

Notice of Initiation of Restoration Planning in Mississippi

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The [Mississippi Trustee Implementation Group](#) has initiated drafting of two restoration plans:

- A supplement to its [2016-2017 Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment](#) (Restoration Plan I) released in July 2017.
- Its second draft restoration plan (Restoration Plan II).

Supplement to Restoration Plan I

The [Mississippi Trustee Implementation Group](#) is proposing to provide additional Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitat Restoration Type funding to the Grand Bay Land Acquisition and Habitat Management project (“Project”) that was approved in Restoration Plan I. The funds would allow for additional acquisition, management, and monitoring opportunities within the Project’s action area. We will draft a proposed supplement to Restoration Plan I that evaluates this funding increase. The Mississippi Trustee Implementation Group will make the draft supplement to Restoration Plan I available for public review and comment.

Restoration Plan II

We began this restoration planning effort in June 2018, by [requesting project ideas from the public](#) that could benefit the following natural resources:

- Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats projects focusing on two restoration approaches;
 - Create, restore and enhance coastal wetlands;
 - Protect and conserve marine, coastal, estuarine, and riparian habitats;
- Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint source);
- Oysters;
- Sea Turtles; and
- Marine Mammals.

Restoration Plan II may include proposed projects for some or all of the restoration types listed above, and may propose activities necessary to fill essential data gaps for restoration of resources in the Mississippi Restoration Area. We will develop a Draft Restoration Plan II, and then make it available for public review and comment.

After comment periods are complete for both of the draft plans above, we will then review, consider, and incorporate public comments before completing any final restoration plans.

