

# Western Shore Watersheds Pre-submittal Conference

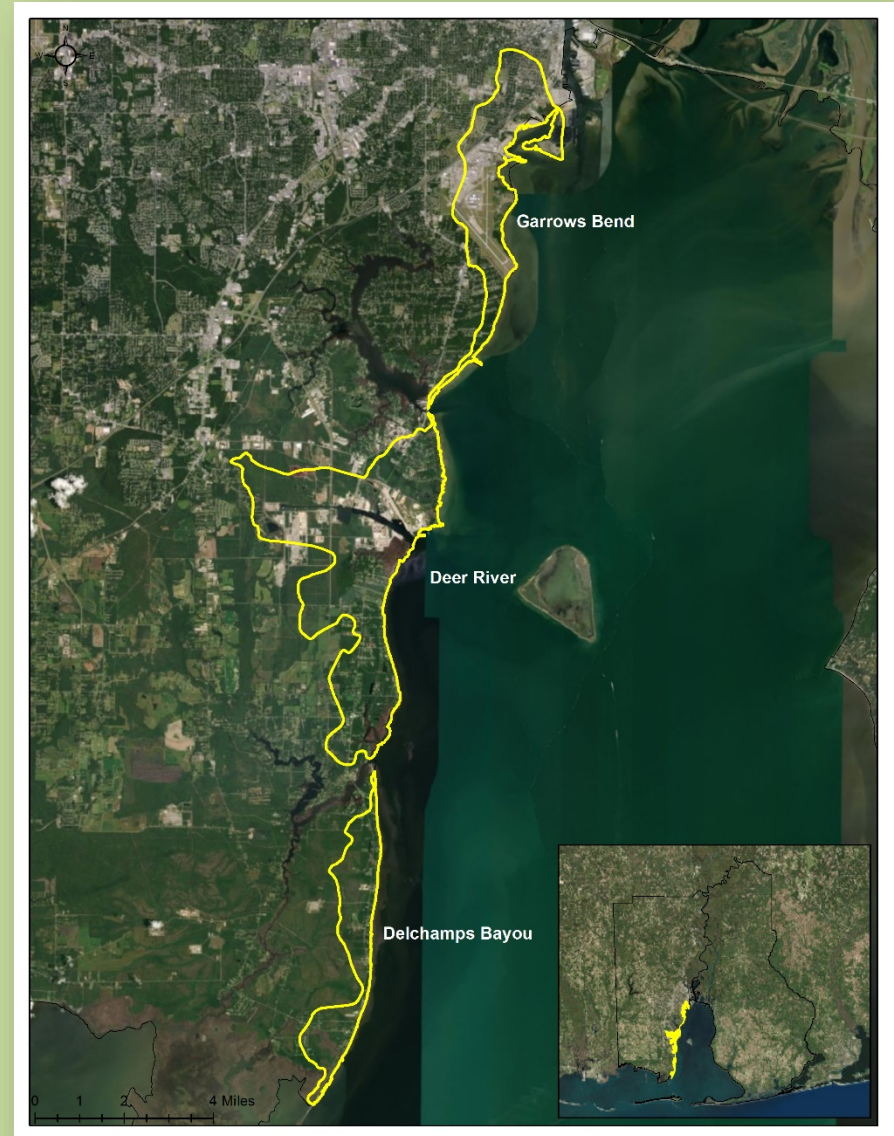
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# Western Shore Watershed Complex Management Planning

- Funding provided by RESTORE through the State of Alabama
- Plans will provide a course of action for protecting/improving the things that people value most...



What people  
value most  
about living in  
coastal  
Alabama...



Access to Water and Open Spaces



Coastlines  
(Beaches and Other Shorelines)



Fish



Heritage and Culture



Environmental Health and  
Resilience



Water Quality



## Goals of the watershed planning process...

- **Improve water quality** to support healthy populations of fish and shellfish
- **Improve habitats** necessary to support healthy populations of fish and shellfish
- **Protect continued customary uses of biological resources** to preserve culture, heritage and traditional ecological knowledge of the watershed
- **Improve watershed resilience** to sea level rise and changing climate impacts
- **Expand opportunities for community access** to the open spaces and waters of the watershed



The **objectives** of this watershed planning effort conform to the U.S. EPA's nine key elements of watershed planning...



- **Build Partnerships**, including identification of key stakeholders and solicitation of community input and concerns
- **Characterize the Watershed**, including creation of a natural and cultural resource inventory, identification of causes and sources of impairments, identification of data gaps and estimation of pollutant loads
- **Set Goals and Identify Solutions** including determination of pollutant reduction loads needed and management measures to achieve goals
- **Design Implementation Program** including implementation schedule, interim milestones, criteria to measure progress, monitoring component, information/education program, and identification of technical and financial assistance needed to implement plan



The **objectives** of this watershed planning effort conform NOAAs Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendment (CZARA) Section 6217 (g) management measures ...

- ADEMs Alabama Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (ACNPCP) must conform to Section 6217(g) requirements to be compliant for funding under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act and section 319 of the Clean Water Act.
- 6217 (g) requirements include: **geographic scope** of the program; the **pollutant sources** to be addressed; the types of **management measures** used; the establishment of **critical areas**; **technical assistance**, **public participation**, and **administrative coordination**.



# Statement Contents

- **Cover Letter (5%)**
  - Introduce project team
  - Statement of Approach
- **Conceptual Approach & Methodology (50%)**
  - Watershed characterization
  - Stakeholder outreach & engagement
  - Management measures
  - Regulatory evaluation/adaptation
  - Financing
  - Prioritizing implementation
  - Monitoring & evaluation
- **Experience & Background (25%)**
  - Demonstrate experience working on projects of similar scope (up to three project examples)
  - Provide two references
- **Project Team/Level of Participation (20%)**
  - Identify roles, availability, time allocation of key team members
  - Organizational chart





## Activities to be included in the project scope

- *Literature Review*
- *Data Gathering, Inventory, Characterization*
- *On-Site Inspections*
- *Recommendations of Specific Actions*
- *Cost estimates*
- *Implementation Strategy*
- *Financing Options*
- *Examination of Regulatory Framework*
- *Community Engagement*
  - *vulnerability assessment*
- *Monitoring Framework*
- *Plan Product*



## Proposed Timeline

Advertising Date	Friday, February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Pre-Submittal Conference	Monday, February 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
<b>Statement Deadline</b>	<b>Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>
Shortlist Notification	Monday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Shortlist Interviews	Thursday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Award Negotiation Right	Monday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2019



## Submission Information

- ***Electronic format (pdf)***
- ***15 page limit (all-inclusive)***
  - *11 point font, Times New Roman*
- **No later than 3:00pm March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
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