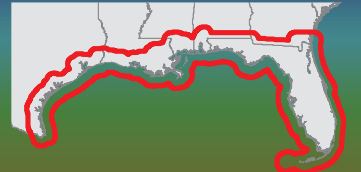




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Gulf-wide Foundational Investment

Gulf Coast Conservation Reserve Program
(MS_RESTORE_001_007_Cat1)



Project Name: Gulf Coast Conservation Reserve Program

Cost: Category 1: \$6,000,000

Responsible Council Member: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Partnering Council Member: State of Mississippi

Project Details: The Gulf Coast Conservation Reserve Program (GCCRP) will be established through USDA in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida for the purposes of protecting and restoring critical wildlife and improving water quality through the development of wildlife habitat, conservation, and forest management plans.

Activities: The project activities will identify natural resource concerns on private property throughout the Gulf Coast Region. Wildlife habitat restoration and natural resource conservation opportunities will be prioritized on individual land units and plans will be written based on best available science to strategically target and prioritize conservation activities. Conservation planning and environmental due diligence efforts will be completed during this phase of the project.

Conservation practices and restoration activities will be implemented to address wildlife habitat and water quality concern on about 9,000 acres. The land will be subject to the conservation and restoration practices outlined in the conservation, forest management, and wildlife habitat plans developed in the planning phase of this program.

Environmental Benefits: This program will serve to assist willing private landowners with implementing conservation measures that improve water and wildlife habitat conditions. The project will result in incremental improvements to water quality with comprehensive conservation measures being implemented in the watershed. The conservation implementation will be conducted with the landowner's conservation goals in mind, enabling greater ownership in conservation and management activities that affect water quality and wildlife habitat conditions within the Gulf Coast Region. Outcomes will include direct improvements in water quality, wetland and upland wildlife habitat, and forest health.

Duration: Project activities are expected to be completed in five years.

More information on these activities can be found in Appendix K. Gulf-wide; Unique Identifier: MS_RESTORE_001_007_Cat1.