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OUTDOOR  
STEWARDSHIP  
TRUST

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Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund  
**FY 2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

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MOSTF mission is to provide a funding source to preserve and enhance Mississippi's natural resources and the recreation it provides; through sustainable management and protection of wildlife and fisheries and their habitats, improving access to public lands and waterways, improving and promoting nature-based outdoor recreation, protecting cultural sites and archeological and historic resources, providing and recruiting outdoor activities, protection of land around military installations, restoration and enhancement of working agricultural lands, and supporting economic development.





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## Purpose of Report

The FY 2025 Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the activities, investments, and outcomes of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund (MOSTF) during the fiscal year. As required under the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Act, the Board of Trustees must maintain transparency and accountability by documenting expenditures, summarizing approved projects, and reporting progress to the Governor and Legislature. This report is intended to inform state leaders, stakeholders, and the public on how MOSTF funds were allocated to advance conservation, outdoor recreation, and natural resource stewardship across Mississippi.

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# Overview of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund (MOSTF)

The Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund was created as a special fund within the State Treasury to provide dedicated support for outdoor recreation and conservation initiatives statewide. MOSTF awards competitive grants to counties, municipalities, state agencies, and eligible nongovernmental entities for projects such as park and trail development, restoration of natural habitats, improvements to public access areas, conservation of working lands, and acquisition of critical natural resource areas that meet statutory criteria. MOST BILL HB0606SG

MOSTF is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of appointed members representing forestry, conservation, agriculture, business, marine resources, and outdoor recreation interests, along with several ex officio state agency leaders and legislative committee chairs. The Department of Finance and Administration provides administrative and staff support for the Board. MOST BILL HB0606SG

Through strategic investments and partnerships, MOSTF strengthens Mississippi's outdoor economy, enhances recreational infrastructure, and protects natural resources for future generations.

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# OUR MISSION

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TO PROVIDE A FUNDING SOURCE TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE MISSISSIPPI'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE RECREATION IT PROVIDES; THROUGH SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES AND THEIR HABITATS, IMPROVING ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERWAYS, IMPROVING AND PROMOTING NATURE-BASED OUTDOOR RECREATION, PROTECTING CULTURAL SITES AND ARCHEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING AND RECRUITING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, PROTECTION OF LAND AROUND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF WORKING AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AND SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

## Legislative Background

MOSTF was established through House Bill 606 (2022 Regular Session), known as the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Act. The legislation created the Board of Trustees, defined its membership and responsibilities, established the special fund within the State Treasury, and outlined eligible uses for grants, reporting requirements, and oversight measures. House Bill 606 was passed by the Mississippi Legislature and signed into law by Governor Tate Reeves, taking effect on July 1, 2022. MOST BILL HB0606SG Under the Act, MOSTF funds may be allocated for a wide range of outdoor stewardship purposes, including:

- Improvements to state park outdoor recreation features;
- Development and acquisition of municipal and county parks and trails;
- Restoration and enhancement projects that improve access to public waters and lands;
- Conservation practices on privately owned working agricultural or forest lands;
- Restoration of wetlands, native forests, grasslands, and other important wildlife habitats; and
- Acquisition of critical conservation areas that meet statutory criteria.

Since its creation, the Legislature has demonstrated continued support for conservation and outdoor recreation investments by appropriating funds to MOSTF annually:

- 2022: \$10 million
  - 2023: \$15 million
  - 2024: \$12 million
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# **CORE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The mission and goals of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund are grounded in the purposes and priorities established by statute and further guided by the Board of Trustees' annual criteria. Key goals include:

## **1. Enhance Outdoor Recreation Statewide**

MOSTF seeks to expand and improve parks, trails, water access points, and recreational facilities to increase opportunities for activities such as hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, biking, archery, and similar outdoor pursuits. MOST BILL HB0606SG

## **2. Conserve and Restore Natural Resources**

The Fund supports efforts that protect water quality, wildlife habitat, wetlands, native forests, grasslands, and other ecologically significant landscapes across Mississippi. MOST BILL HB0606SG

## **3. Strengthen Local and State Partnerships**

The Act gives priority to projects that support public recreation and conservation efforts led by state agencies, counties, and municipalities, encouraging cooperative investment. MOST BILL HB0606SG

## **4. Leverage Funding to Maximize Impact**

MOSTF prioritizes projects that leverage federal, state, local, or private matching funds, multiplying the impact of state appropriations. MOST BILL HB0606SG

## **5. Promote Economic Development through Outdoor Assets**

Outdoor recreation contributes significantly to Mississippi's economy. By investing in parks, natural resources, and public access, MOSTF enhances tourism, local business development, and community quality of life.

## **6. Ensure Accountability and Transparency**

The Act requires annual independent audits of all expenditures and presentation of findings to legislative leadership and state officials. MOSTF upholds strict monitoring, reporting, and compliance standards for all grantees

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



**Drew St. John**  
**Chairman**  
*Madison*



**Mat Lipscomb**  
**Vice Chairman**  
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**Trustee**  
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**Terry Abby**  
**Trustee**  
*Walnut*

# MOSTF STAFF

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



**The MOSTF is administered by an Executive Director and a Program Specialist who are employed and supported within the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and physically located within the Woolfolk State Building on the 13th Floor.**

## Contact Information

To better serve Mississippi residents in attaining their recreation and conservation goals, the MOSTF team is available by the following means during normal business hours.

All general information or procedural inquiries should be made to the MOSTF Email [ms-outdoor-steward-trust@dfa.ms.gov](mailto:ms-outdoor-steward-trust@dfa.ms.gov)



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# MOSTF BUDGET

June 2025



MOSTF BUDGET	2022	2023	2024	'22-'24
PROJECT BUDGET	\$9,800,000.00	\$14,700,000.00	\$11,760,000.00	\$36,260,000.00
MOSTF AWARDED FUNDS	\$9,751,727.25	\$14,438,776.90	\$13,401,879.49	\$37,592,383.64
REIMBURSEMENTS PROCESSED	\$2,550,570.42	\$1,802,509.22	\$0.00	\$4,353,079.64
RETENTION WITHHELD	\$253,596.09	\$159,452.25	\$0.00	\$413,048.34
REIMBURSEMENTS REMAINING	\$6,947,560.73	\$12,476,815.43	\$13,401,879.49	\$32,826,255.65
MOSTF INTEREST ACCURED	\$168,952.89	\$734,419.29	\$1,392,760.16	\$2,296,132.34
INTEREST ALLOCATED TO PROJECTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,719,130.51	REMAINING INTEREST \$577,001.83
MATCH BUDGET				
MATCH TOTAL	\$31,464,637.13	\$29,933,012.02	\$25,346,342.16	\$86,743,991.31
MATCH CREDITED	\$3,125,189.57	\$5,871,305.74	\$0.00	\$8,996,495.31
MATCH REMAINING	\$28,339,447.56	\$24,061,706.28	\$25,346,342.16	\$77,747,496.00
ADMIN BUDGET				
ADMIN FUNDING TOTAL	\$200,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$740,000.00
ADMIN FUNDING EXPENDED	\$54,178.31	\$112,209.40	\$202,156.78	\$368,544.49
ADMIN FUNDING REMAINING	\$145,821.69	\$187,790.60	\$37,843.22	\$371,455.51
ADMIN INTEREST ACCURED	\$1,659.96	\$10,876.43	\$20,069.33	\$32,605.72



