

Alabama Restoration Area

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This proposed project would acquire and develop amenities on approximately 100 acres on Dauphin Island, a barrier island at the mouth of Mobile Bay in south Mobile County, Alabama. The property includes coastal salt marsh, privately owned water bottom, and upland.

The property proposed for acquisition is currently for sale, putting it at risk for development if not purchased as a component of this project. The overall goal of the project is to improve access to and enjoyment of both the marsh and water, including the wetland habitats adjacent to Aloe Bay. The property would be owned and maintained by the Town of Dauphin Island.



Sunset view of Aloe Bay from Dauphin Island Photo Credit: Chase Dindo

Proposed Public Access Amenities

Proposed visitor amenities on the property would include:

- approximately 100 parking spaces on a pervious surface
- public fishing pier with an initial nominal fee (\$2 to \$5) which would include four finger piers off the main pier with ADA-compliant accessibility
- public restrooms at the end of the fishing pier
- an elevated boardwalk above the wetlands to connect parking and the fishing pier
- a 450 square foot gazebo
- bicycle paths
- educational displays about the cultural and natural resources of the area



ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for planning, engineering and design, construction, monitoring, operation and maintenance, and Trustee supervision of this project is \$4,000,000. Fees from the fishing pier would also support long-term operation and maintenance costs.

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