
mapped.

Featured Restoration



Marine Mammals

What's Next?



Fish and Water Column Invertebrates



Seabirds



Sea Turtles



Regionwide Restoration Area

Angela Sunley, Texas General Land Office
Ashley Mills, Department of the Interior

Funding Update

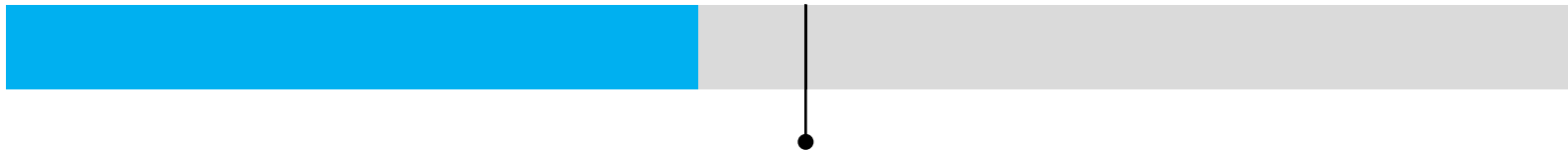


Amount committed for projects and activities as of May 2023

\$155 million

Total allocation

\$350 million



\$179 million in settlement funds received from BP to date

15 projects and planning activities approved

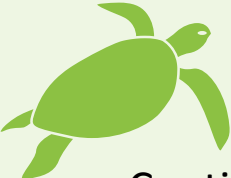

What We've Been Up To



State and Federal Trustees have been coordinating on the **Reducing Marine Debris Impacts to Birds and Sea Turtles Project**.

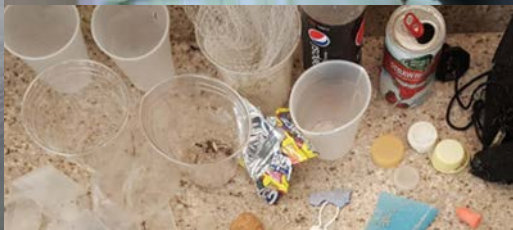
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Project
Implementation
Plans Finalized

 Continue to implement the **Sea Turtle Early Restoration Project** components and the **Colonial Waterbird Monitoring Project**. 



Featured Project



Reducing Marine Debris Impacts
on Birds and Sea Turtles

What's Next?



- Continue implementation and monitoring of 2 Early Restoration projects
- Begin implementation of 11 projects approved in Restoration Plan 1
- Complete the Colonial Waterbird Aerial Surveys
- Discuss / identify current and future Region-wide priorities

An aerial photograph of a vast marshland with a winding waterway. Three white motorboats are moving through the water, leaving white wakes behind them. The marsh is covered in dense green vegetation, and the water is a dark, muddy brown. The text "We'd Like to Hear From You" is overlaid in the center of the image.

We'd Like to Hear From You

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