

MISSISSIPPI RESTORATION REVIEW

A publication about Mississippi Gulf Coast restoration news from Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Fall 2016

MISSISSIPPI RESTORATION SUMMIT

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM & CONVENTION CENTER

RESTORATION FINANCE 101 | 2:30PM - 4:30PM

Join MDEQ to learn about RESTORE Act, NFWF GEBF, and NRDA grants including grant, procurement, and compliance processes for Deepwater Horizon restoration projects and programs.

OPEN HOUSE | 4:30PM - 8:30PM

The Restoration Summit will feature an Open House where you are invited to learn about current and planned restoration activities. Join MDEQ at the Open House any time before or after the evening presentations, which begins with the Summit Kick-Off Session at 5:30 PM.

SUMMIT KICK-OFF | 5:30PM

Hear from MDEQ Executive Director Gary Rikard about how Mississippi is steadily working towards "Making Mississippi Whole," and announcement of 2017 project slate.

RESTORATION HIGHLIGHTS | 5:50PM

Join MDEQ for presentations highlighting restoration efforts, including a few of the current restoration projects happening along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Presentations will include Round Island, Hancock County Marsh Living Shoreline, and an announcement of the Beach Outfalls Challenge.

2017 RESTORATION GAME PLAN | 7:00PM

Learn about the Restoration Game Plan and how it is being implemented to sustain restoration efforts. You will hear how the various funding streams are being integrated to maximize ecosystem restoration across the Mississippi Gulf Coast, as well as highlighting the project announcements for 2017, details of those projects, and leveraging and coordination of the projects will be described.

The Mississippi Restoration Summit will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center from 2:30 pm- 8:30 pm. The Restoration Summit is an opportunity for the community to learn more about Mississippi's restoration efforts resulting from the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

The Restoration Summit will feature presentations and exhibits about Mississippi's restoration efforts including an Open House, Restoration Finance 101 class, Restoration Highlights, and a presentation about Mississippi's Restoration Game Plan. "The summit will present an overview of all of the restoration efforts in Mississippi. A comprehensive explanation of where we've been, where we are, and where we are headed. In addition, we will explain how new and existing projects, from all the various funding streams, will work together to improve our natural resources and our quality of life for decades to come," adds Executive Director Gary C. Rikard.

Attendance is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.restore.ms.



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NRDA HIGHLIGHT >> HANCOCK COUNTY MARSH LIVING SHORELINE

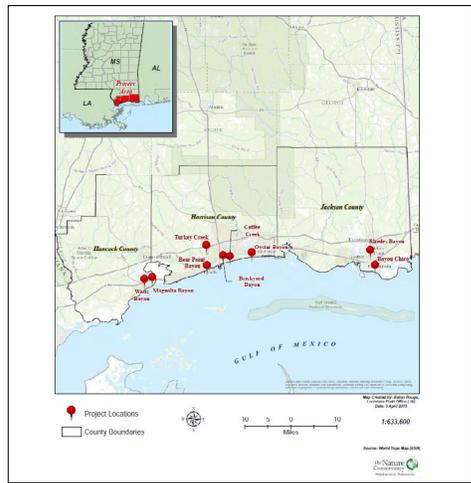
Construction is officially underway for the \$50 million Hancock County Marsh Living Shoreline (HCMLS) that will create approximately 5.9 miles of living shoreline, 46 acres of subtidal reef, and 46 acres of marsh in Heron Bay. Construction of the subtidal reef began in August, and construction of the breakwater began in September.



The purpose of the HCMLS is to reduce shoreline erosion, create habitat for oysters and other secondary producers, and protect and create marsh habitat.

MDEQ and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources have advised fishermen and local residents to avoid fishing, crabbing, and shrimping activities in and around the construction area of the HCMLS project area from now until the end of 2016.

NFWF HIGHLIGHT >> COASTAL STREAMS AND HABITAT INITIATIVE



In Fall 2016, the State of Mississippi completed the first NFWF-funded *Deepwater Horizon* restoration project: the Coastal Streams and Habitat Initiative. The Nature Conservancy and the National Audubon Society hosted numerous community engagement opportunities to support the development of a Conservation Action Plan (CAP) for the following nine streams: Magnolia Bayou, Watts Bayou, Bear Point Bayou, Turkey Creek, Coffee Creek, Brickyard Bayou, Oyster Bayou, Rhodes Bayou, and Bayou Chicot. Based on the CAP, restoration strategies and

designs were developed for Turkey Creek and Brickyard Bayou. Additionally, a watershed analysis for Watts Bayou, Magnolia Bayou, Coffee Creek, Oyster Bayou, Rhodes Bayou, and Bayou Chicot was completed.

This project has successfully developed a conservation strategy to help with short-term restoration and long-term stewardship of stream habitats found within urbanized areas of coastal Mississippi.

To review the CAP, please [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE
Restoration of Turkey Creek Public Meeting
 November 3, 2016 | 6:00 pm
 Good Deeds Community Center
 15101 Madison Street
 Gulfport, MS 39501
VISIT WWW.RESTORE.MS FOR MORE INFORMATION

COMING SOON!
Beach Outfalls Challenge
 Visit www.restore.ms to learn more about the Beach Outfalls Challenge!

