

# Mississippi Restoration Area

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## WHO WE ARE

The Trustee Representatives for the Mississippi Restoration Area are:

- Chris Wells, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
- Brian Spears, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Dan Van Nostrand, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Ron Howard, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Troy Pierce, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

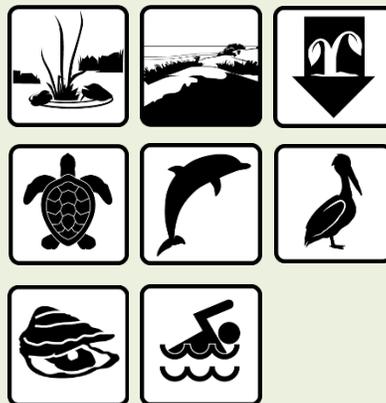
## RECENT ACTIVITIES

In the past year, we have been busy overseeing the implementation of restoration projects, including the projects approved in the MS Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) 2016-2017 RP/EA. We are continuing to implement and monitor other restoration projects in the Mississippi Restoration Area.

We are also preparing a draft supplemental restoration plan for the Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management Project approved in the MS TIG 2016-2017 RP/EA and our second draft restoration plan. Both plans will be made available for public review and comment.

## 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. Restoration work also includes nonpoint source nutrient reduction to watersheds, partnerships to conserve habitats on federal lands, and enhancement of recreational uses.



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## RESTORATION OVERVIEW

For more information, visit [www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/mississippi](http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/mississippi) and/or the State of Mississippi, Trustee website <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/restoration/nrda/>.



**\$134**  
million approved  
for projects

RECENT NEWS // In October 2018, we announced the initiation of planning for two restoration plans: A Supplement to the 2016-2017 Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment and Restoration Plan II.

### Restoration Projects by Goal

#### RESTORE WATER QUALITY - NUTRIENT REDUCTION

Upper Pascagoula Water Quality Enhancement Project (🔄 \$4M)

#### REPLENISH AND PROTECT LIVING COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES

Mississippi Artificial Reef Habitat Project (✓ \$2.6M)

Mississippi Oyster Cultch Restoration Project (🕒 \$11M)

#### RESTORE AND CONSERVE HABITAT

Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management (also included in Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources Goal) (🔄 \$6M)

Graveline Bay Land Acquisition and Management (also included in Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources Goal) (🔄 11.5M)

Mississippi Hancock County Marsh Living Shoreline Project (🔄 \$50M)

Restoring Living Shorelines and Reefs in Mississippi Estuaries (🔄 \$30M)

#### PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Pascagoula Beach Front Promenade (🕒 \$3.8M)

Popp's Ferry Causeway Park (🕒 \$4.7M)

Restoration Initiatives at the INFINITY Science Center (🕒 \$10.4M)

🔄 In progress    🕒 Monitoring/O&M    ✓ Complete