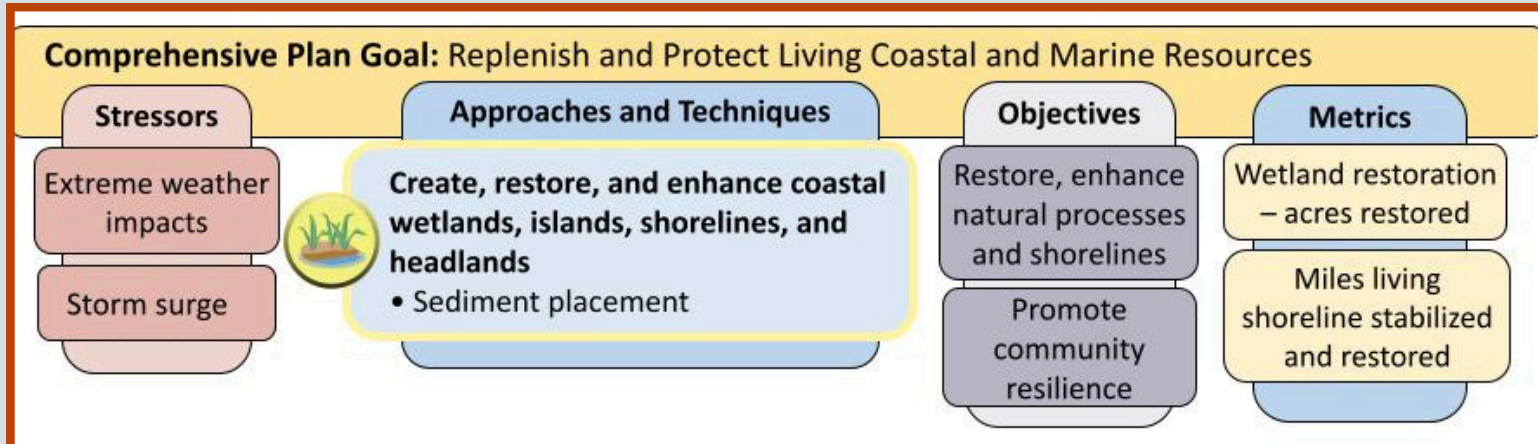# Draft 2026 FUNDED PRIORITIES LIST

West End Dauphin Island, Alabama Renourishment and Resilience (New Project)

The State of Alabama is requesting $38M in funding for the *West End Dauphin Island, Alabama Renourishment and Resilience* project to restore approximately 200 acres of critical barrier island habitat. This includes rebuilding 3.5 miles of linear dune, 40 acres of sandy water bottoms and 160 acres of beach and dune habitat. Restoring this area will help protect valuable estuarine habitats in the Mississippi Sound such as seagrasses, oyster beds and salt marshes. It will also protect 30,000 acres of mainland conservation land and nearby coastal communities that are vulnerable to storms and flooding. This project supports the primary Comprehensive Plan goal of replenishing and protecting living coastal and marine resources. This habitat restoration project will also provide for the enhancement of community resilience. The project duration is 5 years.

