



# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Deepwater Horizon Restoration Projects

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Gulf Restoration Team, along with our State and Federal partners, is actively engaged in restoration of the Gulf of Mexico. Our mission – to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people – is at the heart of all our restoration and management efforts. Much of our work benefits America's national wildlife refuges; we have 45 refuges along the Gulf of Mexico. We also assist with the recovery of a number of federally threatened, endangered, and at risk species. In fact, the Gulf Coast is home to 132 federally listed species, 95 of which are endangered. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act makes the Service responsible for the protection of migratory birds and many of our Gulf projects benefit these species. The Service's Gulf Restoration Office leads our *Deepwater Horizon* Gulf of Mexico restoration efforts.

The 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill caused widespread injury to the Gulf's natural resources. We are working primarily through three restoration programs to restore those injured resources and the services they provide, such as recreation.

The programs are the recipients of an unprecedented level of funding. Through the Department of the Interior, we are a member of both the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE) Council as well as the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees (DWH NRDA Trustees). These two restoration programs are funded by a 2016 settlement reached with BP, a British petroleum company and one of the parties responsible for the spill. We are also advisors to, and at times implement projects for, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (NFWF GEBF), which received more than \$2.5 billion from a DWH settlement reached in 2013. All of our restoration efforts seek to leverage multiple funding sources and to engage with our natural resource colleagues and partners at the Federal, State, local, and community levels.

The table below lists projects the Service is implementing or co-implementing with DWH settlement funds from the RESTORE Council, the DWH NRDA and the NFWF GEBF.



Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge

## Fish and Wildlife Service Projects Funded by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Settlements

<i>Project Name</i>	Total Project Cost	FWS Funding	Funding Source
Alabama Geographic Area			
Alabama Dune Restoration Cooperation Project	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	NRDA
Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Trail Enhancement Project	\$545K	\$545K	NRDA
Coastal Alabama Sea Turtle (CAST) Habitat Usage and Population Dynamics	\$1.6M	\$48K	NRDA
Colonial Nesting Wading Bird Tracking and Habitat Use Assessment - Two Species	\$1.5M	\$1.5M	NRDA
Dauphin Island West End Acquisition	\$8M	\$22K	NRDA
Little Lagoon Living Shoreline	\$261K	\$211K	NRDA
Restoring the Night Sky-Assessment, Training, and Outreach (E&D)	\$486K	\$30K	NRDA
Southwestern Coffee Island Habitat Restoration Project—Phase I (E&D)	\$1.7M	\$30K	NRDA
Stewardship of Coastal Alabama Beach Nesting Bird Habitat	\$2.1M	\$49K	NRDA

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Florida Geographic Area			
Gulf Islands National Seashore (Florida) Night Sky Restoration (P&D)	\$432K	\$30K	NRDA
Long Term Nesting Habitat Protection for Sea Turtles	\$7M	\$7M	NRDA
Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge Hydrologic Restoration - Planning and Design	\$500K	\$500K	NRDA
Panhandle Dunes Restoration Project	\$6.4M	\$4.1M	GEBF
Rattlesnake Bluff Road and Riverbank Restoration	\$3.1M	\$3.1M	NRDA
St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge Predator Control	\$581K	\$581K	NRDA
Wulfert Bayous Bird Nesting Habitat Restoration project	\$5.5M	\$5.5M	GEBF
Louisiana Geographic Area			
Large Scale Barataria Marsh Creation – Upper Barataria Component	\$5.4M	\$10K	NRDA
Louisiana Outer Coast Restoration - including North Breton Island restoration	\$318M	\$72M	NRDA
Mississippi Geographic Area			
Characterizing Gulf Sturgeon Spawning Habitat, Habitat Use and Origins of Juvenile Sturgeon in the Pearl and Pascagoula River Systems	\$2.1M	\$2.1M	NRDA
Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management	\$16M	\$9.2M	NRDA
Graveline Bay Land Acquisition and Management	\$11.5M	\$231K	NRDA
Texas Geographic Area			
Bahia Grande Coastal Corridor Habitat Acquisition	\$2.3M	\$32K	NRDA
Laguna Atascosa Habitat Acquisition	\$5.4M	\$23K	NRDA
McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration	\$15.9M	\$98K	NRDA
Mid-Coast Habitat Acquisition	\$2.1M	\$24K	NRDA
Texas Rookery Islands	\$20.6M	\$4M	NRDA
Gulf-wide			
Enhanced Management of Avian Breeding Habitat Injured by Response Activities in the Florida Panhandle, Alabama, and Mississippi	\$4.7M	\$453K	NRDA
Informing Gulf Sturgeon Population Status and Trends as a Baseline to Evaluate Restoration	\$910K	\$735K	NRDA
Improving Habitat Injured by Spill Response: Restoring the Night Sky	\$4.4M	\$825K	NRDA
Juvenile Gulf Sturgeon - Gulf-wide Population Dynamics and Habitat Use	\$2M	\$2M	NRDA
Sea Turtle Early Restoration Project	\$45M	\$618K	NRDA
Strategic Conservation Assessment of Gulf Coast Landscapes	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	RESTORE
Upper Midwest			
Restoration of Black Terns in North and South Dakota	\$6.2M	\$6.2M	NRDA
Restoration of Common Loons in Minnesota	\$7.5M	\$7.5M	NRDA

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