## How MOSTF awarded \$13,401,879.49 for 2024 Projects

Appropriated 12 million for FY 25

Subtract 240,000 Admin Budget

= 11,760,000.00 Project Budget

Subtract 399,600.00 for contingency fund

= 11,360,400.00 Project Budget

Add 316,995.85 from 2022-2023 remaining funds

= 11,677,395.85 Project Budget

Add 1,719,130.51 in Interest

= 13,396,526.36 Project Budget

Add 5,353.13 from projects completed under budget

= 13,401,879.49 Project Budget

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Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Approved Projects - 2022													
Project #	Magic #	Project Title	Applicant	Most Funding Total	Most Funding Reimbused	Most Funding Remaining	Retention Total	Retention Withheld	Retention Remaining	Match Total	Match Dispersed	Match Remaining	End Date
BB.007-001	3100027741	Pearl River Source Water Protection and Recreation Project, Phase 1	Wildlife Mississippi	\$2,696,471.25	\$51,169.05	\$2,639,616.75	\$269,647.13	\$5,685.45	\$263,961.68	\$16,898,862.80	\$1,104,160.74	\$15,794,702.06	10/10/2025
BB.007-002	3100000855	Miss Delta Wetlands Enhancement Projects Mahannah and Howard Miller WMAs	Ducks Unlimited	\$1,000,000.00	\$708,167.77	\$213,146.92	\$100,000.00	\$78,685.31	\$21,314.69	\$1,005,095.00	\$7,691.00	\$997,404.00	10/10/2025
BB.007-003	3100033146	Improving Wildlife Habitats STWD Collaborative Conservation Partnerships	MDWFP	\$570,000.00	\$402,012.03	\$131,275.90	\$57,000.00	\$36,712.07	\$20,287.93	\$4,515,059.00	\$753,413.68	\$3,761,645.32	10/10/2025
BB.007-004	2147601	Freedom Ridge and Purple Creek Basin Improvements	City of Ridgeland	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	5/31/2026
BB.007-005	1889260194	Sims Road River Access and Eco-Tourism	City of Hattiesburg	\$480,000.00	\$0.00	\$480,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$0.00	\$48,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$0.00	\$225,000.00	10/10/2025
BB.007-006	7002005146	Kamassa Lakeside Fish and Fellowship with Accessible Piers	Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation	\$150,000.00	\$149,999.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$108,521.92	-\$8,521.92	10/10/2025
BB.007-007	3100025022	Hwy 57 Sports Complex Walking and Birding Trail	Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain	\$126,326.00	\$63,006.35	\$56,318.94	\$12,632.60	\$7,000.71	\$5,631.89	\$114,654.83	\$130,669.99	-\$16,015.16	10/10/2025
BB.007-008	3100033146	Forest Management on State-Owned WMAs	MDWFP	\$175,000.00	\$109,836.13	\$54,870.00	\$17,500.00	\$10,293.88	\$7,206.13	\$175,000.00	\$115,680.00	\$59,320.00	10/10/2025
BB.007-009	3100027173	Noma Drive Boat Ramp Improvements	City of Diamondhead	\$250,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,252,197.50	\$255,086.50	\$997,111.00	10/10/2025
BB.007-010	3100010751	Stewardship Agreements on National Forests to Improve Forest Health-MS	The Nature Conservancy	\$327,870.00	\$92,529.08	\$225,059.91	\$32,787.00	\$10,281.01	\$22,505.99	\$655,741.00	\$202,316.72	\$453,424.28	10/10/2025
BB.007-011	3102114836	Youth Environmental Stewardship Program (YES Program)	MS Delta Nature and Learning Center	\$90,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$386,837.00	\$231,278.22	\$155,558.78	10/10/2025
BB.007-012	3100018515	Richardson Sportsplex and Outdoor Recreation Park	Town of Walnut	\$996,300.00	\$0.00	\$996,300.00	\$99,630.00	\$0.00	\$99,630.00	\$3,085,700.00	\$0.00	\$3,085,700.00	10/10/2025
BB.007-013	3100026694	Renasant Park Enhancements for Natural Resource-Based Outdoor Recreation, Environmental Education, Eco Tourism and Sustainability	City of Hernando	\$1,737,060.00	\$588,129.09	\$1,083,583.23	\$173,706.00	\$65,347.68	\$108,358.32	\$763,180.00	\$0.00	\$763,180.00	1/8/2026
BB.007-014	3102051562	Clinton Invest In The Present to Improve the Future	Clinton Community Nature Center	\$34,500.00	\$6,529.10	\$27,245.44	\$3,450.00	\$725.46	\$2,724.54	\$11,984.00	\$18,479.68	-\$6,495.68	10/10/2025
BB.007-015	3100033146	Horseshoe Lake Restoration Project	MDWFP	\$26,250.00	\$15,646.90	\$9,255.01	\$2,625.00	\$1,348.09	\$1,276.91	\$78,750.00	\$50,985.01	\$27,764.99	10/10/2025
BB.007-016	3100033146	Lake Columbia Kayak Launch	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$6,016.26	\$2,733.75	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,500.00	\$18,048.75	\$8,451.25	10/10/2025
BB.007-017	3100033146	Turcotte Shooting Facility Skeet House Construction	MDWFP	\$31,750.00	\$19,948.05	\$9,585.50	\$3,175.00	\$2,216.45	\$958.55	\$95,250.00	\$66,492.79	\$28,757.21	10/10/2025
BB.007-018	3102074991	Swamp Access & Interpretation Project at Lee Tartt Nature Preserve	Friends of Chakchiuma Swamp	\$28,950.00	\$11,700.00	\$15,950.00	\$2,895.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,595.00	\$7,076.00	\$2,722.67	\$4,353.33	10/10/2025
BB.007-019	3100033146	Holmes Co State Park Kayak Launch	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$6,770.64	\$1,979.36	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,500.00	\$20,311.94	\$6,188.06	10/10/2025
BB.007-020	3100033146	North MS Fish Hatchery Visitor Education Center Event Pond Improvements	MDWFP	\$13,750.00	\$13,109.98	\$640.02	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,250.00	\$39,329.96	\$1,920.04	10/10/2025
	Total			\$9,751,727.25	\$2,550,570.42	\$6,947,560.73	\$960,172.73	\$253,596.09	\$703,451.63	\$31,464,637.13	\$3,125,189.57	\$28,339,447.56	

MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND APPROVED PROJECTS - 2023													
Project #	Magic #	PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT	MOST FUNDING TOTAL	MOST FUNDING REIMBURSED	MOST FUNDING REMAINING	RETENTION TOTAL	RETENTION WITHHELD	RETENTION REMAINING	MATCH TOTAL	MATCH DISPURSED	MATCH REMAINING	END DATE
BB.007-021	1889260194	Gordon's Creek Linear Trail	City of Hattiesburg	\$2,246,419.00	\$0.00	\$2,246,419.00	\$224,641.90	\$0.00	\$224,641.90	\$800,000.00	\$0.00	\$800,000.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-022	3100002826	Reimagining New Albany's Park Along the River	Little Tallahatchie Riverway Conservancy	\$2,000,000.00	\$97,090.84	\$1,892,121.29	\$200,000.00	\$10,787.87	\$189,212.13	\$3,443,266.00	\$9,500.00	\$3,433,766.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-023	3100010751	Bay St. Louis Public Recreational Fishing Reef Enhancement	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,531,872.00	\$1,147,591.91	\$256,993.77	\$153,187.20	\$127,286.32	\$25,900.88	\$3,822,400.00	\$4,950,669.83	-\$1,128,269.83	4/10/2026
BB.007-024	3100013771	Tanglefoot Trail Bridge, Surface and Chickasaw Nation Signage Trail Improvements	GM&O Rails-to-Trails Recreation District-North MS	\$1,500,000.00	\$120,580.60	\$1,367,802.00	\$150,000.00	\$11,617.40	\$138,382.60	\$1,561,382.00	\$0.00	\$1,561,382.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-025	3100026273	DeSoto County Agri-Ed Centerand Arena's Walking Trail	Desoto County Board of Supervisors	\$1,021,836.00	\$0.00	\$1,021,836.00	\$102,183.60	\$0.00	\$102,183.60	\$715,159.75	\$0.00	\$715,159.75	4/10/2026
BB.007-026	3100019516	Sunflower River Walk	City of Clarksdale	\$932,877.41	\$0.00	\$932,877.41	\$93,287.74	\$0.00	\$93,287.74	\$345,619.59	\$0.00	\$345,619.59	4/10/2026
BB.007-027	3100019888	Healthy Outdoor Business, Recreation and Community Connectivity Development Project	Town of Sumrall	\$870,000.00	\$0.00	\$870,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$0.00	\$87,000.00	\$3,405,272.00	\$0.00	\$3,405,272.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-028	3100027186	Pinebelt Blueways - Glendale Avenue Boat Ramp Enhancement	Forrest County Planning Department	\$696,254.72	\$0.00	\$696,254.72	\$69,625.47	\$0.00	\$69,625.47	\$174,063.68	\$0.00	\$174,063.68	4/10/2026
BB.007-029	3100024322	Marquette Road Multi-use Path-Revised 12-15-23	City of Brandon	\$585,678.00	\$0.00	\$585,678.00	\$58,567.80	\$0.00	\$58,567.80	\$957,750.00	\$0.00	\$957,750.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-030	3100027173	Noma Drive Walking Trail	City of Diamondhead	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$5,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,500,000.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-031	3100027741	Jordan and Logtown Natural Area Conservation	Wildlife Mississippi	\$447,815.00	\$29,731.28	\$414,780.24	\$44,781.50	\$3,303.48	\$41,478.02	\$4,432,845.00	\$17,100.00	\$4,415,745.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-032	3100015895	Matthews Branch Sidewalk Improvements	City of Petal	\$261,890.00	\$0.00	\$261,890.00	\$26,189.00	\$0.00	\$26,189.00	\$1,047,560.00	\$0.00	\$1,047,560.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-033	3100033146	Pearl River WMA Wetland Habitat Enhancement	MDWFP	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-034	3100033146	Clarkco State Park NICA Trails	MDWFP	\$220,800.00	\$0.00	\$220,800.00	\$22,080.00	\$0.00	\$22,080.00	\$220,800.00	\$0.00	\$220,800.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-035	3100033146	Roosevelt State Park NICA Trails	MDWFP	\$220,800.00	\$0.00	\$220,800.00	\$22,080.00	\$0.00	\$22,080.00	\$220,800.00	\$0.00	\$220,800.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-036	3100010751	Lower MS River Side Channel Reconnection Restoration	The Nature Conservancy	\$204,524.00	\$0.00	\$204,524.00	\$20,452.40	\$0.00	\$20,452.40	\$308,000.00	\$0.00	\$308,000.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-037	7002005146	Camp Kamassa-Outdoor Recreation Field and Nature Observation Area	Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation	\$200,000.00	\$189,400.00	\$10,600.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$153,000.00	\$153,000.00	\$0.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-038	3100015935	Flowood Nature Park-Walking Trail	City of Flowood	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$645,438.92	-\$485,438.92	4/10/2026
BB.007-039	3100023029	BSL Bayou LaCroix Boat Launch Phase 2	City of Bay St. Louis	\$150,000.00	\$5,062.50	\$144,375.00	\$15,000.00	\$562.50	\$14,437.50	\$1,226,264.00	\$0.00	\$1,226,264.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-040	3100013449	The Mississippi Wild Turkey Initiative, Phase 1: Rehabilitating Riparian Hardwoods	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$110,000.00	\$0.00	\$110,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$137,750.00	\$0.00	\$137,750.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-041	3100024329	Fannin Landing Multi-use Path Extension	PRVWSD	\$99,100.00	\$0.00	\$99,100.00	\$9,910.00	\$0.00	\$9,910.00	\$145,550.00	\$0.00	\$145,550.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-042	3100033146	Mclvor Shooting Facility Pavillion	MDWFP	\$65,190.00	\$0.00	\$65,190.00	\$6,519.00	\$0.00	\$6,519.00	\$586,710.00	\$0.00	\$586,710.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-043	3102034037	Mississippi Landscape Management Plan	MS Forestry Foundation	\$50,000.00	\$20,250.00	\$27,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,750.00	\$96,820.00	\$55,267.00	\$41,553.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-044	3100035366	Aquatic Passage: Enhancing Waterfront Access through Floating Docks	City of Eupora	\$27,220.77	\$24,498.69	\$0.00	\$2,722.08	\$2,722.08	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$12,651.99	-\$3,651.99	4/10/2026
BB.007-045	3100011808	Foundation for MWFP Shooting Sports Scholarships Program	Foundation for MWFP	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-046	3100033146	Spring Lake Restoration Project-Wall Doxey SP	MDWFP	\$10,000.00	\$8,303.40	\$774.00	\$1,000.00	\$922.60	\$77.40	\$30,000.00	\$27,678.00	\$2,322.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-047	3100033146	ADA Kayak Launch Roosevelt State Park	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	\$8,750.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$26,500.00	\$0.00	\$26,500.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-048	3100033146	ADA Kayak Launch Percy Quin State Park	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	\$8,750.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$26,500.00	\$0.00	\$26,500.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-049	3100033146	ADA Kayak Launch Paul B Johnson State Park	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	\$8,750.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$26,500.00	\$0.00	\$26,500.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-050	3100033146	ADA Kayak Launch Trace State Park	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	\$8,750.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$26,500.00	\$0.00	\$26,500.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-051	3100033146	Lake Monroe Kayak Launch	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	\$8,750.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$26,500.00	\$0.00	\$26,500.00	4/10/2026
BB.007-052	3100033146	Lake Perry Kayak Launch	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	\$8,750.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$26,500.00	\$0.00	\$26,500.00	4/10/2026
			Total	\$14,438,776.90	\$1,802,509.22	\$12,476,815.43	\$1,443,877.69	\$159,452.25	\$1,264,425.44	\$29,933,012.02	\$5,871,305.74	\$24,061,706.28	

Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Approved Projects - 2024												
Project #	Project Title	Applicant	Most Funding Total	Most Funding Reimbused	Most Funding Remaining	Retention Total	Retention Withheld	Retention Remaining	Match Total	Match Dispersed	Match Remaining	End Date
BB.007-053	Protecting Riverine Habitat, Military Readiness, and Improving Recreation on Lands and Waters in Mississippi	Wildlife Mississippi	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-054	Enhancing Waterfowl Habitat in the Mississippi Delta	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-055	Landscape-Scale Forest Management Anchored Around Four Wildlife Management Areas in the Mississippi Delta	Wildlife Mississippi	\$408,000.00	\$0.00	\$408,000.00	\$40,800.00	\$0.00	\$40,800.00	\$870,000.00	\$0.00	\$870,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-056	Reducing the Land Management Gap in North Mississippi: Initiation of a Multi-Partner Habitat Specialist Crew	MDWFP	\$266,151.00	\$0.00	\$266,151.00	\$26,615.10	\$0.00	\$26,615.10	\$798,449.00	\$0.00	\$798,449.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-057	Enhancing Habitat on MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas through Partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation	MDWFP	\$210,150.00	\$0.00	\$210,150.00	\$21,015.00	\$0.00	\$21,015.00	\$184,900.00	\$0.00	\$184,900.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-058	Bridge for Better Bottomland Access on Yockanookany Wildlife Management Area	MDWFP	\$56,250.00	\$0.00	\$56,250.00	\$5,625.00	\$0.00	\$5,625.00	\$168,750.00	\$0.00	\$168,750.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-059	Wells for Waterfowl at Trim Cane Wildlife Management Area	MDWFP	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-060	Long Beach Urban Forest Restoration	Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain	\$141,625.00	\$0.00	\$141,625.00	\$14,162.50	\$0.00	\$14,162.50	\$1,900,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,900,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-061	Museum Trail Levee Repair and Erosion Control	MDWFP	\$65,750.00	\$0.00	\$65,750.00	\$6,575.00	\$0.00	\$6,575.00	\$263,000.00	\$0.00	\$263,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-062	Educational Outreach Pavilion and Deer Interaction Pen	Mississippi State University	\$749,000.00	\$0.00	\$749,000.00	\$74,900.00	\$0.00	\$74,900.00	\$1,012,394.00	\$0.00	\$1,012,394.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-063	Ulman Ave Beach Access ADA Low-Level Pier	City of Bay St Lous	\$499,270.00	\$0.00	\$499,270.00	\$49,927.00	\$0.00	\$49,927.00	\$1,790,472.50	\$0.00	\$1,790,472.50	4/10/2025
BB.007-064	Mobile 5-Stand Skeet Trailer	MDWFP	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$135,000.00	\$0.00	\$135,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-065	Lake Calling Panther Nature Trail Improvement	MDWFP	\$11,300.00	\$0.00	\$11,300.00	\$1,130.00	\$0.00	\$1,130.00	\$45,200.00	\$0.00	\$45,200.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-066	Terrene Landing River Park Project	Bolivar County Board of Supervisors	\$2,523,375.49	\$0.00	\$2,523,375.49	\$252,337.55	\$0.00	\$252,337.55	\$3,914,177.30	\$0.00	\$3,914,177.30	4/10/2025
BB.007-067	Wildlife Restoration on Mississippi's Public Lands	The Nature Conservancy	\$183,982.00	\$0.00	\$183,982.00	\$18,398.20	\$0.00	\$18,398.20	\$187,847.36	\$0.00	\$187,847.36	4/10/2025
BB.007-068	Quarry Trails Improvements Project	City of Brandon	\$392,925.00	\$0.00	\$392,925.00	\$39,292.50	\$0.00	\$39,292.50	\$392,925.00	\$0.00	\$392,925.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-069	Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge Long Branch Floating Boat Launch	Delta Wildlife Inc.	\$45,567.00	\$0.00	\$45,567.00	\$4,556.70	\$0.00	\$4,556.70	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$32,500.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-070	Wild Pig Trapping Partnership	MDWFP	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-071	Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge (Wilkins Tract) Wetlands Restoration Project	Delta Wildlife Inc.	\$136,356.00	\$0.00	\$136,356.00	\$13,635.60	\$0.00	\$13,635.60	\$37,690.00	\$0.00	\$37,690.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-072	Mississippi Arboreta Trail (MAT)	Mississippi Urban Forest Council	\$365,050.00	\$0.00	\$365,050.00	\$36,505.00	\$0.00	\$36,505.00	\$235,000.00	\$0.00	\$235,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-073	Church House Creek Elevated Boardwalk	City of Wiggins	\$312,500.00	\$0.00	\$312,500.00	\$31,250.00	\$0.00	\$31,250.00	\$1,250,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,250,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-074	Waveland Waterfront Improvements	City of Waveland	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-075	River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Leaf River Overlook	Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan	\$674,638.00	\$0.00	\$674,638.00	\$67,463.80	\$0.00	\$67,463.80	\$550,000.00	\$0.00	\$550,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-076	McHenry Shooting Range - Skeet House Construction	MDWFP	\$29,550.00	\$0.00	\$29,550.00	\$2,955.00	\$0.00	\$2,955.00	\$88,650.00	\$0.00	\$88,650.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-077	Strawberry Plains Habitat Restoration	Audubon Society	\$87,440.00	\$0.00	\$87,440.00	\$8,744.00	\$0.00	\$8,744.00	\$97,752.00	\$0.00	\$97,752.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-078	Creating A Citywide Nature Based Model for Living with Outdoor Activities	City of Clinton	\$878,000.00	\$0.00	\$878,000.00	\$87,800.00	\$0.00	\$87,800.00	\$696,000.00	\$0.00	\$696,000.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-079	Vicksburg Riverfront Park Development	Warren County Board of Supervisors	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$1,545,635.00	\$0.00	\$1,545,635.00	4/10/2025
BB.007-080	Enhancing Lefleur's Bluff State Park Amenities	MDWFP	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	4/10/2025
Total			\$13,401,879.49	\$0.00	\$13,401,879.49	\$1,340,187.95	\$0.00	\$1,340,187.95	\$25,346,342.16	\$0.00	\$25,346,342.16	

# MOSTF 2022 APPROPRIATIONS

## AWARDED PROJECTS



PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT	MOSTF AWARDED \$	APPLICANT MATCH \$	PROJECT TOTAL
Pearl River Source Water Protection and Recreation Project, Phase 1	Wildlife Mississippi	\$2,696,471.25	\$16,898,862.80	\$19,595,334.05
Miss Delta Wetlands Enhancement Projects Mahannah and Howard Miller WMAs	Ducks Unlimited	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,005,095.00	\$2,005,095.00
Improving Wildlife Habitats STWD Collaborative Conservation Partnerships	MDWFP	\$570,000.00	\$4,515,059.00	\$5,085,059.00
Freedom Ridge and Purple Creek Basin Improvements	City of Ridgeland	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Sims Road River Access and Eco-Tourism	City of Hattiesburg	\$480,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$705,000.00
Kamassa Lakeside Fish and Fellowship with Accessible Piers	Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$250,000.00
Hwy 57 Sports Complex Walking and Birding Trail	Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain	\$126,326.00	\$114,654.83	\$240,980.83
Forest Management on State-Owned WMAs	MDWFP	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$350,000.00
Noma Drive Boat Ramp Improvements	City of Diamondhead	\$250,000.00	\$1,252,197.50	\$1,502,197.50
Stewardship Agreements on National Forests to Improve Forest Health-MS	The Nature Conservancy	\$327,870.00	\$655,741.00	\$983,611.00
Youth Environmental Stewardship Program (YES Program)	MS Delta Nature and Learning Center	\$90,000.00	\$386,837.00	\$476,837.00
Richardson Sportsplex and Outdoor Recreation Park	Town of Walnut	\$996,300.00	\$3,085,700.00	\$4,082,000.00
Renasant Park Enhancements for Natural Resource-Based Outdoor Recreation, Environmental Education, Eco Tourism and Sustainability	City of Hernando	\$1,737,060.00	\$763,180.00	\$2,500,240.00
Clinton Invest In The Present to Improve the Future	Clinton Community Nature Center	\$34,500.00	\$11,984.00	\$46,484.00
Horseshoe Lake Restoration Project	MDWFP	\$26,250.00	\$78,750.00	\$105,000.00
Lake Columbia Kayak Launch	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$26,500.00	\$35,250.00
Turcotte Shooting Facility Skeet House Construction	MDWFP	\$31,750.00	\$95,250.00	\$127,000.00
Swamp Access & Interpretation Project at Lee Tartt Nature Preserve	Friends of Chakchiuma Swamp	\$28,950.00	\$7,076.00	\$36,026.00
Holmes Co State Park Kayak Launch	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$26,500.00	\$35,250.00
North MS Fish Hatchery Visitor Education Center Event Pond Improvements	MDWFP	\$13,750.00	\$41,250.00	\$55,000.00
TOTALS		\$9,751,727.25	\$31,464,637.13	\$41,216,364.38

