

# Alabama Draft Restoration Plan III and Environmental Assessment

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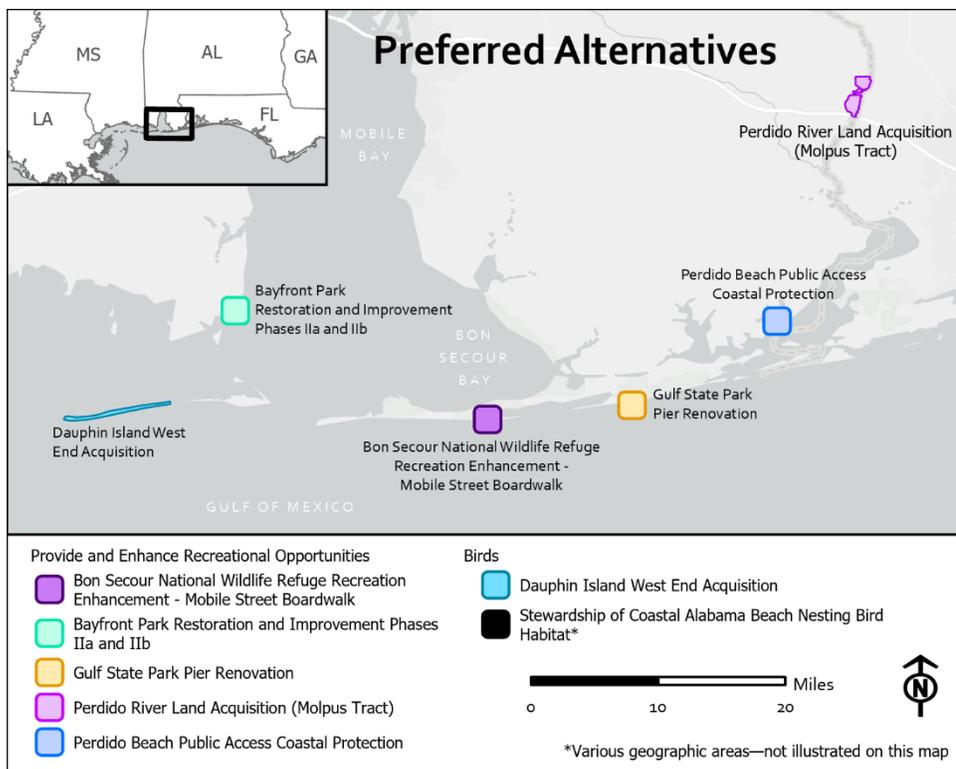
## WHO WE ARE

The AL TIG includes two state trustee agencies and four federal trustee agencies: the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR); the Geological Survey of Alabama; the United States Department of Commerce, represented by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); the United States Department of the Interior (USDOI), represented by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service; the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) (collectively the AL TIG).

## Plan Purpose

The Alabama Trustee Implementation Group (AL TIG) prepared this Draft Restoration Plan III and Environmental Assessment: Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities and Birds (Draft RP III/EA) to continue restoration of lost natural resources and their services in Alabama as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon* (DWH) oil spill. The AL TIG prepared the Draft RP III/EA to (1) inform the public about its DWH natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) restoration planning efforts, (2) analyze the potential restoration benefits and environmental consequences of a reasonable range of alternatives that would meet the purpose and need, and (3) seek public comment on the restoration alternatives considered in the document.

## DRAFT PLAN GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS



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## DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN III OVERVIEW

The AL TIG reviewed project ideas submitted through the NOAA DWH Restoration and Alabama Coastal Restoration project idea portals. Projects relevant to the Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities and Birds restoration types were screened through a three-step process. The AL TIG’s decisions to advance projects to the reasonable range of alternatives have been taken in the context of the full suite of restoration alternatives being advanced for analysis in the Draft RPIII/EA. As a result, while a project considered in Step 3 may have received a generally favorable review, the AL TIG may still have decided not to advance it to the reasonable range of alternatives for this plan. Those projects may be evaluated and potentially selected in a future restoration plan. The reasonable range of alternatives and the AL TIG’s decision of whether to propose each for implementation is shown below.

### Reasonable Range of Alternatives by Restoration Type

#### PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Alternative	Preferred Y/N	Project Costs
No Action	N	\$0
Perdido River Land Acquisition (Molpus Tract)	Y	\$4,742,540
Bayfront Park Restoration and Improvement Phases IIa and IIb	Y	\$4,683,304
Bayfront Park Restoration and Improvement Phase IIa	N	\$3,631,679
Gulf State Park Pier Renovation	Y	\$2,447,021
Perdido Beach Public Access Coastal Protection	Y*	\$333,300
Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Recreation Enhancement— Mobile Street Boardwalk	Y*	\$1,189,899
Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Recreation Enhancement— Centennial Trail Boardwalk	N	\$1,711,771

\* The Trustees are not proposing to exceed the allocation for Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities in this RP III/EA. Implementation of these asterisked preferred alternatives is therefore pending fund availability. Additional funds could become available to the Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities restoration type for various reasons (e.g., project cancellation or modification, projects under budget, etc.), at which time the AL TIG could allocate those recreational use funds to the asterisked preferred alternatives, consistent with this RP III/EA, through TIG resolution.

#### BIRDS

Alternative	Preferred Y/N	Project Costs
No Action	N	\$0
Stewardship of Coastal Alabama Beach Nesting Bird Habitat	Y	\$2,018,047
Stewardship of Coastal Alabama Beach Nesting Bird Habitat— Stewardship and Monitoring Only	N	\$1,895,597
Dauphin Island West End Acquisition	Y	\$6,681,250