

Request for Gulf of Mexico Hydrological Restoration Projects

Do you know of a hydrological restoration project that is not funded?

Wanted

Information about restoration projects that remove or modify anthropogenic barriers to restore historic tidal estuarine and freshwater exchange to **benefit coastal and marine fisheries habitat**. Projects can cost up to **\$5 million**.

Who

People from local governments, county governments, state governments, non-profit organizations, businesses, communities, homeowner associations, universities and other organizations may submit projects to the Sea Grant extension agents listed on the back of this sheet.

How

Discuss the project with a Sea Grant extension agent and answer a few basic questions about the project. It takes **less than one hour** to provide the information for the inventory, which can be completed through a face-to-face meeting or over the phone.

Why

The inventory of these potential restoration projects will be shared with numerous groups that fund on-the-ground restoration. The Gulf of Mexico Sea Grant College Programs and NOAA Restoration Center are providing this service to share the scope of these types of projects and to increase the likelihood that hydrological restoration projects will be implemented throughout the region.



Benefits

Opportunity 1: Projects that require \$160,000 or less in federal funds will be eligible for an exclusive funding opportunity in April 2013. **The project must be in the inventory prior to that date to be eligible for funding.**

Opportunity 2: All projects in the inventory regardless of the required funding level will be shared with **multiple funding sources** that intend to fund projects in the near future. Entering your project in the inventory allows your project to get more exposure to potential resources. Funding sources that will receive this inventory include, but are not limited to, the following groups:

National Funding Sources

- Natural Resource Damage Assessment
- Estuary Restoration Act funds
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coastal Programs
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Regional Funding Sources

- NOAA Restoration Center/Sea Grant Partnership
- Other NOAA Restoration Center Partnerships
 - Gulf of Mexico Foundation
 - Fish America Foundation
 - Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership
 - The Nature Conservancy

State Funding Sources

- Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA in Louisiana)
- Coastal Preserves Program, DMR in Mississippi
- Other state resource agencies

A regional partnership between the NOAA Restoration Center
and the Gulf of Mexico Sea Grant College Programs

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