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Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

RECIPIENTS

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

AWARD AMOUNT

\$11,849,800

PARTNERS

Mississippi Secretary of State

The Nature Conservancy

The Trust for Public Land

LOCATION

Mississippi Gulf Coast

AWARD DATE

November 2017

MISSISSIPPI

Pascagoula River Corridor Acquisitions

This project support the potential acquisition of more than 3,400 acres of floodplain habitat and riparian buffer along the Pascagoula River corridor to benefit various wading birds, waterfowl, and fish, as well as downstream water quality. The properties are located in Jackson County, Mississippi, along the Lower Pascagoula River corridor near the confluence of the Red and Black Creeks, and include significant riparian habitat and bottomland hardwood wetlands on the eastern and western sides of the Pascagoula River floodplain.

Much of the Lower Pascagoula River corridor is already protected and these parcels represent some of the remaining unprotected lands within the floodplain in Jackson County. Land conservation through fee simple acquisition continues to play an important role in restoration of the Mississippi coastal landscape.



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The acquisitions will protect riparian and floodplain habitat, pictured above.