

# 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
- Ashley Mills, 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

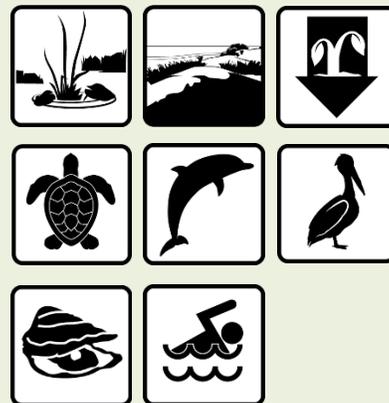
## RECENT ACTIVITIES

In April 2020 we released our second draft restoration plan for public review and comment. We are currently working to finalize that plan.

We have also been busy overseeing the implementation of restoration projects, including the projects approved in the MS Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) 2016-2017 RP/EA and continuing with the implementation and monitoring of our early restoration projects.

## 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/>.



### \$144 million committed to approved projects

RECENT NEWS // In April 2020, we announced the release of the draft Restoration Plan II. The plan addresses some of the injuries to various coastal habitats and oysters. The final plan will be available by end of the year.

### 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) (🔄 \$16M)

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