## **MOSTF Projects Narratives – 2022 Appropriations**

1. **Pearl River Source Water Protection and Recreation Project, Phase 1 (\$2,696,471)** – This project will allow Wildlife Mississippi to leverage more than \$16 million in federal and private funding already committed to the Fannye Cook Natural Area near Flowood, Mississippi. This project will place 4,630 acres in permanent conservation easement and place 800 acres in a 30-year conservation agreement with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Enhancements include, native longleaf pine habitat restoration, establishing permanent wildlife openings, construction of a new boat ramp on the upper Pearl River in Leake County, construction of 7.1 miles of roads, 24 miles of nature trails, bridge construction, and adding benches, trail markers, and parking areas. A maintenance facility and a Conservation Education Complex will be constructed. Protection of this property will provide and protect crucial flood storage capacity below the Ross Barnett Reservoir spillway. Fannye Cook Natural Area is the largest protected natural area in the Jackson Metropolitan Area and located between the Ross Barnett Reservoir and Lakeland Drive in Flowood, MS.
2. **Mississippi Delta Wetlands Enhancement Projects (\$1,000,000)** – In collaboration with Ducks Unlimited, this project will restore and enhance important wetland habitats in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley with a focus on 4,200 acres of public lands within the Mahannah and Howard Miller Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). This project will renovate existing waterfowl impoundment levees, replace water control structures, improve drainage, convert water well structures, and provide gravel road and levee access. Ducks Unlimited has secured over \$1 million in matching funds.
3. **Improving Wildlife Habitats Statewide Collaborative Conservation Partnerships (\$570,000)** – This statewide project of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) will enhance over 100,000 acres of wetlands, prairies, uplands, and piney woods that are essential for dozens of Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), while simultaneously bolstering populations of game animals cherished and shared by hundreds of thousands of Mississippians. The project will provide cost-share reimbursement for private landowners conducting prescribed fire, controlling undesirable invasive plants or woody brush, and establishing hydrology conducive to shallow-water management. These private lands projects will be provided federal, state, and non-governmental guidance with a diverse set of interests and skills relevant to outdoor recreation in Mississippi. Further, the project will increase public awareness of prescribed fire and invasive species management through educational workshops, trainings for professional fire practitioners, and by supporting existing projects intended to create landowner led prescribed burn associations.
4. **Freedom Ridge and Purple Creek Basin Improvements (\$1,000,000)** – This project will assist the City of Ridgeland to expand outdoor recreational opportunities at Freedom Ridge Park and improve the hydraulic capacity of the Purple Creek basin, which will resolve major flooding, reduce erosion and siltation, preserve the streambank in the immediate area, as well as areas of Ridgeland, Madison County, Jackson, and Hinds County. The project will expand outdoor recreational opportunities at the park by adding fishing areas, wildlife observation and bird watching, wildlife and habitat education, and hiking/walking trails with observation decks, benches, and educational signage along the trails. There are \$2 million in matching federal funds secured in this project.
5. **Sims Road River Access and Eco-Tourism (\$480,000)** – This project will establish new public waterway access and a 9.6-mile boating route on the Leaf River in Hattiesburg by constructing a new boatramp. This project will enhance outdoor activities in the area such as freshwater fishing, wildlife viewing, bird watching, kayaking, and canoeing. This project is assisted by \$225,000 in matching city tourism and revenue tax funds.
6. **Kamassa Lakeside Fish and Fellowship with Accessible Piers (\$150,000)** – This project will improve recreation and fishing opportunity access for handicapped children and adults of Mississippi at Camp Kamassa in Crystal Springs. Camp Kamassa is a facility operated by Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation for the purpose of providing recreational and educational outdoor opportunities for children and adults with special needs. The project will construct special fishing access piers and a canoe dock specially designed for handicap and special needs children and adults. Camp Kamassa hosts over 2,500 guests annually. Additional matching funding of \$100,000 is provided for this project by the Kelly Gene Cook Foundation.
7. **Hwy 57 Sports Complex Walking and Birding Trail (\$126,326)** – This project will construct a walking path through a unique pine savannah wetland habitat critical to many wildlife species including the endangered Mississippi Sandhill Crane on a 80 acre site in Ocean Springs owned and protected by

the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain. The site is surrounded by the Hwy 57 Sports Complex which also serves as the trailhead in accordance with the Jackson County Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan. This project is matched with \$114,654 in funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Coastal Programs Grant.

8. **Forest Management on State-Owned WMAs (\$175,000)** – This statewide project will fund a forest habitat inventory analysis and database on 140,000 acres of state-owned WMAs for the MDWFP. The inventory will be used to prioritize areas on WMAs in greatest need of management, to improve forest health and habitat for wildlife, and identify locations of invasive plant and tree species. There are \$4.5 million in federal matching funds applicable to this project.
9. **Noma Drive Boat Ramp Improvements (\$250,000)** – This project will construct a boardwalk at Noma Drive in Diamondhead, Mississippi to protect and preserve the marshland shoreline, and reduce erosion while providing low-impact foot access for hiking, walking, fishing, bird watching, and other activities. This project will include a 1,350 foot boardwalk and three double-decker nature observatories to enhance access to the 11-mile Rotten Bayou Blueway. There are over \$1.2 million in matching Tideland Grant funds associated with this project.
10. **Stewardship Agreements on National Forests to Improve Forest Health-MS (\$327,870)** – This project will provide funding for the Nature Conservancy to assist the Stewardship Partnership on Mississippi National Forests to protect both public and private forest lands and water, to improve forest health, to protect critical Red-cockaded woodpecker habitats, and ensure an improved outdoor recreational experience for National Forest visitors in Mississippi. Partnership activities include, timber harvests, timber releases, reforestation, timber thinning, site preparation, treatment of invasive terrestrial and aquatic species, liming and fertilization. Over \$655,000 in matching funds are provided through the US Forest Service, Entergy, and The Nature Conservancy.
11. **Youth Environmental Stewardship Program (YES Program) (\$90,000)** – This project will assist the Mississippi Delta Nature and Learning Center (MDNLC) to fund the construction of a 1-mile nature walking trail within the 14-acre MDNLC Outdoor Children's Garden in Leland, Mississippi. Additionally, this project funds training for 19 AmeriCorps members who will receive training in environmental stewardship by providing creative, educational outdoor spaces for children and their families, job training for youth and adults, and community recreation for people living in and visiting the Mississippi Delta by focusing on regenerative practices. There are \$386,837 in matching source funds associated with this project.
12. **Richardson Sportsplex and Outdoor Recreation Park (\$996,300)** – This project will enhance existing park construction by funding a 1-mile walking trail and an outdoor archery facility within the 42-acre Richardson Sportsplex and Outdoor Recreation Center in the Town of Walnut. There are over \$3 million in matching funds assisting this project from the Town of Walnut.
13. **Renasant Park Enhancements for Natural Resource-Based Outdoor Recreation, Environmental Education, Eco Tourism and Sustainability (\$1,737,060)** – This project will provide enhancements for Renasant Park in Hernando for natural resource-based recreation, environmental education, eco-tourism and sustainability by funding multi-use trails, natural spaces, disc golf, a 2,000 square foot open air pavilion with event area, 3.5 acre native grass/wildflower meadow, restrooms, native tree planting, removal of invasive species, and lighting and parking. The City of Hernando is providing \$763,180 in matching funds for this project.
14. **Invest in the Present to Improve the Future (\$34,500)** – This project will assist the Clinton Community Nature Center (CCNC) to conduct a natural resources assessment in the effort to secure a conservation easement for the 32-acre nature education center. Additionally, funding will provide repairs to the center's water well source and pump. The CCNC will utilize over \$11,000 in in-kind funds to complete this project.
15. **Horseshoe Lake Restoration Project (\$26,250)** – This project will assist the MDWFP in restoring public access and recreation opportunities at the 800-acre Horseshoe Lake in Holmes County by controlling more than 500 acres of invasive nonnative aquatic plants (Water hyacinth) with application of approved herbicides. Over \$78,000 in federal USFWS Sport Fish Restoration Funds will assist this project.
16. **Lake Columbia Kayak Launch (\$8,700)** – This project will assist the MDWFP in constructing a floating kayak launching area at Lake Columbia in Marion County. Over \$26,000 in federal USFWS Sport Fish Restoration Funds will assist this project.
17. **Turcotte Shooting Facility Skeet House Construction (\$31,750)** – This project will provide restoration and enhancement of the existing skeet shooting house at the Turcotte Shooting Facility operated by

the MDWFP in Madison County near the Ross Barnett Reservoir. Over 7,300 shooting enthusiasts visit the facility annually and is used to host dozens of shooting events, hunter education classes, and statewide youth shooting sports tournaments. Over \$95,000 in federal USFWS Sport Fish Restoration Funds will assist this project.

18. **Swamp Access & Interpretation Project at Lee Tartt Nature Preserve (\$28,950.00)** – This project will fund construction of a boardwalk leading to an existing observation deck overlooking a cypress lake at Lee Tartt Nature Preserve in Grenada County. Additionally, replace and construct a new observation deck and provide new educational signage for the nature preserve. Chakchiuma Swamp is a protected natural area, wildlife corridor, and outdoor classroom accessible to everyone. The area is visited by over 2,500 visitors per year, primarily as an outdoor classroom. The Friends of Chakchiuma Swamp organization are providing over \$7,000 in matching funds to complete the project.
19. **Holmes Co State Park Kayak Launch (\$8,700)** – This project will assist the MDWFP in constructing a floating kayak launching area at Holmes County State Park in Holmes County. Over \$26,000 in federal USFWS Sport Fish Restoration Funds will assist this project.
20. **North MS Fish Hatchery Visitor Education Center Event Pond Improvements (\$13,750)** – This project will provide construction of new facilities at the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery Visitor Education Center in Sardis, Mississippi that will provide access for handicap and special needs participants at the special events fishing pond. Additionally, funding will provide improved erosion control along the shoreline. Over \$41,000 in federal USFWS Sport Fish Restoration Funds will assist this project.

