

Mississippi Restoration Area

Environmental Education and Stewardship at Walter Anderson Museum of Art

June 2022

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Creative Complex at the Walter Anderson Museum of Art (Creative Complex) is an expansion of the Museum's campus with a total 15,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor spaces and gardens.

The Creative Complex will facilitate coastal education and recreation to promote engagement in restoration and stewardship of natural resources.

The facility will provide a location in which environmental education and outreach will occur, including coastal exhibits and collections, handson activities, education outreach programs related to coastal resources, and other interactive activities. Programs including excursions to the barrier islands and exploration of other coastal habitats will improve the connectedness of the public to the environment.

IMPLEMENTING TRUSTEES AND PROJECT PARTNERS

The Implementing Trustee for this project will be the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

LEVERAGING

Funding sources include \$1,386,000 committed from the State of Mississippi through the Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Fund and \$556,558 provided by Walter Anderson Museum of Art Funding, Non-Federal Matching.

ALLOCATION

\$1,356,000 from NRDA Funding.

Other funding sources would bring the total project cost to \$3,027,558.

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