

# Gulf State Park Lodge and Associated Public Access Amenities Project

## Alabama Restoration Area

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Gulf State Park Lodge and Associated Public Access Amenities Project would support continued rebuilding of the lodge at Gulf State Park. This project would also include the development of a host of public access amenities proposed in the Gulf State Park Master Plan. Gulf State Park is located in Baldwin County, Alabama and operated by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

#### Construction of the Gulf State Park Lodge

The Gulf State Park lodge portion of the proposed project would provide the public with beach-front lodging, recreational access, and educational opportunities. The lodge itself would be a “green” facility with approximately 350 rooms and an interpretive lobby. The lodge would be open to not only overnight guests, but all park visitors. Revenues generated by the lodge would be used for the operation and maintenance of Gulf State Park enhancements that were previously approved during early restoration and those public access amenities proposed as part of this plan.

### Proposed Public Access Amenities

In addition to rebuilding the lodge itself, the proposed project would fund other public access amenities that would be designed to enhance public access to and enjoyment of the park beaches. These amenities would also connect the lodge to other aspects of the park, thus creating and enhancing public use and enjoyment of both beach and non-beach areas at Gulf State Park. These public access amenities include:

- interpretive lobby
- public education programs
- public restrooms and post-beach showers
- public beach access from the lodge area
- tram system for access to the entire Gulf State Park
- pedestrian path from the pier to the lodge
- bicycle share stations/program
- public viewing areas from meeting space adjacent to the lodge

## ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for planning, engineering and design, if necessary, construction, monitoring, and Trustee supervision is \$56,300,000. Operation and maintenance would be funded through the revenue generated from the lodge.

For additional information, contact:

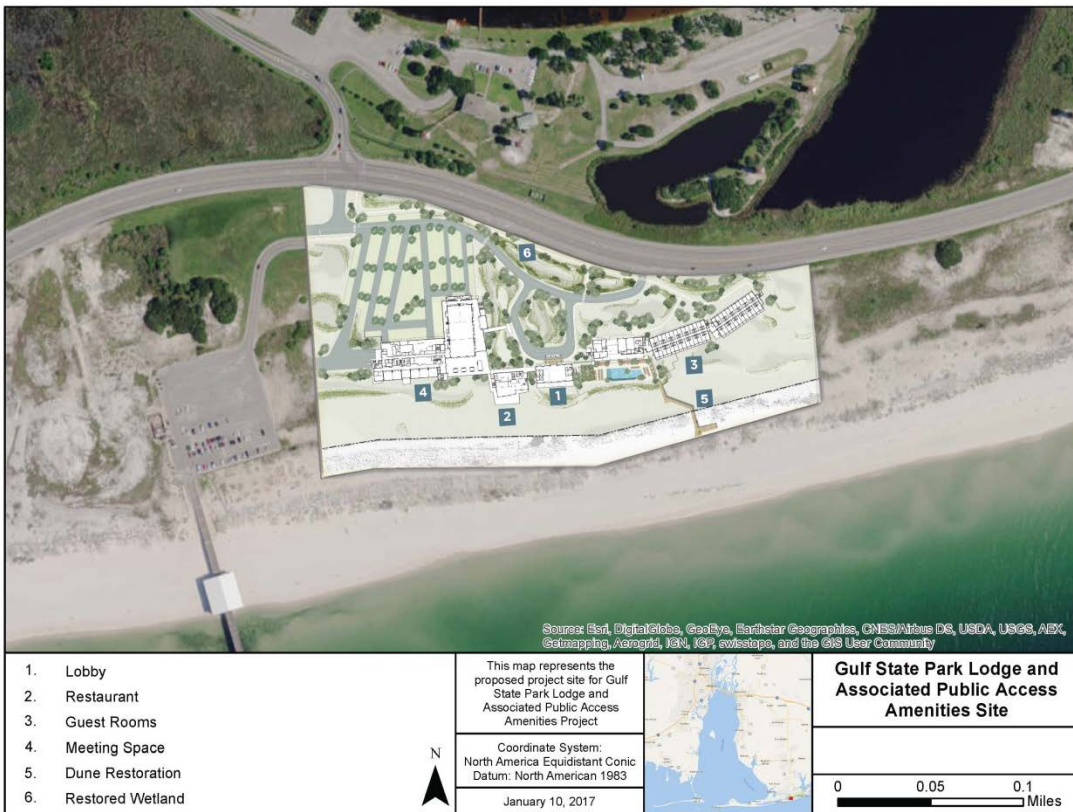
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*Lake Shelby Fishing Pier, an existing park enhancement that would be accessible from the proposed tram system.*



*Proposed Recreational Enhancements at Gulf State Park*