

## Mississippi Oyster Gardening Program Mississippi Restoration Area

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mississippi Oyster Gardening Program project is designed to restore oysters in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties (see map). The oyster gardening project will occur on waterfront piers/wharves and docks in coastal waters.

Oyster gardening restoration activities will build on the existing community, volunteer-based program to grow oysters on docks for transfer to reefs within the Mississippi Sound. The anticipated timeframe for the program will be 5 years. Project objectives will be monitored in accordance with the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan.

### Implementing Trustees and Project Partners

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will be the Implementing Trustee. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium (MASGC) will be project partners.

### Leveraging

This project will build on an existing National Fish and Wildlife Federation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund project - Oyster Restoration and Management – Phase I.

### ALLOCATION:

\$500,000

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