



MOBILE BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

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Habitat Creation/Shoreline Stabilization Project Along Northern Mon Louis Island Receives Funding!

Greetings!

We are sending forth some good news this holiday season to potential partners along the Mon Louis Island shoreline. **We have received notice that grant requests to the Gulf of Mexico Foundation/Community-based Restoration Partnership and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program to undertake a project to create habitat and stabilize the shoreline along 1,000-feet of Mon Louis Island residential shoreline property have been awarded!**

These proposals were developed from the information we received at the community meeting held in July. Specifically, the project involves installing natural structures just offshore to attenuate the wave energy from prevailing winds and ship wakes and provide habitat for recreationally and commercially important finfish and invertebrates. In addition, the project includes planting native marsh vegetation in intertidal zones in areas approved by property owners to provide fish and wildlife marsh habitat and stabilize sediments.

We will contact you in early January to invite you to a workshop, facilitated by Dr. Bret Webb, University of South Alabama Department of Civil Engineering, to turn the vision drawn on the maps last July into actual project plans/specifications. The invitation will be sent to you at this same address as soon as arrangements are made.

Do not hesitate to contact us at 251-431-6409 or therder@mobilebaynep.com if there is better contact information that we should use to get in touch with you or should you have any questions, comments, or ideas that you would like to share.

We look forward to working with you to provide and improve habitat and stabilize the northern Mon Louis Island shoreline from the chronic and routine effects of boat wakes and prevailing southeasterly winds.

Sincerely yours,

Roberta Swann
Director