

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD
PROJECTS IN RESTORE PORTAL
(As of May 2022)

1. Diamondhead Living Shoreline Protection and Marsh Restoration (Application #2014060913073709)
 - a. Hardening the Bay of Saint Louis with oyster and clams; reintroducing sea grasses along the shoreline compatible with tidal hydrology and salinity; monitoring both conservation and recovery are components of this project. By hardening the Bay of Saint Louis with oyster and clams, water quality will be improved. Erosion as seen on slides 4 and 5 should be reduced or eliminated and monitoring stations should show anticipated accretion. In conclusion, the project restores the shoreline, restores water quality and enables monitoring for both conservation and restoration progress.
 - b. Size: 5,000 ft long and 50 ft wide
 - c. Project Cost: \$4,600,000
2. Diamondhead Water Quality Restoration Enhancement Project (Application #2014060913453097)
 - a. Stream restoration, sedimentation control, ditch bank restoration, habitat restoration, natural resource and monitoring both conservation and recovery are the components of this project. Stream restoration will enhance the quality of water in adjacent waterways in addition to detention ponds and overflow discharge outfalls located within the City of Diamondhead. This project also makes improvements to ditches throughout the city that are eroding as a result of heavy rain events. In conclusion, the project restores streams and drainage discharge areas to its original state with the addition of sediment traps which makes beneficial use of runoff.
 - b. Project Cost: \$5,000,000
3. Diamondhead Nature Education Center (Application #2014060914362390)
 - a. This project consists of building a marine education center in the marsh along the Jourdan River to provide residents, students and visitors information about this amazing ecosystem in Coastal Mississippi. This is an elevated, open-air facility that will have marine educational information about birds, animals, fish and other marine life, trees, wetlands, etc. The facility will be connected to a system of nature trails as well as the Rotten Bayou Blueway. In conclusion, this project stimulates public interest and support as well as education and participation in recreation information, seafood participation and water quality.
 - b. Project Cost: \$500,000
4. Diamondhead Nature Trails along the Jourdan River and Rotten Bayou (Application #2014060914242983)

- a. This project adds a new nature trail consisting of a combination of trails, pedestrian bridges and deck walks. This would allow residents, visitors and students to walk through the wetlands and experience the beauty of south Mississippi. It will enhance opportunities for ecotourism and provide educational information about birds, animals, fish and other marine life, trees, wetlands, etc. This project stimulates public interest and support as well as education and participation in recreation information, seafood participation and water quality. This project also connects to the Diamondhead Nature Education Center, Rotten Bayou Blueway, and the Noma Drive Waterfront Project and has several trailheads to provide easy access from multiple locations in the City.
 - b. Project Cost: \$2,000,000
5. Diamondhead Façade Program (Application #2022051115164946)
 - a. The Diamondhead Façade Grant Program would provide 90/10 matching grants to business and property owners for the completion of façade improvements on commercial buildings in the city. The Façade Grant Program will provide 20 small businesses up to \$25,000 to make exterior improvements to their property totaling \$500,000. This program will be managed by the Diamondhead Main Street Association. The City of Diamondhead has completed, has in process, or has out for bid 6 out of 11 Phases for the Diamondhead Commercial District Transformation Project totaling \$14.9 million. The Diamondhead Façade Grant Program will help businesses make improvements to their private property to align with the new public infrastructure improvements to get into compliance with city zoning codes and ordinances.
 - b. Project Cost: \$500,000
6. Diamondhead Commercial District Transformation Project (Application #2022051115264843)
 - a. The City of Diamondhead has been working for several years on the Commercial District Transformation Project. The goal is to enhance our commercial district to recruit new businesses to the community and to help existing businesses increase sales. Diamondhead is a planned residential community, but the commercial district was never planned or improved. Diamondhead is now the largest city in Hancock County with over 9,500 residents, and it is growing with multiple planned subdivisions under construction bringing over 300 new homes to the community in these subdivisions. The city is leaking \$135 million in sales to other communities, and the goal is to provide opportunities to capture more of these sales in the city. This will allow residents to shop locally and closer to home. It will increase property taxes, jobs and sales tax diversion by increasing business activity in the City. The project area is the entire commercial district in Diamondhead. It includes providing public infrastructure to undeveloped land (currently vacant) to create a new "town center", which will be a mixed-use commercial area to the northwest area from Exit 16. The project adds new

roads, sidewalks, pavers, crosswalks, decorative street lights, water and sewerage lines, lift stations (as needed), wetlands delineation, mitigation and permitting, surveying, landscaping, public art, right of way acquisition and other land purchase, etc. The City has received 3 years of funding from the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund and planning to bid phase 1 of the town center area in June 2022. The City has also utilized several grants from the Gulf Coast Regional Planning Commission (MDOT) for some projects that are already completed or current under construction. One includes the high mast lighting at Exit 16 and another is roadway improvements on E. Aloha Drive. The goal is to leverage these other grants and our local funds to do more phases of the project. The city has phases 1-7 completed, under construction, about to bid or in design phase. There are four other phases of the project that have not started and not funded.

- b. Project Cost: \$3,500,000