Project at a Glance

The *West End Dauphin Island, Alabama Renourishment and Resilience* project applies Planning Framework approaches and techniques to support Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives. In support of the objectives, to *Restore and enhance natural processes and shorelines* and *Promote community resilience*, the main stressor of extreme weather and storm surge will be addressed using the *Sediment placement* technique. Success using this technique to *Restore and enhance natural processes and shorelines* and *Promote community resilience* may be tracked using miles of shoreline stabilized and restored and acres of restored wetlands as metrics.
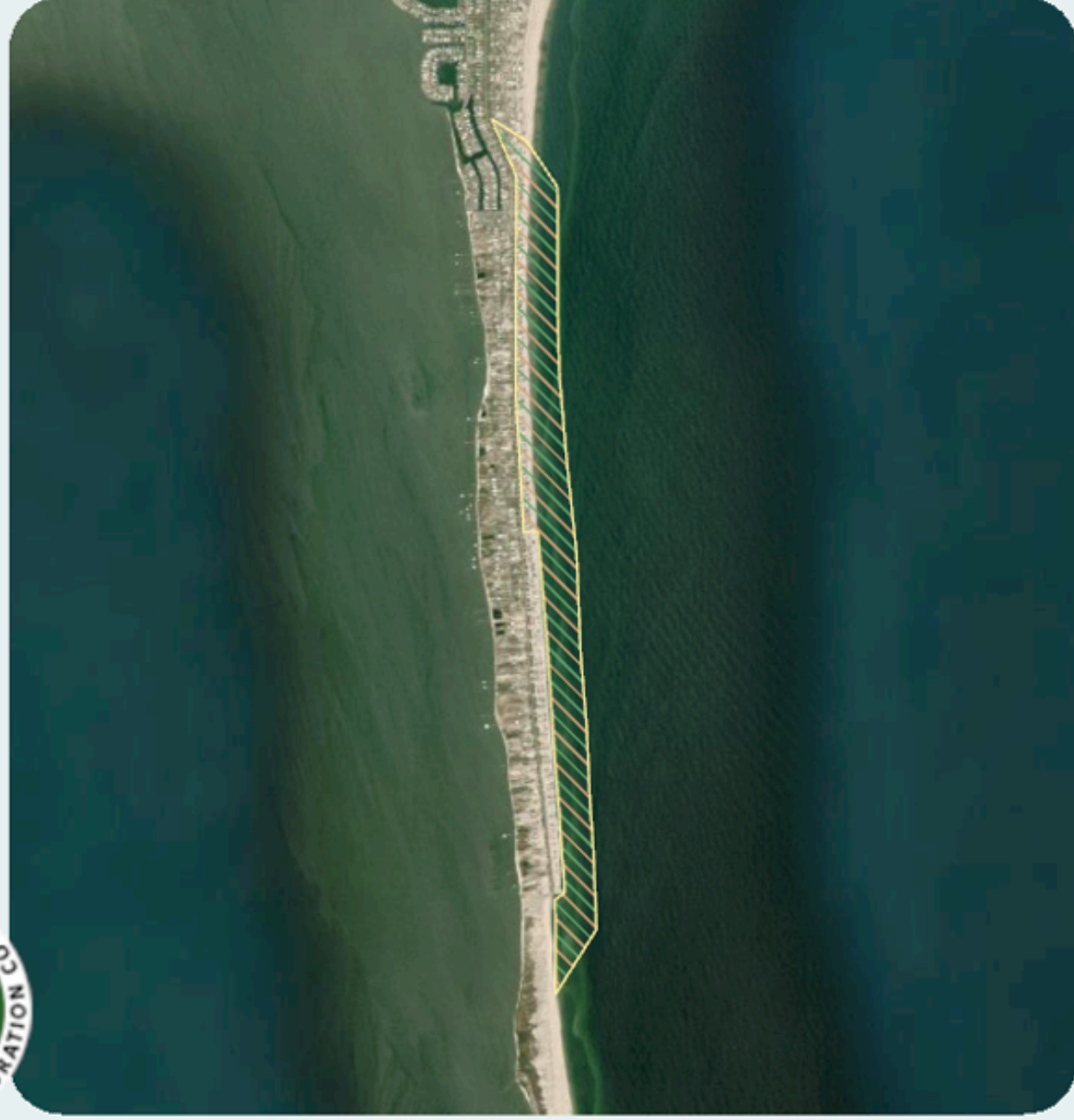

Comprehensive Plan Goal: Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources

Stressors	Approaches and Techniques	Objectives	Metrics
Extreme weather impacts	Create, restore, and enhance coastal wetlands, islands, shorelines, and headlands • Sediment placement	Restore, enhance natural processes and shorelines	Wetland restoration – acres restored
Storm surge		Promote community resilience	Miles living shoreline stabilized and restored

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