# MISSISSIPPI RESTORATION SUMMIT 2018





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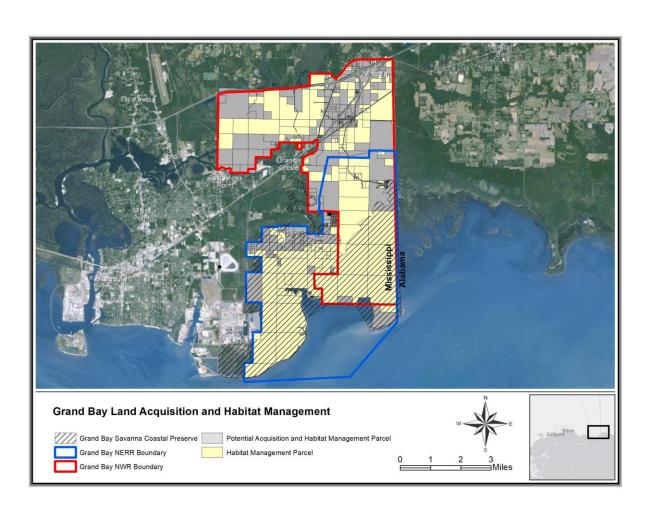
#### THE MS TIG IS WORKING ON 2 ITEMS:

- SUPPLEMENT TO RESTORATION PLAN #1 GRAND BAY LAND ACQUISITION AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT-ADDITIONAL FUNDS
- RESTORATION PLAN #2



# NRDA MS TIG UPDATE — RESTORATION PLAN #1A

**Supplement to Restoration Plan 1-** Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management



#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

IMPLEMENTING TRUSTEES: MDEQ and DOI PROJECT PARTNERS: MDMR Coastal Preserves/Grand Bay NERR, USFWS

#### **PDARP GOALS:**

- Restore and Conserve Habitat: Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats
- Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources: Birds

#### **Supplement Intent:**

We are considering increasing the budget to expand the habitat management, enhance the monitoring and adaptive management, and potentially acquire more properties/habitat in the Grand Bay Area.

# NRDA MS TIG UPDATE — RESTORATION PLAN #2

### NRDA Restoration Types Considered for RP#2:

- Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats
  - Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source)
    - Oysters
    - -Sea Turtles
    - -Marine Mammals



# NRDA MS TIG UPDATE — PLANNING SCHEDULE RP #2

#### **Tentative Planning Schedule (16-20 months)**

- June 11, 2018: Notice to the Public to Solicit Project Ideas
  - https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/restoration/project-portal/
  - http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration/give-us-your-ideas/suggest-a-restoration-project/
- August 10, 2018: Project Ideas submittal deadline
- October 5, 2018: Notice of Initiation of Restoration Planning in Mississippi
- November 13, 2018: Status of the MS TIG Planning Activities
- Spring 2019: Draft RP/EA (Restoration Plan 2)
- Late 2019: Final RP/EA (Restoration Plan 2)

