

# Graveline Bay Land Acquisition and Management

## Mississippi Restoration Area

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Graveline Bay Land Acquisition and Management proposed project alternative would include acquisition, preservation and habitat management on parcels near publicly-owned lands in the Graveline Bay Coastal Preserve, Jackson County, Mississippi.

The project would acquire land from willing sellers and preserve and enhance of up to 1,410 acres of habitat (see map). Habitat would include estuarine marsh, shoreline (beach) and other coastal riparian habitats which provide foraging, loafing and nesting for bird species that were injured in the spill. Restoration measures would serve to decrease habitat fragmentation and increase habitat connectivity to other large conservation parcels in the area. They would also help restore injuries to coastal, wetland and nearshore habitats in Mississippi, as well as provide benefits to wading birds and other bird species injured by the spill.

### Acquisition and Preservation

Acquisition and preservation would include the purchase of land and preservation in perpetuity, as well as facilitating protection of natural habitats.

### Leveraging

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund previously provided funding for land acquisition and management in the Graveline Bay project area.

### ESTIMATED COST:

\$11,500,000

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