

DOLLARS SENSE

The RESTORE Act holds the parties responsible for the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill financially accountable for repairing damage in the Gulf. The legislation could mean billions for wildlife and habitat. Shown here are some of the projects that conservation groups say can help revive Gulf ecosystems ravaged by oil and decades of degradation, and at the same time help rebuild the region's economy.—Geoffrey Giller

Expand and improve the Gulf's marine mammal stranding response and science capacity. Cost: \$45 million



Seafloor

Map the bottom habitat of the Gulf of Mexico. Cost: \$40 million



Mississippi River Delta, Louisiana Mid-Barataria

Slow marsh and wetlands loss with a river diversion. Cost: \$650 million



Mid-Breton

Create roughly 20,000 acres of new marsh over the next 50 years. Cost: \$123 million



West Maurepas

Use small river diversions to protect one of our largest baldcypress swamps. Cost: \$120 million

Restore bird-nesting islands using dredge material and breakwaters. Cost: \$10-\$30 million



South Deer Island

Protect 40 acres of saltmarsh and elevated shrub habitat for breeding and nesting birds. **Cost:** \$1 million



Sundown Island

Slow further erosion by reducing waves caused by storms, winds, and passing ships. Cost: \$15 million



Matagorda Bay

Create new islands to replace ones lost to erosion. **Cost:** \$12-\$30 million



Lower Laguna Madre

Replace invasive plants with natives and improve predator control. **Cost:** \$500,000–\$1 million



Breton NWR-Chandeleur Islands

Restore dunes. Cost: \$70 million



Biloxi Marsh Shoreline

Protect up to 30 miles of marsh from erosion. Cost: \$30 million



Bay Ronquille Islands

Restore 2 miles of dunes and 259 acres of marsh. Cost: \$46 million



Raccoon Island

Restore habitat with land stabilization and reduce predators. Cost: \$30 million



Gulf Shoreline

Protect 17 miles of beachfront and dunes, and thousands of acres of adjacent marshes. Cost: \$96-\$113 million

Acquire 218 acres for bird habitat. Cost: \$5-\$10 million



Graveline Shoreline

Purchase 100 acres of beach and marsh habitat used by birds and sea turtles. Cost: \$500,000-\$1 million



Jackson County

Manage dredge material to maximize habitat, and monitor birds including American oystercatchers. **Cost:** \$1-\$1.5 million

ALABAMA



Coastal Alabama

Purchase 1,500 acres of varied habitat. **Cost:** \$15–\$25 million



Dauphin Island

Restore beaches; protect and manage 200 acres. **Cost:** \$5-\$10 million



Alafia Banks

Install breakwaters to fight erosion. Cost: \$1.8 million



Lower Suwannee River & Gulf

Preserve nearly 50,000 acres, with 10 acres for a public park. **Cost:** \$21-\$25 million



Great Tampa Bay

Install breakwaters to protect an important bird rookery. **Cost:** \$750,000



Everglades

Replace more than six miles of the Tamiami Trail with bridges. Cost: \$320 million



Shell Island

Buy land on this important bird stopover site. Cost: \$10 million























