



## **ADCNR Announces Two RESTORE Council-Selected Restoration Component Awards**

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is pleased to announce two awards approved by the [Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council](#), through the Council Selected Restoration Component RESTORE Funding Bucket (“Bucket 2”):

*Coastal Alabama Comprehensive Watershed Restoration Planning Project, \$4,342,500*

The ADCNR will distribute RESTORE funds to the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP) for the development of comprehensive watershed management plans (WMPs) for the HUC-12 watersheds located within the following coastal Alabama watershed complexes in Mobile and Baldwin counties: Garrow’s Bend; Deer River; Delchamp’s Bayou; Grand Bay Swamp; Dauphin Island; Little Lagoon; Perdido Pass/Gulf Frontal; Bayou Sara; Lower Chasaw; Western Delta; Bay Minette Creek; Fly Creek; Perdido Bay/Bridge Creek; Perdido Bay/Palmetto Creek; Tensaw-Apalachee; and Wolf Bay. For a list of previously completed WMPs, please visit the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program’s [website](#).

*Alabama Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration and Monitoring Program, \$875,000*

The ADCNR will distribute RESTORE funds to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab to complete a submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) restoration program in Perdido Bay, upper Mobile Bay, and lower Mobile/Tensaw River Delta; and an SAV comprehensive mapping and monitoring program for coastal Alabama. These programs will speed the recovery of areas that have known losses of SAV beds, either by prop scarring or natural disasters, and provide ADCNR with vital SAV status and trends data, allowing further investigation to the factors that influence historic SAV loss as well as observed fluctuations in SAV coverage. Additionally, mapping will provide critical SAV extent and species composition data for resource managers and regulatory agencies, better informing management decisions, future restoration efforts, and the need for additional long-term SAV monitoring, protection and restoration.

The ADCNR would also like to thank those who attended the inaugural Alabama Governor’s Restoration Summit and made it a success. The afternoon Monitoring and Adaptive Management and RESTORE 101 sessions were well attended as was the Restoration Update that evening. We received valuable feedback that we look forward to reviewing and incorporating into future restoration planning efforts. If you were unable to attend, but would like a comprehensive look at all of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill restoration efforts happening in Alabama, please take a look at our [Restoration Progress Report: 2018 Update](#). Also, please be sure to stop by our [updated website](#), where you can view announcements, submit project ideas, view an interactive map of projects, and more!

For questions about this project or other RESTORE “Bucket 2” projects in Alabama, please contact Kelly Swindle at [kelly.swindle@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:kelly.swindle@dcnr.alabama.gov).