

**Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Osprey Restoration in Coastal Alabama
Request for Proposals**

As part of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Phase IV Early Restoration Plan (ERP), the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources-State Lands Division (SLD) plans to conduct an Osprey restoration project in coastal Alabama. The project would include the placement of five (5) osprey nesting platforms at select locations in Mobile and Baldwin Counties and implementation of a five (5) year post-construction monitoring program.

Interested firms submitting a response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) should acquire a copy of the **Osprey Restoration in Coastal Alabama** ERP Fact Sheet along with a copy of this RFP from <http://www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org/default.aspx>

Project Activities

Project techniques will include the placement of five (5) osprey nesting platforms at select locations in Mobile and Baldwin Counties and implementation of a five (5) year post-construction monitoring program. The placement of educational signage and other site enhancements may also be conducted at select locations.

Scope of Work

The SLD is seeking a contractor to provide project planning, design, engineering, permitting and construction oversight services. The selected contractor shall also be required to coordinate all activities with the SLD Project Manager, conduct and/or sub-contract any required geo-technical, hydrological, bathymetrical, historical, environmental and ecological investigations, sediment analysis, engineering analysis, and project design finalization, and make application for and obtain any required permits. The contractor will prepare construction bid documents, solicit, review and select bids for construction. The contractor will directly implement and oversee nesting platform construction activities. The contractor will develop and implement a five (5) year post construction monitoring program. The contractor may also design, procure and place educational signage and conduct other site enhancements at select locations.

Submission Requirements:

- Submissions shall consist of a cover letter and a project proposal.
- The cover letter shall be no more than one standard letter size page, text size no smaller than size 12 font, and shall clearly indicate the name, title, email address and telephone number of the submitting firms' primary contact.
- The project proposal shall be limited to no more than 10 double-sided standard letter size pages, text size no smaller than size 12 font, including firm and/or team organization, background, examples of relevant previous project experience, resumes of key personnel and/or all other supporting documentation.
- If more than one entity is responding to this RFP under single proposal, the project proposal shall list all entities that are a part of the proposal and/or will perform services pursuant to the Scope of Work.
- Submissions shall consist of 3 paper copies and one electronic copy on DVD, CD or USB Flash Drive.
- Submissions shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with "Alabama Osprey Project" clearly written in the bottom left corner of the envelope, to the person and address specified below by the deadline specified below.

Open Trade:

By submitting an application, the Submitter represents that he/she and the business entity he/she represents is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom the State of Alabama can enjoy open trade, as defined in Act 2016-312.

Non Discrimination:

By submitting an application, the Submitter represents that he/she and the business entity he/she represents is compliant with all state and federal laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, pregnancy, national origin, genetic information, veteran status or disability.

Immigration:

By submitting an application, the Submitter represents that he/she and the business entity he/she represents is not in violation of federal immigration law and has not knowingly employed, hired for employment or continues to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama.

Non-Commitment of Funds

Any contract related to this proposed project is subject to the availability of funds and/or the needs of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) and therefore the ADCNR, at its discretion, may or may not issue a final contract as a result of this RFP. Further, even in the event an initial selection is made by the ADCNR, no selection is final until full execution of a written agreement detailing an agreed upon scope of work. If the ADCNR deems, at its sole discretion, that a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached in accordance with an initial selection; the ADCNR reserved the right to proceed with efforts to make another selection based upon proposals submitted pursuant to this RFP.

Further Information:

This work will be for the ADCNR-State Lands Division. Any questions should be submitted in writing via email (no phone calls please) to:

Mr. Carl Ferraro

Email: carl.ferraro@dcnr.alabama.gov

Subject line should read: "Alabama Osprey Project Question"

Submission Deadline:

Responses to this RFP must be received **no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017**. Responses shall be submitted to:

Mr. Carl Ferraro

Biologist III

ADCNR-State Lands Division

31115 - 5 Rivers Blvd.

Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Osprey Restoration in Coastal Alabama

Phase IV Proposed Early Restoration Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Osprey Restoration in Coastal Alabama project would establish five osprey nesting platforms along the coast in Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Alabama to provide enhanced nesting opportunities for fish-eating raptors, including osprey. The nesting sites are proposed to be located in the vicinities of Portersville Bay, Dauphin Island, Fort Morgan, Little Lagoon in Gulf Shores, and in Gulf State Park.

Osprey can be found in coastal Alabama year-round. Osprey require nest sites in open surroundings for easy approach, with wide, sturdy bases and safety from ground predators. Nests are usually built on snags, treetops, at the junction of large branches and trunks, on cliffs, or human-built platforms. Osprey readily builds their nests on manmade structures in suitable habitat areas, such as telephone poles, channel markers, duck blinds, and nest platforms designed especially for it. In some areas, osprey place their nests almost exclusively on artificial structures.

