

# Resource Summit: Land Conservation

The purpose of the Land Conservation summit was to gain insight and additional information about land conservation as a restoration priority. Three expert presenters provided outlooks for land conservation in Mississippi. Those presenters were:

1. Libby Hartfield– Director of State Parks, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks – Presentation Title
2. Judy Steckler– Executive Director, Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain
3. Wesley Kerr – Area Conservationist, USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Service

High level questions posed:

1. What are the priority actions for land conservation in the Mississippi Coastal Landscape?
2. Where should priority restoration actions for land conservation be focused – private lands, state and federal lands, or NGO protected lands?

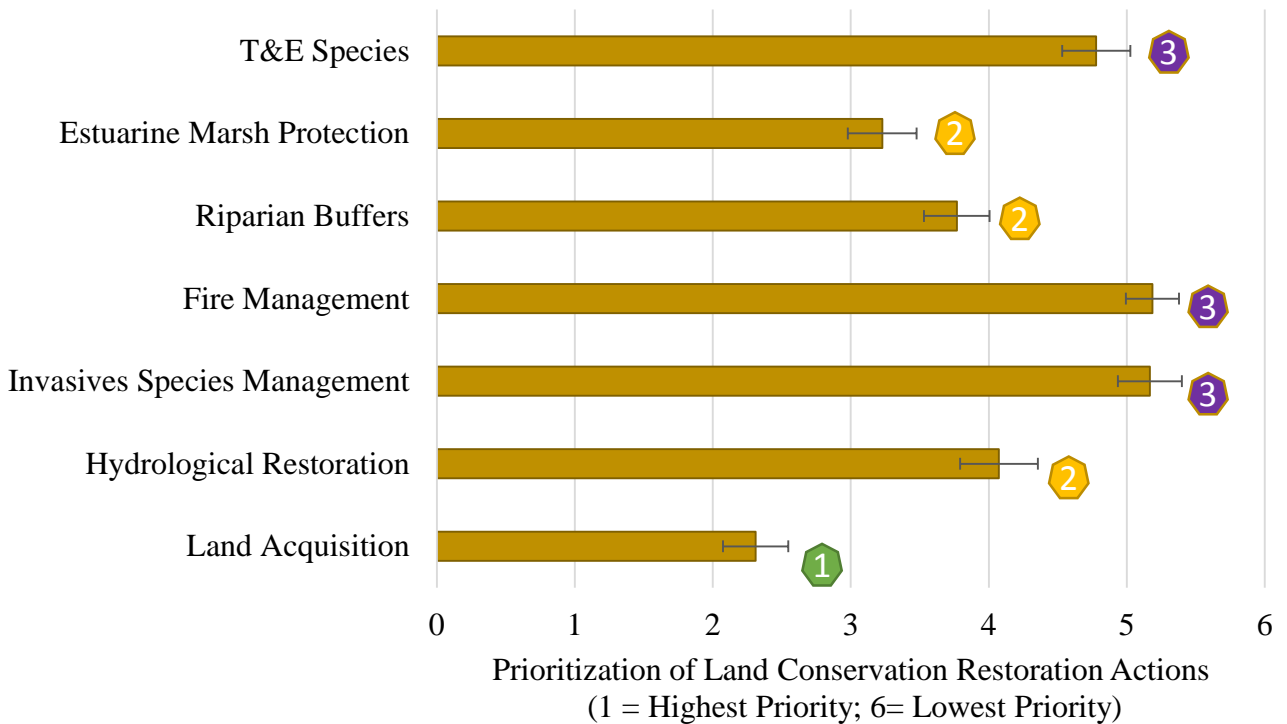
The Audience:

- Ocean Springs, Jackson County
- Total: 133 individuals
- Representing 51 organizations
- 39 scientists
- Eight academic departments, representing 5 institutions
- Three state agencies
- Four federal agencies

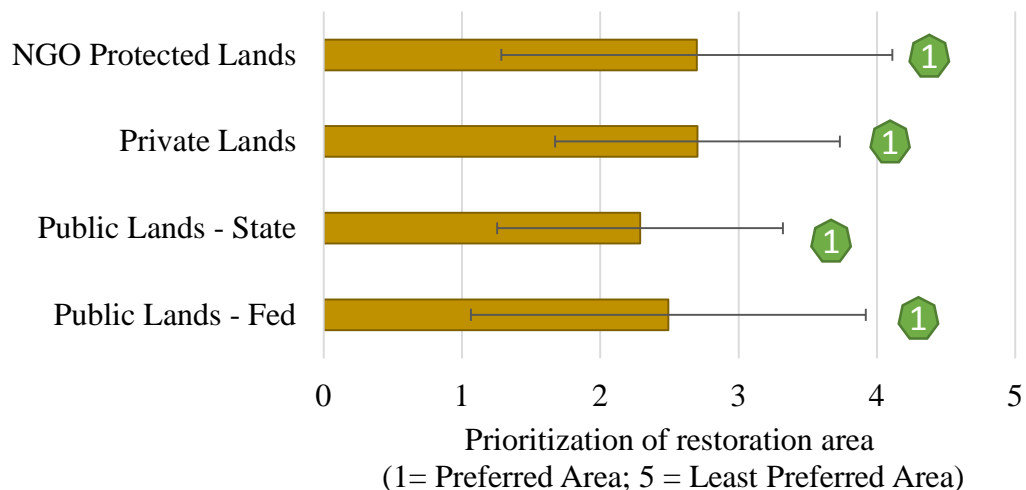


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Land acquisition was the highest priority restoration action for investments in land conservation in the Mississippi Coastal Landscape.



Restoration of all lands, regardless of ownership, should receive restoration actions.





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### Key

1. Inholdings from voluntary sellers
2. T&E
3. Buy up all oil/gas leases around islands for 12 miles with restoration money
4. Save East Beach Ocean Springs
5. Rest of Deer Island
6. Bellefontaine Beach
7. Graveline Bayou
8. Escatawpa River & Black Creek at Pollock Ferry
9. Cumbest Bluff - Caswell Lake
10. Big Cedar Creek
11. Escatawpa River area at Jackson-George county line
12. Wolf River
13. Cat Island
14. Impaired area of Jourdan River watershed (down cutting) (especially Hickory Creek watershed)

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Visual outcomes of land conservation priority discussions on the Mississippi coastal landscape.