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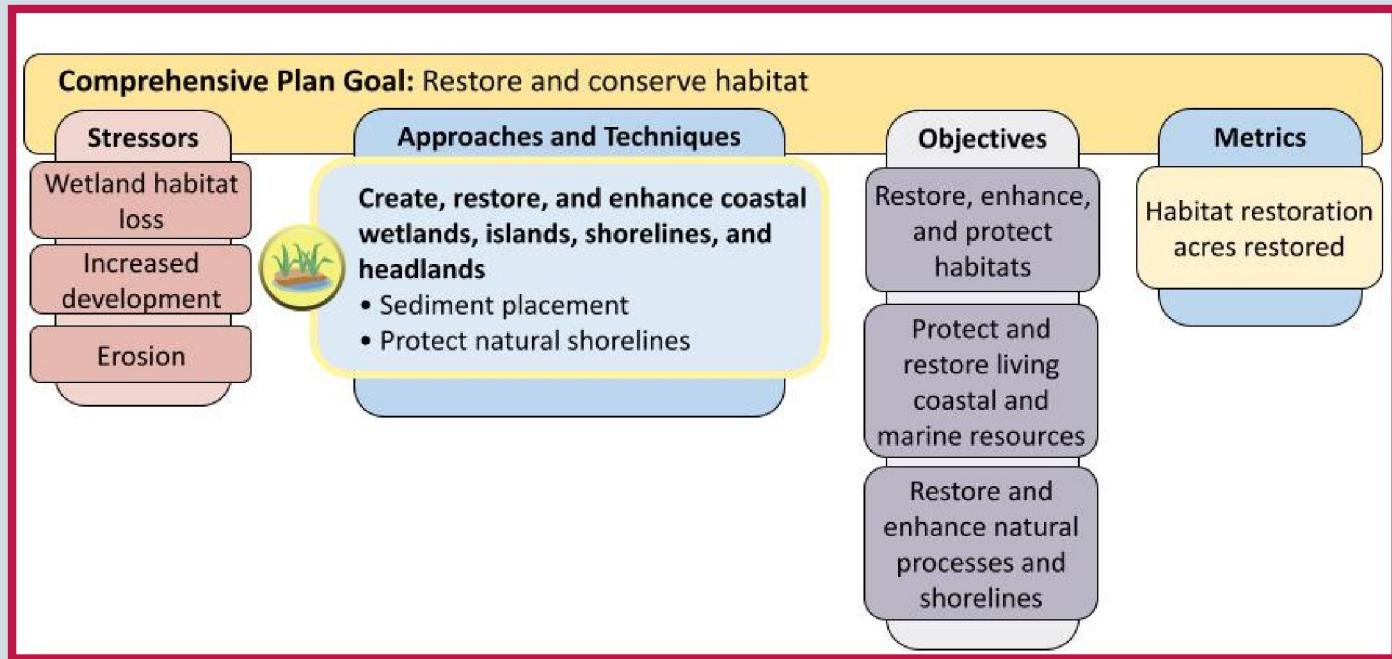
Coastal Nearshore Habitat Restoration and Development Program in Mississippi (Amending Existing Program)

The State of Mississippi is requesting an increase of \$25M in funding for the *Coastal Nearshore Habitat Restoration and Development Program in Mississippi*. The Program builds on work funded by the Initial FPL, FPL 3b and projects supported by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund projects.

Coastal nearshore habitats provide many important ecosystem services including acting as natural buffers to protect shorelines from erosion, storm surge protection, fisheries production and water quality benefits through sediment and nutrient reduction. The creation of new coastal nearshore habitats and the restoration of these habitats would continue to support and increase these ecosystem services to coastal systems in Mississippi. This project supports the Council's primary goal of restoring and conserving habitats. The program duration is 10 years.

Program at a Glance

The *Coastal Nearshore Habitat Restoration and Development Program in Mississippi* applies Planning Framework approaches and techniques to support Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives. In support of the program objectives, to *Restore, enhance, and protect habitats*, *Protect and restore living coastal and marine resources*, and to *Restore and enhance natural processes and shorelines*, stressors such as wetland habitat loss, erosion, and coastal development will be addressed using the *Sediment placement* technique and the *Protect natural shorelines* technique. Success using *Sediment placement* and *natural shoreline protection* to *Restore, enhance, and protect habitats*, *Protect and restore living coastal and marine resources*, and to *Restore and enhance natural processes and shorelines* may be tracked using acres of habitat restored as a metric.



**Draft FPL 2026 Public Comment Period:
November 20 - 11:59 PM MT January 2, 2026**

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