

# Hancock County Marsh Coastal Preserve Habitat Management – Wachovia Tract

## Mississippi Restoration Area

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Hancock County Marsh Coastal Preserve Habitat Management – Wachovia Tract project will provide habitat management within the Hancock County Marsh Coastal Preserve Habitat Management Area in Hancock County, Mississippi (see map). Habitats within the existing 1,203 acre project area includes pine flatwoods as well as freshwater and brackish marsh.

Habitat management will include a combination of mechanical, chemical, and prescribed fire treatments to help restore injuries to wetlands, coastal and nearshore habitats in Mississippi injured by the spill. The anticipated timeframe for restoration measures and management activities will be 10 years. Project objectives will be monitored in accordance with the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan.

### Implementing Trustees and Project Partners

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will be Implementing Trustee for the project. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources will be a project partner.

### Leveraging

This project will build on the Invasive Species Management on Coastal State Land Project funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Federation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund.

### ALLOCATION:

\$1,760,000

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