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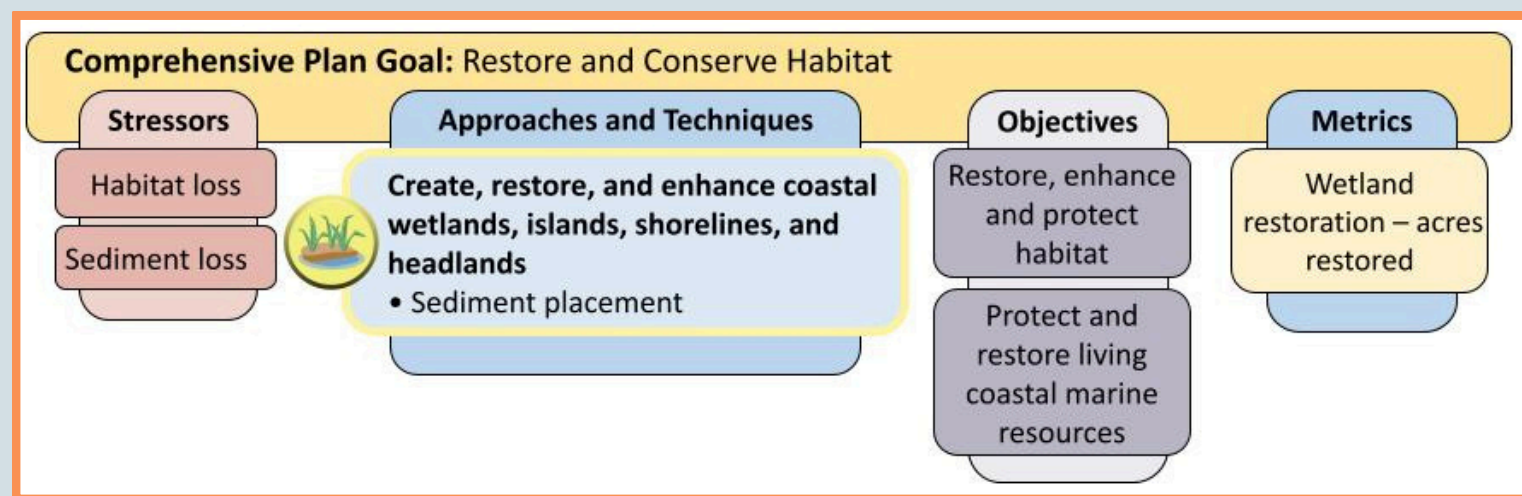
Upper Mobile Bay Beneficial Use Wetland Creation Site (Implementation) - Amending Existing Project

The *Upper Mobile Bay Beneficial Use Wetland Creation Site* project was approved by the Council in the Initial FPL in 2015. This project funded design and environmental compliance of a wetland restoration project in upper Mobile Bay. The State of Alabama is currently requesting to amend the Initial FPL by adding \$24M in funding to construct a 100-acre wetland restoration cell in Upper Mobile Bay as the first phase of 1,200 acres of tidal wetlands.

The project will enhance utilization of navigation channel maintenance sediment and contribute to maximizing use of dredge material for effective and sustainable coastal restoration. The project will support the primary Comprehensive Plan goal to restore and conserve habitat by restoring the estuarine marsh through the construction of a semi-submerged containment area and placement of dredge material. Additional benefits include providing habitat for living coastal and marine resources, enhancing community resilience by providing a buffer to a main thoroughfare between Mobile and Baldwin Counties, and enhancing the economy of the region by providing cost effective disposal options for the many navigation-related industries located along the Mobile River. The project duration is 3 years.

Project at a Glance

The *Upper Mobile Beneficial Use Wetland Creation Site (Implementation)* applies Planning Framework approaches and techniques to support Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives. In support of objectives, to *Restore, enhance, and protect habitat* and *Protect and restore living coastal marine resources*, stressors such as habitat loss and sediment loss will be addressed using the *Sediment placement* technique. Success using this technique to *Restore, enhance, and protect habitat* and *Protect and restore living coastal marine resources* may be tracked using acres of restored wetland as the primary metric.



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

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2026 FPL

**State of
Alabama**

**Mobile Bay and Mobile-
Tensaw Delta**

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