



Gulf Coast
Ecosystem
Restoration
Council

Mississippi Sound Watershed

SeaGrant Education and Outreach
(MS_RESTORE_001_011_Cat1)



Project Name: Education and Outreach of Strategic Land Protection, Conservation, and Enhancement Benefits to The Gulf of Mexico - Planning & Implementation

Cost: Category 1: \$750,000

Responsible Council Member: State of Mississippi

Partnering Council Members: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of the Interior

Project Details: This project would develop an Extension, Outreach and Education (EOE) program in Mississippi to ensure that the objectives and purposes of land conservation towards habitat stewardship and water quality improvement are being met. By funding EOE activities with interested groups that have critical roles in land conservation and restoration, this project would serve as a pilot project for the Council to consider expanding Gulf-wide when future funds become available.

Activities: Deliverables of the project would include building a state specific EOE group including members for extension (Land Grant and Sea Grant programs), outreach (communicators from land acquisition programs), educators (K-12 and higher education), and state representatives to establish EOE priorities in Mississippi; coordinating the development of and execution of a competitive process to fund EOE programs under the advisement of the established EOE group; coordinating and collaborating on a Gulf-wide EOE conference on land protection and conservation in year three. During the conference, grant recipients could meet to review EOE deliverables and products, and to create EOE partnerships for future collaborations in land protection and conservation.

This EOE program would be coordinated with the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium (MASGC) as well as the Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation (PGCLC). Both organizations could facilitate a small grants program. The Mississippi Sound Estuarine Program could also administer these activities (funded under a separate grant contract).

Environmental Benefits: Through this proposal the State of Mississippi and the Council are looking to invest in outreach and education that would further stewardship of our natural resources. Multiple community groups, public and private schools, individuals, and members of the public would benefit from these EOE deliverables.

Duration: The planning project is expected to take three years to complete.

More information on this activity can be found in Appendix E. Mississippi Sound; Unique Identifier: MS_RESTORE_001_011_Cat1.



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