

Upper Pascagoula River Water Quality Enhancement

Mississippi Restoration Area

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Upper Pascagoula River Water Quality Enhancement project will include development and implementation of conservation plans to reduce nutrient and sediment contributions in the watershed (see map). The project includes an extensive outreach program to land owners. Conservation practices will be planned and implemented on property throughout the watershed with emphasis given to properties bordering rivers and streams.

The health of the Gulf of Mexico depends on the health of its estuaries, and the health of those estuaries is influenced by land use upstream along tributary rivers. This project will improve water quality impacted by the spill and benefit marine resources.

Conservation Actions

Conservation actions for the project will include:

- natural resource inventories;
- soil, water and nutrient conservation measures;
- habitat restoration; and,
- erosion control.

Implementing Trustees and Project Partners

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (lead), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will be Implementing Trustees for the project. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will be a project partner.

Leveraging

USDA-NRCS will invest an additional \$1 million of Farm Bill funding in the same watershed.

ALLOCATION:

\$4,000,000

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