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## AWARDED PROJECTS



PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT	MOSTF AWARDED \$	APPLICANT MATCH \$	PROJECT TOTAL
Gordon's Creek Linear Trail	City of Hattiesburg	\$2,246,419.00	\$800,000.00	\$3,046,419.00
Reimagining New Albany's Park Along the River	Little Tallahatchie Riverway Conservancy	\$2,000,000.00	\$3,443,266.00	\$5,443,266.00
Bay St. Louis Public Recreational Fishing Reef Enhancement	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,531,872.00	\$3,822,400.00	\$5,354,272.00
Tanglefoot Trail Bridge, Surface and Chickasaw Nation Signage Trail Improvements	GM&O Rails-to-Trails Recreation District-North MS	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,561,382.00	\$3,061,382.00
DeSoto County Agri-Ed Center and Arena's Walking Trail	Desoto County Board of Supervisors	\$1,021,836.00	\$715,159.75	\$1,736,995.75
Sunflower River Walk	City of Clarksdale	\$932,877.41	\$345,619.59	\$1,278,497.00
Healthy Outdoor Business, Recreation and Community Connectivity Development Project	Town of Sumrall	\$870,000.00	\$3,405,272.00	\$4,275,272.00
Pinebelt Blueways - Glendale Avenue Boat Ramp Enhancement	Forrest County Planning Department	\$696,254.72	\$174,063.68	\$870,318.40
Marquette Road Multi-use Path-Revised 12-15-23	City of Brandon	\$585,678.00	\$957,750.00	\$1,543,428.00
Noma Drive Walking Trail	City of Diamondhead	\$500,000.00	\$5,500,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
Jordan and Logtown Natural Area Conservation	Wildlife Mississippi	\$447,815.00	\$4,432,845.00	\$4,880,660.00
Matthews Branch Sidewalk Improvements	City of Petal	\$261,890.00	\$1,047,560.00	\$1,309,450.00
Pearl River WMA Wetland Habitat Enhancement	MDWFP	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00
Clarkco State Park NICA Trails	MDWFP	\$220,800.00	\$220,800.00	\$441,600.00
Roosevelt State Park NICA Trails	MDWFP	\$220,800.00	\$220,800.00	\$441,600.00
Lower MS River Side Channel Reconnection Restoration	The Nature Conservancy	\$204,524.00	\$308,000.00	\$512,524.00
Camp Kamassa-Outdoor Recreation Field and Nature Observation Area	Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation	\$200,000.00	\$153,000.00	\$353,000.00
Flowood Nature Park-Walking Trail	City of Flowood	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$320,000.00
BSL Bayou LaCroix Boat Launch Phase 2	City of Bay St. Louis	\$150,000.00	\$1,226,264.00	\$1,376,264.00
The Mississippi Wild Turkey Initiative, Phase 1: Rehabilitating Riparian Hardwoods	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$110,000.00	\$137,750.00	\$247,750.00
Fannin Landing Multi-use Path Extension	PRVWSD	\$99,100.00	\$145,550.00	\$244,650.00
Mclvor Shooting Facility Pavillion	MDWFP	\$65,190.00	\$586,710.00	\$651,900.00
Mississippi Landscape Management Plan	MS Forestry Foundation	\$50,000.00	\$96,820.00	\$146,820.00
Aquatic Passage: Enhancing Waterfront Access through Floating Docks	City of Eupora	\$27,220.77	\$9,000.00	\$36,220.77
Foundation for MWFP Shooting Sports Scholarships Program	Foundation for MWFP	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$48,000.00
Spring Lake Restoration Project-Wall Doxey SP	MDWFP	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$40,000.00
ADA Kayak Launch Roosevelt State Park	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$26,500.00	\$35,250.00
ADA Kayak Launch Percy Quin State Park	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$26,500.00	\$35,250.00
ADA Kayak Launch Paul B Johnson State Park	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$26,500.00	\$35,250.00
ADA Kayak Launch Trace State Park	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$26,500.00	\$35,250.00
Lake Monroe Kayak Launch	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$26,500.00	\$35,250.00
Lake Perry Kayak Launch	MDWFP	\$8,750.00	\$26,500.00	\$35,250.00
TOTALS		\$14,438,776.90	\$29,933,012.02	\$41,325,369.92



## **MOSTF Projects Narratives List -2023 Appropriations**

1. **Gordon's Creek Linear Trail (\$2,246,419.00)** - This project will assist the City of Hattiesburg in the development of the River District of Gordon's Creek Linear Park and connect the Longleaf Trace to the Chain Park. As part of a four-phase project for Gordon's Creek, this phase will offer residents and visitors exposure to outdoor amenities, which include: an 8-ft pathway along the creek for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchairs, a pedestrian bridge over Gordon's Creek that connects the Longleaf Trace and Chain Park, re-use of an old railroad bridge, art node detailing the Native American history of Southeast Mississippi, a native bamboo grove, a landing where people can access the creek, and an overlook and outdoor classroom, looking across the Leaf River. The other three phases of the project are already in process, and the City of Hattiesburg has committed \$800,000 of local funds to ensure the completion of this project.
2. **Reimagining New Albany's Park Along the River (\$2,000,000.00)** – Funding will assist the Little Tallahatchie Riverway Conservancy to partner with the City of New Albany within the boundaries of Park Along the River to construct a nature-themed playground with discovery educational and activities for children and adults of all ages and abilities. Construct new riverside access points for kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and fishing. Construct observations points for birdwatching and wildlife viewing. Historical point of interest signage with emphasis on Native American history in the local area soil/water conservation, wildlife/plant biodiversity and tree identification.
3. **Bay St. Louis Public Recreational Fishing Reef Enhancement (\$1,531,872.00)** – This project administered by The Nature Conservancy will add up to 5 acres of reef to the Tony Trapani Reef, located in waters that are closed to oyster harvest due to its water classification of “prohibited”. This reef would serve to enhance recreational fishing opportunities by adding additional near shore area for recreationally important fishes. Additionally, this reef would add oyster brood stock Mississippi sound, benefiting the commercial oyster industry. This project would include adding vertical height (up to 16 inches) to improve oyster reef resilience against low dissolved oxygen events and increase surface area available for oyster colonization. Completion of a combined 30-acre oyster reef project area, would be the second largest subtidal oyster reef restoration project completed in Mississippi for natural and recreational benefits. Further this would be the on average tallest oyster reef in the state adding much needed resilience to low dissolved oxygen events.
4. **Tanglefoot Trail Bridge, Surface, and Chickasaw Nation Signage Trail Improvements (\$1,500,000.00)** – This project will assist the GM&O Rails-to-Trails Recreation District-North MS to make upgrades to the Tanglefoot Trail in Union, Pontotoc, and Chickasaw Counties. The Tanglefoot Trail is a National Recreational Trail, as designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and the National Park Service, which recognizes exemplary trails of local and regional significance. Components include surface upgrades to 43.6 miles of paved trails, replacing timber railings and bridge decking with synthetic materials to maximize extended life, and design and installation of signage along the entire 44-mile District trail right-of-way which will illustrate and convey the history, culture, and historic events and personalities of the Chickasaw, as developed in collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation today.
5. **DeSoto County Agri-Educational Center and Arena's Walking Trail (\$1,021,836.00)** – Funding will assist the Desoto County Board of Supervisors to construct a multi-use trail spanning 0.8 miles. An expansive scope of work includes a pond restoration, preservation of vegetation and stream buffers in addition to the installation of a boardwalk to heighten visitor experience and overall enjoyment of the trail's protected wildlife and recreational space. The walking trail is within 200 county-owned acres and bordered by a recreational grassy area and recreational ball fields. The trail itself will provide a restored fully stocked pond, boardwalk with observation and will be aligned with benches as well as signage of the scientific and Native American names for plant and animal species. On-site partnerships with Northwest Mississippi Community College and Mississippi State University 4H Extension have committed to including the trail as a critical component of regularly scheduled curriculum that will afford students the ability of live, hands-on experience.
6. **Sunflower River Walk (\$932,877.41)** – Funding will assist the City of Clarksdale in construction of an ADA-compliant 6,000 linear foot pathway loop along the banks of the Sunflower River in Downtown Clarksdale. When complete, the Sunflower River Walk loop will connect the American Legion Soldiers Field/Oak Grove at the north end, to the pedestrian crossing of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Boulevard bridge and meadow park at the south end, linking existing parks and recreational facilities and incorporating existing natural and historical features along the way. The project will also provide

safe, riverside path access to additional neighborhoods - at Madison Avenue, South Sunflower Avenue, Third Street downtown, and North Sunflower Avenue - that currently are without direct access.

7. **Healthy Outdoor Business, Recreation and Community Connectivity Development Project (\$870,000.00)** - The Town of Sumrall seeks to leverage the nationally recognized Longleaf Trace recreation path, which traverses the Town, as a backbone of connectivity for all residents. The initial project, funded in part by a US Congressional Appropriation through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, provides for the acquisition of properties, construction of sidewalks along existing developed roads and public facilities in the downtown corridor. To connect the two halves of town bisected by the Longleaf Trace, the initial project has provided acquisition of the Mill Creek Hardwood Bottom, a natural area the Town seeks to restore. MOSTF Funds will be used to enhance and protect the historic area and expand usage through the removal of invasive species, restoration of natural vegetation, construction of a multipurpose trail, public use comfort stations, environmental education center, amphitheater and public fishing facilities while recognizing the role of Mill Creek and the Trace in the local history.
8. **Pinebelt Blueway's - Glendale Avenue Boat Ramp Enhancement (\$696,254.72)** – Funding will assist the Forrest County Board of supervisors to improve public water access to the Bouie River. Funding would assist with the acquisition and development of the Glendale Road boat ramp, which encompasses some of the Delta Industries property. This location is a critical output site that would allow for a 7.8-mile route called the Lower Bouie Route, where the input site at Highway 42 near Chain Park. The Glendale Road improvements would include reconstructing the ramp at a standard slope range, installing a timed gate for security purposes, increasing onsite lighting, adding concrete steps to the sandy beach, vehicle and trailer parking, boat and kayak launches designed for fluctuating water levels, and ADA-accessible path to the water, security cameras, increased lighting poles, and a cleared landing for anglers. The improvements are connecting an active route for tourism and community development.
9. **Marquette Road Multi-use Path (\$585,678.00)** – Funding will assist the City of Brandon to construct approximately one mile of new multi-use path along Marquette Road, providing pedestrian and bike access connectivity to the recreational opportunities in the area, which include the Brandon Amphitheater, Quarry Ballpark, and the Quarry Park Trails. The trail system provides residents and visitors with outdoor recreational activities including cycling, wildlife watching, bird watching, walking, hiking, and the enjoyment of outdoor scenery with multiple water features. This project will provide greater exposure and access to those recreational resources and any future outdoor recreational opportunities which may be developed on additional lands owned by the City of Brandon in the area.
10. **Noma Drive Walking Trail (\$500,000.00)** - This project for the City of Diamondhead is for a four-mile nature trail that will include both trails, pedestrian bridges, and deck walks to connect Noma Drive Boat Launch to Montjoy Creek Kayak Launch. The project will provide access points for hiking, jogging, birding, and photography. The combination of trails, pedestrian bridges, and deck walks will provide additional access to Rotten Bayou. Much of the planning and engineering for this project is being completed by a Tidelands grant already awarded to the city. Additional design, permitting and construction will be funded by a RESTORE grant and the MOSTF.
11. **Jordan and Logtown Natural Area Conservation (\$447,815.00)** – This project will allow Wildlife Mississippi and the Mississippi Land Trust to leverage almost \$4.5 million in federal and private funding already committed to the project to permanently conserve, better manage, and enhance public access at the Logtown Natural Area and Mill site in Hancock County and the Jordan Natural Area in Jackson County. It will place 712 acres of high quality longleaf pine grassland and associated habitats under an NRCS Agricultural Land Easement as a Grassland of Special Environmental Concern, place 487 acres of bottomland hardwoods and historic lumber mill site under permanent conservation with a USFS Forest Legacy Easement, restore 1,000 acres of off-site loblolly pine, slash pine, and/or exotic pasture grasses to longleaf pine in Jackson, Hancock, and Pearl River Counties, install a living shoreline to protect important historic resources from erosion at an active boat ramp, implement initial trail work to extend Possumwalk Trail further into the historic Logtown Community, enhance and secure the artesian well at Logtown to benefit humans, wildlife, and water quality, construct a pavilion and pier to provide infrastructure for public use, enhance property boundary security, repair roads and firebreaks with low water crossing technology to reduce

erosion and increase wet weather access, and acquire equipment to enable better forestry, wildlife, and natural resource management.

