Laguna Cove Little Lagoon Natural Resource Protection Project

Alabama Restoration Area

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Laguna Cove Little Lagoon Natural Resource Protection Project would fund the acquisition of two tracts of property that are currently undeveloped and development of recreational amenities to provide additional public access to Little Lagoon. The two tracts, located in Gulf Shores, southwest Baldwin County, AL, total approximately 53 acres and border approximately 6,100 feet of shoreline on Little Lagoon. The City of Gulf Shores would own and maintain the properties once they are acquired.

The two tracts have previously been approved for a major residential and commercial development, including a marina in Little Lagoon. The project would protect these tracts and the habitats found on them, including Alabama beach mouse critical habitat, from such development.

Proposed Public Access Amenities

In addition to funding acquisition of the tracts, the project would fund a number of recreational amenities for the enjoyment of the public:

- 65 parking spaces, with split access for the proposed kayak launch and the proposed fishing pier
- public fishing pier with a 'T' at the end with ADA-compliant accessibility
- public bathhouse and restrooms
- public boardwalk for viewing or fishing
- public kayak launch near the edge of the boardwalk

ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost of this project is \$4,400,000, which includes planning, engineering and design, construction, monitoring, operation and maintenance, and Trustee supervision.

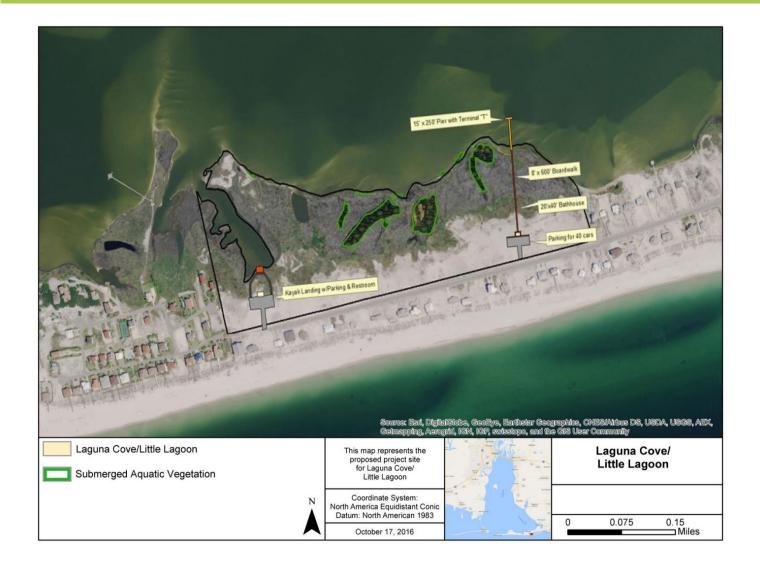












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