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# SLOUGH RESTORATION PROJECT

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We're pleased to share this news from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Apalachicola Riverkeeper's Slough Restoration Project was selected for funding in 2020 by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund.

The Slough Restoration Project will restore the connection of three slough systems in the Apalachicola River watershed during times of low flow by removing sediment plugs and reestablishing hydrologic connectivity. The multi-year project area includes Douglas Slough (Apalachicola River to the Chipola River), Spiders Cut (Chipola River to the Brothers River), and East River (Apalachicola River to East Bay). The Apalachicola Bay depends on the river, its flooded floodplain, and its floodplain sloughs, which support the bay ecosystem with freshwater, nutrients and detritus.

The project will enhance the hydrologic connectivity of the river to the floodplain and estuary; improve water quality; restore flowing water habitat and lower salinity in East Bay

Ken Jones is the Project Manager and the project team includes Georgia Ackerman, Matt Deitch, Michael Gangloff, Andrew Gannon, Melissa Samet, Ajay Sharma, Matt Kondolf, Dan Tonsmeire and Scott Walls. Here's a photo gallery of some of the team on a slough "reconnaissance" trip earlier this year.



Willis Landing area, Chipola River

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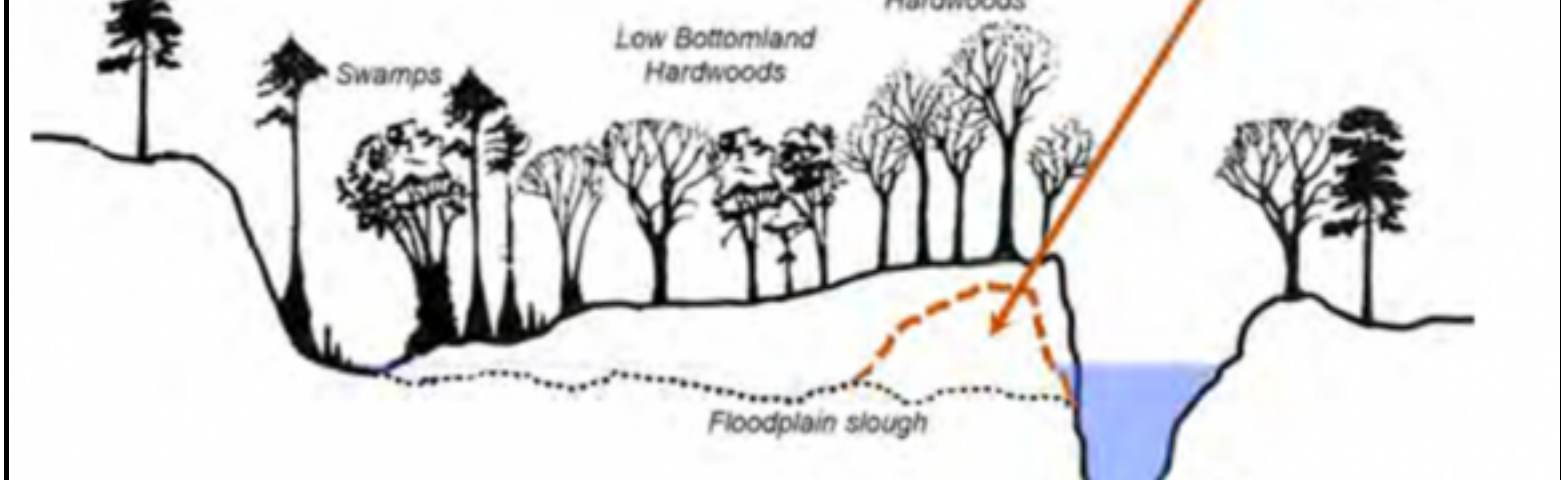
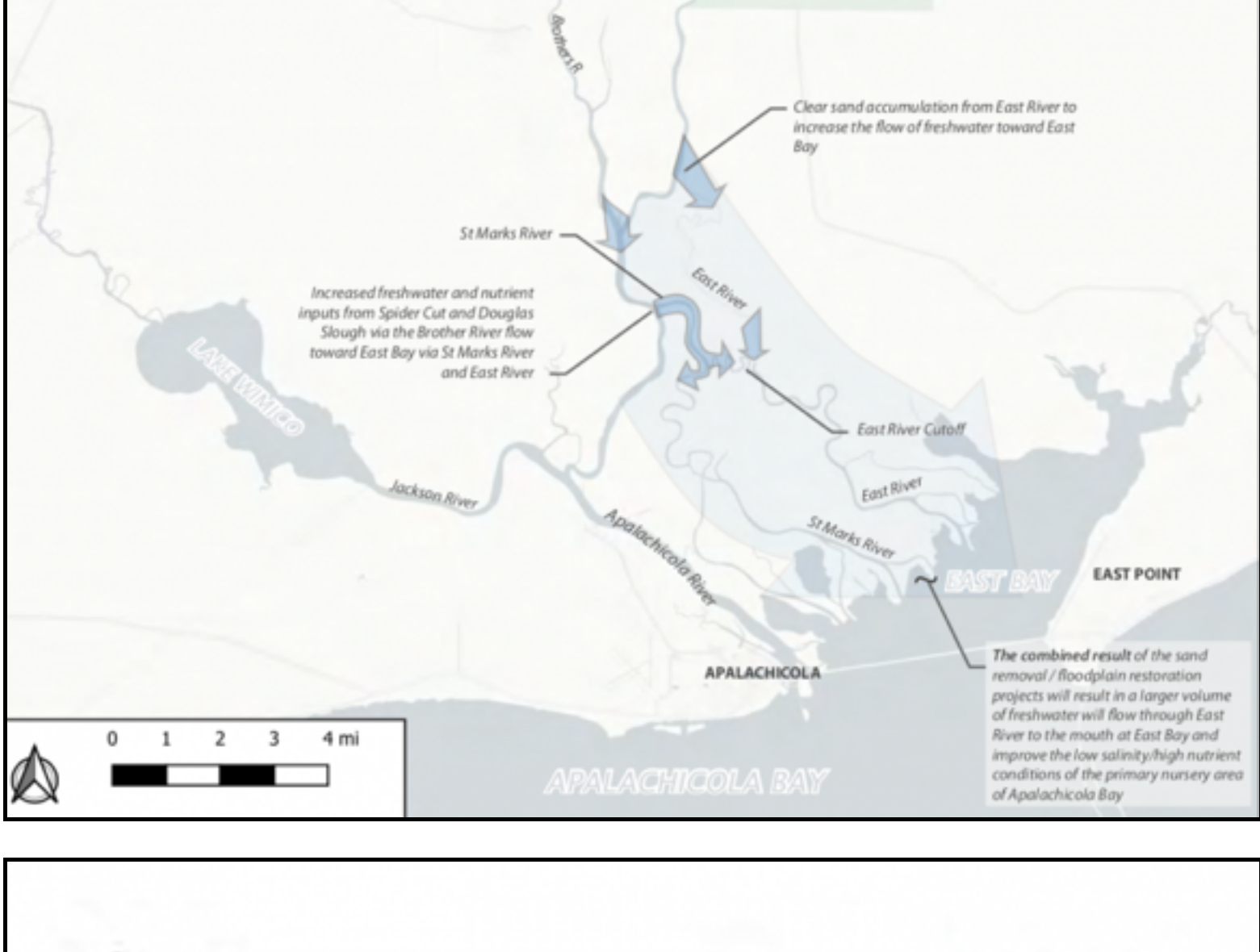
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"The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced the award of nearly \$109 million from its Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF) to 20 new projects in the states of Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Texas. The projects, developed in consultation with state and federal resource agencies, are designed to remedy harm and reduce the risk of future harm to natural resources that were affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Today's announcement represents the seventh round of awards from the GEBF. With today's announcement, NFWF has awarded more than \$1.4 billion to projects across the five Gulf States. More information can be found [here](#).

In Florida, NFWF approved the award of nearly \$60 million for six new projects. The Florida projects address high-priority restoration and conservation needs, including projects focused on restoring dune habitat, oyster reefs, wetland habitats, watershed health, and avian rookery habitat:

- Panhandle Dune Restoration
- Apalachicola Bay Oyster Reef Restoration- Phase II
- MK Ranch Hydrologic Restoration
- Apalachicola River Slough Restoration- Phase I
- St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Saltmarsh Restoration- Phase I
- Wulfert Bayous Bird Nesting Habitat Restoration



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