



Gulf Coast
Ecosystem
Restoration
Council

Mississippi Sound Watershed

Enhancing Opportunities for Beneficial Use
of Dredged Sediments
(MS_RESTORE_002_001-006_Cat1)



Project Name: Enhancing Opportunities for Beneficial Use of Dredge Sediments - Planning

Cost: Category 1: \$2,180,000

Responsible Council Member: State of Mississippi

Partnering Council Members: State of Alabama and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Project Details: The project would provide funding for beneficial use (BU) planning, design, engineering, feasibility, and permitting to develop construction-ready sites so that a significant amount of habitat can be created when additional funds become available. The project would deliver a list of prioritized marsh creation sites, schedule and location of available dredge materials, preliminary engineering and design plans and permits for a subset of construction-ready marsh creation sites in the Mississippi Sound. The objective of this project is to enhance Mississippi's abilities to beneficially use dredge sediments by providing funding for planning, engineering and design, and permitting.

Activities: If the planning activities were implemented, the project would purposefully connect and leverage the existing National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund's Utilization of Dredge Material for Marsh Restoration in Coastal Mississippi project (\$21.9M) by spatially separating these two efforts within the estuarine landscape of Mississippi. This proposal would focus on planning and engineering and design to create construction ready marsh restoration projects in the Mississippi Sound, thus complementing implementation of marsh restoration under the NFWF project.

Environmental Benefits: The outcome of this planning, prioritization and technical assistance project would be to establish specific beneficial-use placement sites in the Mississippi Sound, for projects that would be foundational in maintaining long-term coastal resiliency of habitats and coastal wetlands.

Duration: Planning activities would take up to three years to complete.

More information on this activity can be found in Appendix E. Mississippi Sound; Unique Identifier: MS_RESTORE_002_001-006_Cat1.



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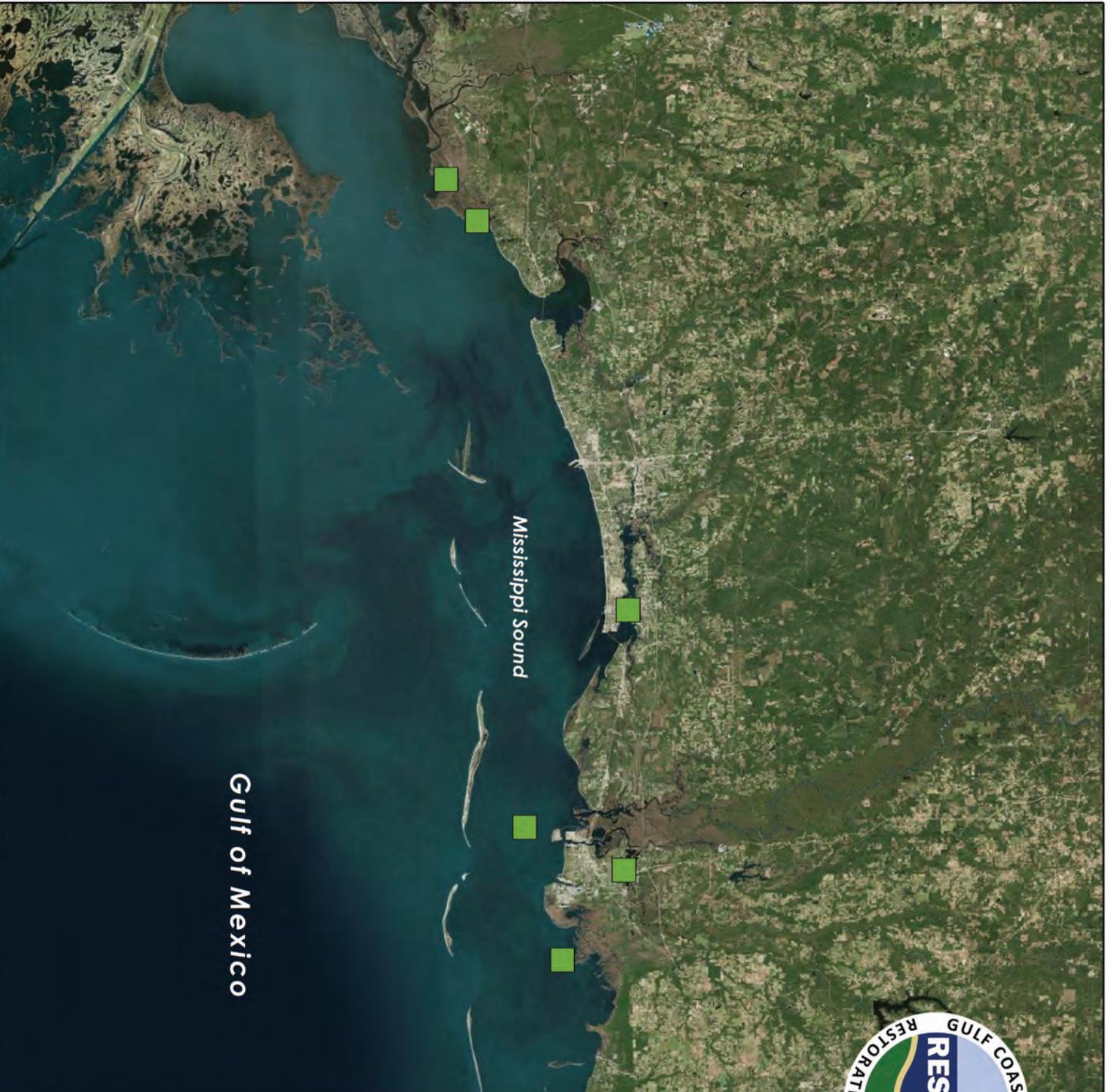
 Beneficial Use Site

Cost: Category 1: \$2,180,000

Sponsor: State of Mississippi

Project Status: Planning

Purpose: The objective of this proposed project is to enhance Mississippi's abilities to beneficially use dredge sediments by providing funding for planning, engineering and design, and permitting.



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