12. **Matthews Branch Sidewalk Improvements (\$261,890.00)** – Funding will assist the City of Petal in constructing sidewalks for safe movement of pedestrians among points of interest in an area of heavy vehicular traffic. The addition and design will encourage exercise, cycling, and future community development.
13. **Pearl River Wildlife Management Area Wetland Habitat Enhancement (\$250,000.00)** – This project will provide funding for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to replace flood control pump motors, pipe infrastructure, and water level control structures. These repairs are needed to restore functionality of bottomland hardwood flooding protection and the waterfowl habitat management system for 235 acres of wetlands critical to waterfowl, wading birds, migratory birds, and wetland dependent wildlife. Additionally, functional flood control will help protect assets and public use of the Turcotte Shooting Facility.
14. **Clarkco State Park NICA Trails (\$220,800.00)** – Funding will assist the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks in developing a progressive trail network that offers beginner to advanced-level mountain biking as well as pedestrian opportunities. With the recent addition of Mississippi to the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA), Clarkco State Park is ideally equipped and situated to host NICA racing events. As purpose-built trails are developed and mileage increases, so will visitation from residents, visitors, and regional trail users. The trails will be bike-optimized with careful consideration for hikers and runners to be sure their needs will also be met. This is a broad concept plan; specific trail design will be a coordinated effort between local stakeholders and professional trail builders.
15. **Roosevelt State Park NICA Trails (\$220,800.00)** – Funding will assist the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks in developing a progressive trail network that offers beginner to advanced-level mountain biking as well as pedestrian opportunities. With the recent addition of Mississippi to the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA), Roosevelt State Park is ideally equipped and situated to host NICA racing events. As purpose-built trails are developed and mileage increases, so will visitation from residents, visitors, and regional trail users. The trails will be bike-optimized with careful consideration for hikers and runners to be sure their needs will also be met. This is a broad concept plan; specific trail design will be a coordinated effort between local stakeholders and professional trail builders.
16. **Lower Mississippi River Side Channel Reconnection and Restoration (\$204,524.00)** – This project will allow The Nature Conservancy to partner with the Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee, Mississippi River Trust, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers to construct and modify environmental restoration features on various rock dikes located on the Mississippi River in Jefferson, Adams, and Washington Counties. The installed and modified dike notches will restore flow and public access opportunities through approximately 7.5 miles of degraded secondary channel, facilitate ingress and egress by fish species to critical extra channel habitat, improve water quality during all but the lowest river stages, increase both recreational and commercial fishing opportunities, as well as, waterfowl and alligator hunting, kayaking, camping, and birding opportunities, increase habitat for threatened and endangered species such as Pallid Sturgeon and Fat pocketbook mussel, and improve reproductive success of sandbar-nesting bird species, such as the Interior least tern, by severing the land bridge between the island and shore.
17. **Camp Kamassa-Outdoor Recreation Field and Nature Observation Area (\$200,000.00)** - Camp Kamassa, operated by the Mississippi Toughest Kids Foundation, is Mississippi's first and only year-round fully handicap accessible camp facility for children and adults with serious illnesses, physical & mental challenges, and other special needs. Mississippi has limited recreational and developmental opportunities for those with disabilities. There is no other barrier free, fully accessible facility like Camp Kamassa in Mississippi. Funding will be used to construct an outdoor recreational field and a nature observation area. The recreational field will offer campers a spacious place for accessible outdoor play, sports, wildlife observation and educational activities. The nature observation area will offer a location for wildlife observation, star gazing, campfires, outdoor educational activities, and primitive camping. Funds will also be used to plant hardwoods near both project sites to enhance the natural environment, provide shade, and reintroduce trees native to Mississippi.
18. **Flowood Nature Park-Walking Trail (\$160,000.00)** - The project includes the rehabilitation of approximately 1.75 miles of six-foot wide asphalt walking trails located within the City of Flowood

Nature Park. The nature walking trails are approximately 13 years old and an asphalt overlay is needed to maximize the functional aspects of the paths and the future of the park.

19. **Bayou St. Louis Bayou LaCroix Boat Launch Phase 2 (\$150,000.00)** – Funding will assist the City of Bay St. Louis following progress of Phase 1 which included land acquisition construction of a new double boat launch, parking, bulkhead, and mobile restroom. Phase 2 will include addition of a kayak launch, additional bulkhead, and low-level pier positioned to provide erosion control and stability of the shoreline.
20. **The Mississippi Wild Turkey Initiative, Phase 1: Rehabilitating Riparian Hardwoods (\$110,000.00)** - The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) will be a key partner by deploying on-the-ground biologists from the agency's Private Lands Program to identify landowners and coordinate projects. These partners will design, coordinate, and facilitate project implementation and will meet collectively multiple times annually for planning and mutually shared project coordination and development. interested landowners are selected through a competitive ranking process accounting for current habitat conditions, landscape context, previous management on the property, all aimed at ensuring project success and maximal benefit of project funding. Selected landowners will be required to provide 25% of the financial costs necessary to carry out project practices on their properties. Habitat treatments will be conducted by private vendors who will bid on geographically "bundled" groups of enrolled tracts. Finally, the effects of our habitat manipulations will be monitored through observational surveys such as the MDWFP's Spring Gobbler Hunting Survey, camera surveys, or deployment of Autonomous Recording Units (ARUs) to detect changes in turkey occurrence on treated properties.
21. **Fannin Landing Multi-use Path Extension (\$99,100.00)** – Funding will assist the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District to extend an existing multi-use trail 1,880 feet from the Fannin Landing boat launch recreation area on Fannin Landing Circle in Rankin County to the Arbor Landing neighborhood entrance. The trail would be a 10-foot-wide paved facility conforming to current ADA accessibility standards, The trail would connect the 220 existing and planned residences in the Arbor Landing and Osprey Point neighborhoods with the boat launch recreational facility and the existing 23-mile trail system that the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District currently maintains in Rankin and Madison Counties. Funds awarded for this project will be used to match Federal Transportation Alternative Program funds provided through the Mississippi Department of Transportation.
22. **Mclvor Shooting Facility Pavilion (\$65,190.00)** - This project will build an outdoor pavilion at the Mclvor Shooting Facility located in Panola County. The new Pavilion would meet the specific needs of the range, range events, and hunter/boater education events. The pavilion would include outdoor seating, electricity/water etc. Matching source funds over \$586,000 from the Federal Wildlife and Sports Fish Restoration Program will be utilized to provide additional funding.
23. **Mississippi Landscape Management Plan (\$50,000.00)** – This project administered by the Mississippi Forestry Association will add the Mississippi Alluvial Valley and Northern Gulf of Mexico ecoregions to the ongoing landscape management plan project that covers the two coastal plain regions, providing coverage for the entire state of Mississippi. Develop a Mississippi Landscape Management Plan web portal that provides access to all information that is required to be included in management plans meeting the American Forest Foundation 2021 Standards of Sustainability. Publish the web portal on a public access site open to all landowners, foresters, and natural resources professionals for use with ATFS certification, cost-share stewardship programs, and general land management.
24. **Aquatic Passage: Enhancing Waterfront Access through Floating Docks (\$27,220.77)** – Funding will assist the City of Eupora with construction of floating docks to create new recreational access to public waters at White's Creek Lake Recreation Area. Floating docks are versatile structures that can be anchored in the water and adjusted to changing water levels, providing stable platforms for various recreational activities. The installation of floating docks will provide new recreational opportunities for a range of activities, including but not limited to kayaking, fishing, swimming, and wildlife observation to the existing City Park.
25. **Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife Fisheries and Parks Shooting Sports Scholarships Program (\$24,000.00)** - The Foundation is helping Mississippi's youth make their first step in becoming lifelong, safe hunters, and outdoor recreation enthusiasts by providing these scholarships as incentives for students and their schools to participate in the Archery in Mississippi Schools (AIMS)

and Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Sports Programs (MSSP), as well as encouraging students to pursue careers in conservation and/or outdoor recreation. Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund dollars are needed to help incentivize these deliverables. The Foundation is requesting funding from Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund and proposing \$24,000 matching dollars to fund scholarships that will help support the college education of participants in the aforementioned programs. These scholarships will be awarded competitively to students based on their performance at program-sponsored competitions.

26. **Spring Lake Restoration Project, Wall Doxey State Park (\$10,000.00)** – This project will allow the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to restore access and recreation to the 40-acre lake located at Wall Doxey State Park near Holly Springs, MS. The project will provide funding to treat Eurasian watermilfoil, an exotic invasive submerged plant that has infested over 80% of the lake, with an approved specialized herbicide. A whole-lake treatment is needed to reopen recreational access to boaters and restore the fishery.
27. **ADA Kayak Launch Roosevelt State Park (\$8,750.00)** – This project will provide materials for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to construct a floating launch facility specifically designed for safe and efficient launching of kayaks and small non-motorized vessels and will be designed to specifications for users with disabilities.
28. **ADA Kayak Launch Percy Quin State Park (\$8,750.00)** – This project will provide materials for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to construct a floating launch facility specifically designed for safe and efficient launching of kayaks and small non-motorized vessels and will be designed to specifications for users with disabilities.
29. **ADA Kayak Launch Paul B. Johnson State Park (\$8,750.00)** – This project will provide materials for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to construct a floating launch facility specifically designed for safe and efficient launching of kayaks and small non-motorized vessels and will be designed to specifications for users with disabilities.
30. **ADA Kayak Launch Trace State Park (\$8,750.00)** – This project will provide materials for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to construct a floating launch facility specifically designed for safe and efficient launching of kayaks and small non-motorized vessels and will be designed to specifications for users with disabilities.
31. **ADA Kayak Launch Lake Monroe State Lake (\$8,750.00)** – This project will provide materials for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to construct a floating launch facility specifically designed for safe and efficient launching of kayaks and small non-motorized vessels and will be designed to specifications for users with disabilities.
32. **ADA Kayak Launch Lake Perry State Lake (\$8,750.00)** – This project will provide materials for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to construct a floating launch facility specifically designed for safe and efficient launching of kayaks and small non-motorized vessels and will be designed to specifications for users with disabilities.

