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# City of Mobile awarded \$6.9 million grant to conserve the

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*(National Fish & Wildlife Association logo) City of Mobile awarded \$6.9 million grant to conserve the coast*

MOBILE, Ala. (WPMI) — The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) awarded the City of Mobile a \$6,923,800 grant to conserve and protect the City's coastline.

Phase II of the Mobile Bay Shore Habitat Conservation and Acquisition Initiative will restore and preserve habitats that are used by a variety of fish and wildlife species affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The grant application concerns three specific projects in the Perch Creek / Garrows Bend Watershed and the lower Three Mile Creek. Projects include:

Shoreline restoration along the Mobile bay shore

Marsh restoration, water quality improvements and invasive species mana project areas

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NFWF awarded the City a \$300,000 grant in 2015 for the first phase of the | these habitats, complete environmental assessments for the properties ar estate due diligence.

This project was made possible through a strong collaboration with the Ala of Transportation, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, The Nature Conserv Peninsula of Mobile, MAWSS, Alabama Department of Environmental Man; Alabama Coastal Foundation, Mobile United, Pelican Coast Conservancy ar Luther King Jr. Redevelopment Authority. This is truly an interagency succe

"I want to thank all of our partners for turning this vision into a reality," said "Mobile is a city closely connected to the water, and as one of the largest p we were devastated by the BP oil disaster. Citizens lost their jobs, entire in and many felt hopeless for our future. We've surpassed many of these cha years, but we need a resilient coastline to support our growing economy. T strong step in the right direction."

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