

UNITED FOR A HEALTHY GULF 2016 Annual Report



MISSION

Gulf Restoration Network is committed to uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the natural resources of the Gulf Region.

VISION

The Gulf of Mexico will continue to be a natural, economic and recreational resource that is central to the culture and heritage of five states and several nations. The people of the region will be stewards of this vital but imperiled treasure, and assume the responsibility of returning the Gulf to its former splendor.







April: Through the advocacy of GRN and Texas residents, the RESTORE Council funded six BP restoration projects along the Texas Coast totaling \$26 million.

February: In response to a lawsuit filed by GRN, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama restricted Alabama and federal officials from spending \$58.5 million of BP drilling disaster "natural resource restoration" funds to construct a hotel and conference center along an Alabama beach.

August: GRN and partners pressured agencies to increase mitigation for a destructive oil pipeline project. This advocacy resulted in over 4,000 more acres added to the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

Through monitoring, commenting, and challenging Corps of Engineers wetland destruction permits, GRN helped protect and restore 4,890 acres of wetlands in Gulf states in 2016.



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