



Alabama Restoration Area

December 2022



The Trustee representatives for the Alabama Restoration Area are:

- Jaime Miller, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Seth Newton, Geological Survey of Alabama
- Erin Plitsch, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Stella Wilson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Craig Johnson, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Chris McArthur, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

RECENT ACTIVITIES

In the past year, we have been busy overseeing the continued planning, engineering, design, implementation, and monitoring of restoration projects. In April 2022 we completed the purchase of the Lloyd Tract – a 60-acre property located at the confluence of Green Branch and Waterhole Branch on Fish River in Baldwin County – for the purposes of conservation and restoration of native species. In October 2022 we completed the Fort Morgan Pier Rehabilitation Restoration Project and reopened it to the public.

WHAT WE DO

Our work in the Alabama Restoration Area focuses on restoring and conserving habitat and replenishing and protecting wildlife such as sea turtles, marine mammals, birds, and oysters. We are also providing and enhancing recreational opportunities, restoring water quality, and restoring habitats on federally managed lands.

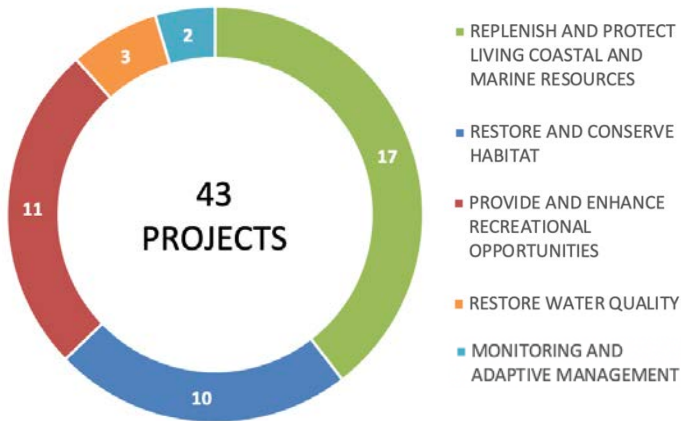




Restoration Overview

\$184 million committed to approved projects

PROJECTS BY RESTORATION GOAL



RECENT NEWS //

The newly-acquired 60-acre Lloyd Tract contains nearly one mile of undeveloped shoreline. It will become part of the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and will be managed by the State Lands Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). ADCNR has worked in conjunction with the South Alabama Land Trust (SALT), for over a year to bring this acquisition to fruition.



RECENT NEWS // FT. MORGAN PIER REHABILITATION PROJECT COMPLETED



The Fort Morgan Pier Rehabilitation Restoration Project was approved in Restoration Plan I and was completed in October 2022. The original pier had been closed to the public for safety reasons and was in a state of disrepair. It has now been renovated to meet current building code requirements, comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible fishing guidelines, and add turtle-friendly lighting. The pier also has educational signage on fishing regulations, stewardship of coastal resources, and related information at the site. ADCNR recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the pier on November 18, 2022.

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The TIG is planning for the construction of recreational use amenities for this project, which included the acquisition of approximately 53 acres near Little Lagoon in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

