

RESTORE Council

- The Council voted to approve the Final 2017 Funded Priorities List: Comprehensive Plan Commitment and Planning Support (2017 CPS FPL) in accordance with the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). In approving the 2017 CPS FPL, the Council provides funding to its members to enhance collaboration, coordination, public engagement and use of best available science needed to make efficient use of Gulf restoration funds resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. These funding awards will support the Council's commitment to a coordinated approach to ecosystem restoration, as called for in the Comprehensive Plan Update 2016: Restoring the Gulf Coast's Ecosystem and Economy.
- Amendment: Robinson Preserve Wetlands Restoration - January 24, 2018 The Council amended the Initial FPL by approving \$1,790,546 in implementation funding for the Robinson Preserve Wetlands Restoration project sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. These funds will be used to restore 118.2 acres of coastal habitat and restore more natural hydrology, along with related activities in Tampa Bay, Florida.
- The Council Members includes the governors of the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and the Secretaries of the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, the Army, Commerce, Homeland Security, the Interior and the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Gulf States recommended, and President Obama appointed the Secretary of Commerce as the Council's first Chair. In March 2016, the Secretary of Agriculture became the Council Chair, and in January 2018, the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency became the Council Chair.
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