# MOSTF 2024 APPROPRIATIONS

## AWARDED PROJECTS



PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT	MOSTF AWARDED \$	APPLICANT MATCH \$	PROJECT TOTAL
Protecting Riverine Habitat, Military Readiness, and Improving Recreation on Lands and Waters in Mississippi	Wildlife Mississippi	\$1,500,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	\$7,500,000.00
Enhancing Waterfowl Habitat in the Mississippi Delta	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Landscape-Scale Forest Management Anchored Around Four Wildlife Management Areas in the Mississippi Delta	Wildlife Mississippi	\$408,000.00	\$870,000.00	\$1,278,000.00
Reducing the Land Management Gap in North Mississippi: Initiation of a Multi-Partner Habitat Specialist Crew	MDWFP	\$266,151.00	\$798,449.00	\$1,064,600.00
Enhancing Habitat on MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas through Partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation	MDWFP	\$210,150.00	\$184,900.00	\$395,050.00
Bridge for Better Bottomland Access on Yockanookany Wildlife Management Area	MDWFP	\$56,250.00	\$168,750.00	\$225,000.00
Wells for Waterfowl at Trim Cane Wildlife Management Area	MDWFP	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Long Beach Urban Forest Restoration	Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain	\$141,625.00	\$1,900,000.00	\$2,041,625.00
Museum Trail Levee Repair and Erosion Control	MDWFP	\$65,750.00	\$263,000.00	\$328,750.00
Educational Outreach Pavilion and Deer Interaction Pen	Mississippi State University	\$749,000.00	\$1,012,394.00	\$1,761,394.00
Ulman Ave Beach Access ADA Low-Level Pier	City of Bay St Lous	\$499,270.00	\$1,790,472.50	\$2,289,742.50
Mobile 5-Stand Skeet Trailer	MDWFP	\$15,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$150,000.00
Lake Calling Panther Nature Trail Improvement	MDWFP	\$11,300.00	\$45,200.00	\$56,500.00
Terrene Landing River Park Project	Bolivar County Board of Supervisors	\$2,523,375.49	\$3,914,177.30	\$6,437,552.79
Wildlife Restoration on Mississippi's Public Lands	The Nature Conservancy	\$183,982.00	\$187,847.36	\$371,829.36
Quarry Trails Improvements Project	City of Brandon	\$392,925.00	\$392,925.00	\$785,850.00
Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge Long Branch Floating Boat Launch	Delta Wildlife Inc.	\$45,567.00	\$32,500.00	\$78,067.00
Wild Pig Trapping Partnership	MDWFP	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00
Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge (Wilkins Tract) Wetlands Restoration Project	Delta Wildlife Inc.	\$136,356.00	\$37,690.00	\$174,046.00
Mississippi Arboreta Trail (MAT)	Mississippi Urban Forest Council	\$365,050.00	\$235,000.00	\$600,050.00
Church House Creek Elevated Boardwalk	City of Wiggins	\$312,500.00	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,562,500.00
Waveland Waterfront Improvements	City of Waveland	\$500,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$800,000.00
River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Leaf River Overlook	Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization	\$674,638.00	\$550,000.00	\$1,224,638.00
McHenry Shooting Range - Skeet House Construction	MDWFP	\$29,550.00	\$88,650.00	\$118,200.00
Strawberry Plains Habitat Restoration	Audubon Sanctuary	\$87,440.00	\$97,752.00	\$185,192.00
Creating A Citywide Nature Based Model for Living with Outdoor Activities	City of Clinton	\$878,000.00	\$696,000.00	\$1,574,000.00
Vicksburg Riverfront Park Development	Warren County Board of Supervisors	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,545,635.00	\$3,045,635.00
Enhancing Lefleur's Bluff State Park Amenities	MDWFP	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00
TOTALS		\$13,401,879.49	\$25,346,342.16	\$38,748,221.65

## **MOSTF Project Narratives List - 2024 Appropriations**

1. **Protecting Riverine Habitat, Military Readiness, and Improving Recreation on Lands and Waters in Mississippi (\$1,500,000.00)** - This project will allow Wildlife Mississippi to leverage \$6,000,000 in federal and private funds to implement land conservation, outdoor recreation enhancements, and conservation education and outreach measures at five sites throughout Mississippi. Specifically, Wildlife Mississippi will utilize grant funding to secure conservation easements on 394.5 acres along the Buttahatchie River in Lowndes County to provide a buffer against incompatible development adjacent to Columbus Air Force Base; secure a conservation easement on 265 acres and implement trail and access improvements at The Old Cove Natural Area in Webster County; construct additional trails and boardwalks at the 3,000-acre Fannye Cook Natural Area in Flowood, Rankin County; and implement conservation and outreach programs along the Gulf Coast (Jordan Natural Area in Jackson County and Logtown Natural Area in Hancock County).
2. **Enhancing Waterfowl Habitat in the Mississippi Delta (\$1,000,000.00)** – This proposed project aims to restore and enhance approximately 700 acres of wetland habitats in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley (LMAV) by focusing on Panther Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Howard Miller Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The project will involve restoring 300 acres at Panther Swamp NWR and enhancing 400 acres at Howard Miller WMA through the construction of new waterfowl management impoundments and upgrading existing infrastructure. This includes grading, constructing and renovating berms, installing wells and pumps, and improving road access. The initiative, led by Ducks Unlimited (DU), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the MDWFP (MDWFP), aims to provide high-quality foraging and roosting habitat for waterfowl and other waterbirds.
3. **Landscape-Scale Forest Management Anchored Around Four Wildlife Management Areas in the Mississippi Delta (\$408,000.00)** – This project represents a partnership between Wildlife Mississippi (WM) and the MDWFP (MDWFP). We seek to capitalize on recently awarded federal funds targeting forest management on four state-owned Delta Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), Malmaison, O’Keefe, Shipland, and Phil Bryant. Federal funding will be used to conduct timber inventory, timber stand improvements (TSI), restore hardwood forests, and treat invasive plants on more than 1,700 acres of public ownership. We seek to target approximately 1,950 acres of private lands within 3 miles of the affected WMAs to increase the potential benefits of forest management to game and non-game animals in the greater landscape surrounding these public lands
4. **Reducing the Land Management Gap in North Mississippi: Initiation of a Multi-Partner Habitat Specialist Crew (\$266,151.00)** – This project represents a partnership between Quail Forever (QF) and MDWFP. We will develop a Habitat Specialist Crew (HSC) to conduct forest and wildlife habitat management (i.e., prescribed burning, invasive plant control, timber stand improvement, etc.) on private and some public lands in a 15-county focus area in North Mississippi. The focus area was selected because of its importance to existing conservation plans and grants, limited private contractors, and reduced commercial timber markets. QF will serve as the primary employer of the HSC, while MDWFP will provide field supervision and support as well as share equipment (e.g., burn trailers). The HSC will focus on small private projects (<50 acres) where landowners have difficulty finding private contractors to conduct the work. The goal is to create or enhance approximately 4,000 acres of early successional habitat on private and public lands through the term of the project.
5. **Enhancing Habitat on MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas through Partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation (\$210,150.00)** – For nearly four decades, MDWFP has relied on a steadfast partnership with the Mississippi Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (MS-NWTF) to enhance MDWFP WMAs for the benefit of wild turkeys and turkey hunters. This proposal seeks to expand this partnership by augmenting NWTF and MDWFP’s efforts across eight Wildlife Management Areas during 2025 with funding from the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund (MOSTF). As part of this project, we will: (1) Improve 2,945 acres across eight MDWFP WMAs using combinations of forestry mulching, herbicide application, reforestation, and prescribed fire. (2) Of the total, 740 acres of bottomland hardwoods will be enhanced through combinations of TSI techniques or hardwood seedling replanting. (3) An additional 620 acres of invasive plant species will be eliminated. (4) Finally, 1,590 acres of early successional habitat will be created or enhanced within upland forests to provide wild turkey brood habitat.

6. **Bridge for Better Bottomland Access on Yockanookany Wildlife Management Area (\$56,250.00)** – This project will construct a bridge across the Yockanookany River to improve bottomland access on the 2,379-acre Yockanookany Wildlife Management Area (YWMA) located in Attala County. The WMA is long and linear and located on both sides of the Yockanookany River. There is currently only one access point to cross the river. An additional bridge is needed on the north end of the WMA, 1.6 miles away from the existing bridge, to provide access for the public as well as management access for WMA staff.
7. **Wells for Waterfowl at Trim Cane Wildlife Management Area (\$500,000.00)** – This project aims to improve water management at the 891-acre Trim Cane Wildlife Management Area (TCWMA) in Oktibbeha County by establishing a reliable water source for seven waterfowl impoundments. Currently, these impoundments depend on rainfall, which is often insufficient, leading to late-season flooding that affects hunting opportunities. The plan involves drilling two deep wells, each equipped with a 30HP motor and a 6" submersible pump, and installing piping to distribute water to the impoundments. Additionally, about one mile of electrical infrastructure will be set up to power the system. The project also includes modifying existing water control structures, purchasing materials, renting equipment, and hiring contractors.
8. **Long Beach Urban Forest Restoration (\$141,625.00)** - This 30-acre tract was acquired by the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain in April 2024 through a collaborative effort between the original owner, local neighbors, and the City of Long Beach to preserve one of the last sizable undeveloped parcels along Highway 90 in Harrison County. The property was acquired for the purposes of free, daily public access to an Urban Forest. As the only remaining stretch of land extending from Highway 90 to the railroad tracks, the property also offers critical relief from urban encroachment. The property is recognized in Long Beach's Comprehensive Plan (2013) as a key area for providing residents with open recreational space. The Land Trust aims to restore the tract's ecological integrity to enhance its value as a public recreational area, improve its function as a wetland, and serve as a vital stopover for migratory birds. Its strategic location also helps increase the community's resilience by offering natural vegetative buffers against intensifying storm events.
9. **Museum Trail Levee Repair and Erosion Control (\$65,750.00)** – The MDWFP's Museum of Natural Science educates the public on the natural heritage of our state. The museum has nature trails on the property that show the public some of the habitats that make up LeFleur's Bluff. Hikers get to experience the vistas of a floodplain forest, cypress swamps, oxbow lakes, backwater areas, Eubanks Creek, and the Pearl River. The trails allow people to observe the variety of plant and animal life associated with this area. The trails vary in width (typically 4-6 ft) and meander through the forest for about 2 miles. The trails are composed mostly of gravel and have bridges and boardwalks in some segments. The trails are used mainly by families who come visit the museum, Mayes Lake visitors, and joggers looking for a scenic exercise track. Awarded funds would be used to contract with the Bureau of Buildings to repair a crucial section of museum trail destroyed by erosion. The ravine responsible has eroded upslope around 50 feet, destroyed our trail, breached our retention pond levee, and is releasing a large amount of sediment into the ephemeral slough below. Funds will be used to grade eroded banks and add erosion matting, add erosion control structures, repair the pond levee and trail, add a drainage pipe connecting the retention pond to the slough, and adding gravel to the repaired trail.
10. **Educational Outreach Pavilion and Deer Interaction Pen (\$749,000.00)** – Public education and outreach efforts surrounding deer conservation, biology, hunting, land management, and disease issues are badly needed throughout Mississippi to preserve this important resource. The MSU Deer Lab has historically played an important role in meeting these objectives (<https://www.msudeer.msstate>). Unfortunately, there is no facility in the state that provides the kind of hands-on education and recreational outreach on deer management needed to connect people to this important resource. We propose an Educational Outreach Pavilion and Deer Interaction Pen to meet this urgent state need. The pavilion will display kiosks, graphics, videos, interactive displays, and a research station to inform visitors about the important role deer play in our ecosystem, their biology, and the value of hunting to their management. Adjacent to the pavilion will be an interaction pen with semi-tame deer to allow hands-on interaction and reinforce the learning objectives.
11. **Ulman Ave Beach Access ADA Low-Level Pier (\$499,270.00)** - The City of Bay St. Louis is proposing an ADA Beach Accessible low-level pier with a water's edge low-level platform at Ulman Avenue. This proposed project is approximately 90' long and 8' wide ADA low-level pier with Fiberglass