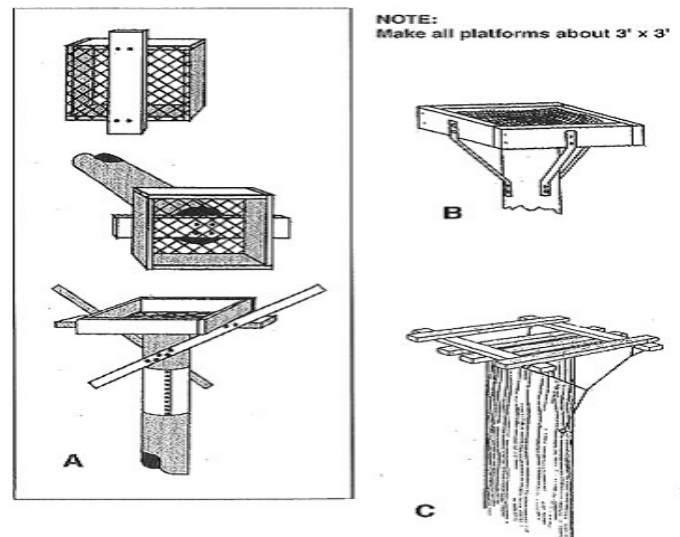
A typical design for these types of structures is a 3 foot by 3 foot nesting platform atop a pole approximately 10 to 20 feet high. Typically, poles would be placed 3 to 6 feet deep into the ground. Sheet metal would be attached approximately 3 to 6 feet above the ground to prevent predators, such as racoons, from accessing the nests.

As natural nesting sites, such as tree snags, are removed along developed coastlines, nesting platforms such as the structures proposed in this project provide important alternative nesting opportunities.

ESTIMATED COST: \$45,000



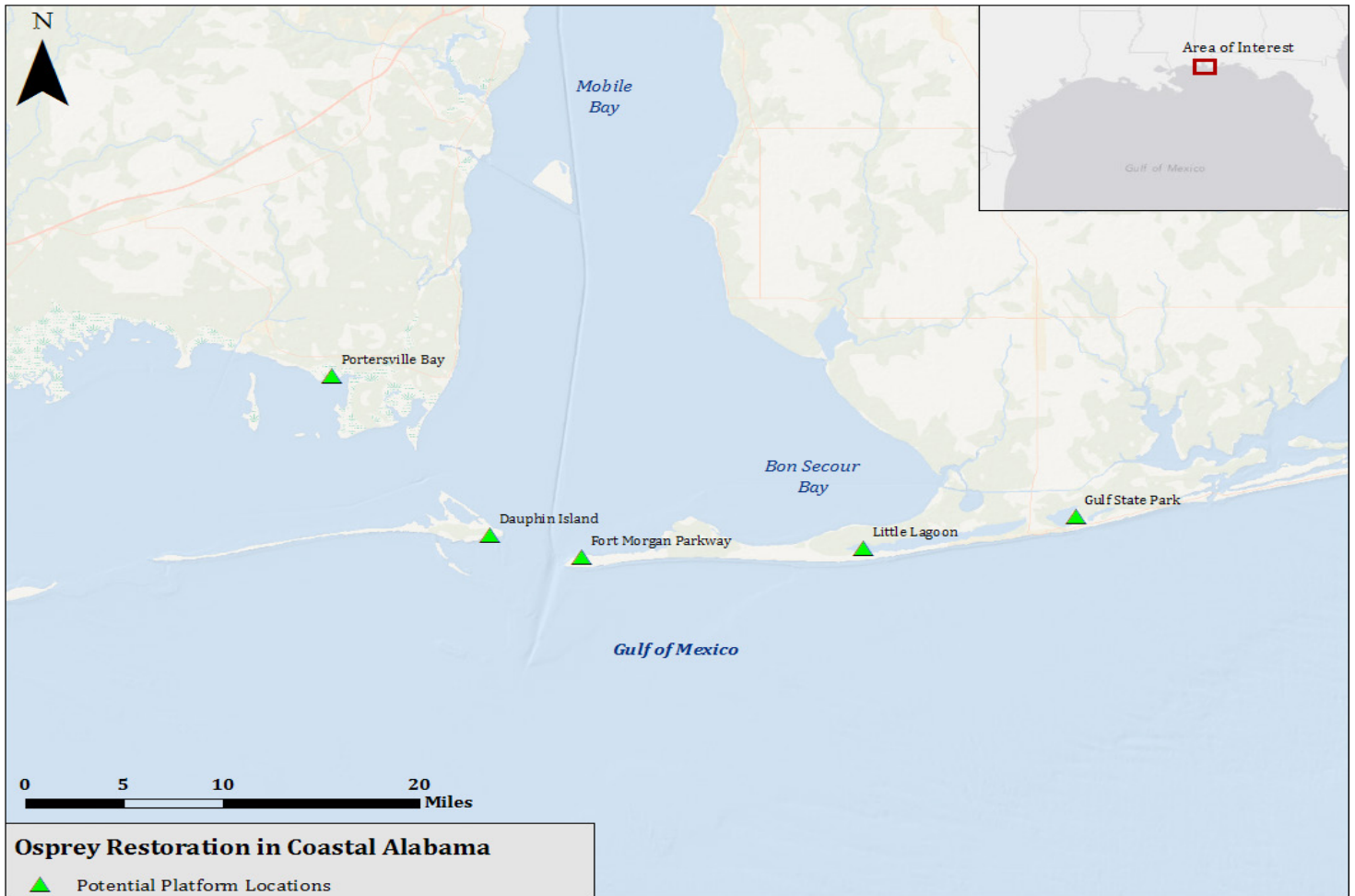
A typical osprey nesting platform.



A typical nesting platform design.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Potential locations for osprey nesting platforms in Coastal Alabama.

