

Fort Morgan Pier Rehabilitation Project

Alabama Restoration Area

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project would fund the rehabilitation of a fishing pier located on Fort Morgan Peninsula in Baldwin County, Alabama, at the Fort Morgan State Historic Site, which is owned and operated by the Alabama Historical Commission. The pier is approximately 500 feet long.

At more than 40 years old, the Fort Morgan fishing pier has fallen into disrepair and was closed in 2014 for safety reasons. The proposed project would rehabilitate the pier on its existing foundations so that it could be returned to use for recreational fishing. No new infrastructure, such as parking or restrooms, would be required, as all necessary amenities are already in place at the Fort Morgan State Historic Site. Educational signage on fishing regulations, stewardship of coastal resources, and related information would be placed along the rehabilitated pier.

Plans for Operation

The pier would initially return to its previous operations, which included access from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily and the following nominal admission fees, already in place for other amenities at the Fort Morgan State Historic Site, would apply to use of the pier:

- Adult - \$7
- Senior - \$5 (ages 65 and over)
- Child - \$4 (ages 6-12, free under 6)
- Family - \$18 (two adults and two children 6-12 years)



The Fort Morgan Pier, which was once a favorite fishing spot in Baldwin County, as it currently stands closed.

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ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost of the project is \$3,075,000. This includes planning, engineering and design, construction, monitoring, and Trustee supervision. Operation and maintenance would be funded through the admission fees described for the Fort Morgan Historic Site.

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