



Mississippi Restoration Area

June 2022



RECENT ACTIVITIES

In December 2021, we released our Draft Restoration Plan 3, which proposes seven restoration projects. We anticipate releasing a final version of that plan in June 2022. In spring 2022, we requested project ideas in anticipation of drafting our fourth restoration plan. We have also been busy overseeing the implementation of restoration projects, including the projects approved in the MS TIG RP 1 and MS TIG RP 2, 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
- Erin Plitsch, 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

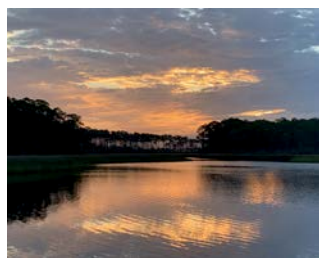




Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2022	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats	\$135,500,000	\$107,137,500	79%	21%
Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands	\$5,000,000	\$0	0%	100%
Nutrient Reduction	\$27,500,000	\$4,000,000	15%	85%
Sea Turtles	\$5,000,000	\$0	0%	100%
Marine Mammals	\$10,000,000	\$0	0%	100%
Birds	\$25,000,000	\$5,250,000	21%	79%
Oysters	\$33,600,000	\$22,474,129	67%	33%
Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	\$23,957,000	\$18,957,000	79%	21%
Monitoring and Adaptive Management	\$7,500,000	\$0	0%	100%
Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning	\$22,500,000	\$7,850,000	35%	65%
Total	\$295,557,000	\$165,668,629	56%	44%

In February 2022, we initiated the planning of Restoration Plan 4, which will focus on the following restoration types: Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats; Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint source); and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities.



MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

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