Reinforced Plastic (FRP) panels connecting to a 24'x12' ADA low level platform. This ADA low-level pier allows water access for all tourists and locals to enjoy the Gulf of Mexico while being in a safe and accessible environment. The low-level pier will also provide a 32'x32' ADA platform around the existing 12' diameter firepit with additional benches for visitors to enjoy being on the beach. An addition to this project is construction of 2 volleyball courts at Ulman Ave. This project is an extension to a current project under construction to connect ADA beach/water access to the downtown ADA boardwalk which is along the existing concrete seawall connecting Ulman Ave to the Municipal Harbor. Please see attached for more details of the project description

12. **Mobile 5-Stand Skeet Trailer (\$15,000.00)** – To expand the reach and accessibility of Mississippi's public shooting sports facilities on state-owned and/or managed lands, the MDWFP are proposing the acquisition of a mobile five-stand unit. "Five-stand" is a recognized shooting sport and consists of five shooting stations at which shooters are presented with a variety of shots from six to eighteen strategically-placed clay target throwers. The unit will consist of a mobile kiosk and laptop computer for processing shooters, a printer, 5 shooting platforms, 8 clay target throwers activated through an electronic target release system, and a 40-foot gooseneck enclosed trailer with built-in generator and heater that will transport other unit components. We are also requesting 4 pallets of clay targets, and a charger to maintain batteries.
13. **Lake Calling Panther Nature Trail Improvement (\$11,300.00)** – Due to the drought during 2023, there are numerous dead trees along the Calling Panther State Lake nature trail causing a safety concern. The dead trees will be removed to a safe distance from the nature trail. The pathway will be cleared and leveled by MDWFP personnel. Gravel will be added in areas of need. Native hardwood and flowering shrubs will be added to areas along the trail with the most tree loss. This will benefit the safety and pleasure of hikers as well as the safety of staff maintaining the trail. The added hardwood trees will also benefit wildlife in the area.
14. **Terrene Landing River Park Project (\$2,523,375.49)** – Terrene Landing River Park was developed to promote tourism in Bolivar County and the Delta, by providing public access directly to the Mississippi River, including a location for docking and off-loading of tourists from Mississippi River cruise ships, scenic overlook, and public boat ramps. Terrene Landing River Park is the only public scenic overlook and boat ramp directly on the Mississippi River in Bolivar County and one of only a few such locations in the entire state of Mississippi. There is no other access location within 50 miles north and south of Terrene Landing. The proposed project includes a second concrete docking ramp, expansion of the existing paved parking and bus turnaround areas, site lighting, water line extension, boardwalk with fishing pier, picnic area, and reconstruction of the 2.0-mile access road, Terrene Landing Road, from MS Highway 1 to the levee. The frequency of both commercial and private boating, along with the need for additional outdoor recreational activities, has required upgrades of the boat ramp capacity and expansion of the River Park. As such, the County is seeking financial assistance to complete improvements. We have received funds from the State of Mississippi and MDOT TA program to begin working on the ramp expansion. We are currently seeking assistance with funding needed for the required improvements to the access road. These will provide further opportunities to experience the Mississippi River beyond the pavilion and boating ramp areas
15. **Wildlife Restoration on Mississippi's Public Lands (\$183,982.00)** – Camp Shelby's Environmental program and the DeSoto National Forest both struggle with limited capacity to carry out their conservation and outdoor stewardship goals. This project conducted by the Nature Conservancy is an effort to help both agencies carry out their shared goals of the conservation of the endangered Gopher tortoise and the Black pinesnake, both of which are federally protected in Mississippi. We propose to headstart gopher tortoises for eventual release to increase their population, conduct research on the Black pinesnake to inform future habitat management actions, and spray cogongrass and provide capacity for prescribed burns to improve the habitat.
16. **Quarry Trails Improvements Project (\$392,925.00)** – The City of Brandon has been continually working to provide more outdoor access to the public in the area of Marquette Road, Boyce Thompson Drive, and the Brandon Amphitheater through the enhancement of gravel trails, bike paths, multi-use paths and other avenues. While many of the trails are already built, many need improvements or to be completed. The City of Brandon is requesting funding to assist in completing these nature trails and recreation facilities. This project is vital to the continued enhancement of this area by improving designated walking trails, providing signs and maps to assist in navigation, clearing and improving

older trails, and providing visitors with a latrine building and information kiosk. These improvements will bring more visitors to visit the beautiful woodland trails at the Quarry Park.

17. **Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge Long Branch Floating Boat Launch (\$45,567.00)** – The Long Branch, a 79-acre oxbow lake managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, is located on Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge in Tallahatchie County, MS. It is a hub for recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, boating, kayaking, wildlife observation, and photography. This project proposes replacing a dilapidated fishing pier with a plastic floating dock to improve access and safety for the public. The proposed floating dock would improve lake access and allow boaters to secure their boats and load and unload passengers safely during all water levels experienced in the Long Branch Oxbow Lake. The USFWS does not have funding available for this project; however, it can provide an in-kind match for all in-kind services, including maintenance of the site, the pier, ramp, and parking area in perpetuity. Delta Wildlife will be responsible for administering the work specified in the grant, including procuring materials and soliciting and overseeing all contracted work.
18. **Wild Pig Trapping Partnership (\$100,000.00)** - As a strategy to reduce wild hog populations MDWFP wants to utilize a new model of management technique. The Wild Pig Trapping Partnership is to be a coordinated trapping effort between public land areas and surrounding private land properties. This project will focus on Trim Cane WMA and Oktibbeha County Lake and the private lands located in close proximity. The project goal is to create a blueprint for a systematic method to clearing wild hogs from strategic areas where wildlife management areas and private lands meet. For effective trapping efforts in the project area of 20,850-acres we intend to utilize one trapping system per 1000 acres at minimum to assure an appropriate and consistent level of intensity for the removal of large numbers of wild hogs from the project area.
19. **Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge (Wilkins Tract) Wetlands Restoration Project (\$136,356.00)** - Due to staff shortages in recent years, USFWS has had to resort to passive management of their properties, which means less food and water for migrating waterfowl through this area. Funding this project will provide significant value to waterfowl in the north Delta, where tracts of this size are uncommon, particularly considering it is an inviolate sanctuary with no disturbance from public use or refuge staff during the winter migration season. By improving these waterfowl impoundments and cultivating crops and moist soil habitat, the USFWS would significantly increase its contribution to Duck Energy Day (DED) objectives set by the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley Joint Venture. There is significant support for this project from surrounding landowners who see the benefit this property provides to waterfowl and local waterfowl hunters.
20. **Mississippi Arboreta Trail (MAT) (\$365,050.00)** – The overall goal of this project is to establish a certified arboreta trail throughout the state of Mississippi. The Mississippi Urban Forest Council have already created and certified 25 arboretums. We would like to build on this progress by adding as many arboreta as possible but a minimum of 15 more to create a substantial arboretum trail system throughout the state. These arboretums would be located in both large and small communities, in low income, remote and popular communities. We will work hard to create beautiful low maintenance tree parks for all citizens to have quality places to visit and learn more about the environment. MUFC has been certifying arboreta for over 30 years, certification requires 30 native tree species and an educational program at each site. This project is very timely for all communities in our state due to the recent drought that removed much of our natural canopy. With this project we will have 40 certified arboreta in Mississippi.
21. **Church House Creek Elevated Boardwalk (\$312,500.00)** – The proposed project will link several public spaces and venues by way of Church House Creek which traverses Downtown Wiggins and serves as a primary drainage way for the area. This project, along with the city's recent efforts to improve the creek, will improve water quality of the creek by reducing erosion and flooding and will provide a venue for residents to interact with nature while enjoying an outdoor activity. The pathways constructed will provide space for running, walking, and jogging along the creek. The city has secured multiple NRCS-EWP grants to assist with repairing and stabilizing the creek over the past several years and recently secured a MDOT Transportation Alternative grant for the 80% of the cost of the boardwalk and remaining creek improvements. The City is seeking the remaining 20% of the improvement costs to ensure the completion of the project.
22. **Waveland Waterfront Improvements (\$500,000.00)** - The City of Waveland proposes the installation of a 300 foot fishing pier with added amenities such as benches, tables, and signage, along with the

living shoreline that is being added to create a natural habitat for coastal animals. This overall project is Waveland's Waterfront Improvements to the coastal area south of Buccaneer State Park. This project includes a double boat launch to allow public access to the Gulf of Mexico from Waveland along with riprap jetty to allow a safe and calm harboring of boats entering and exiting the waterway. In addition, this project will install a 300 foot fishing pier with added amenities such as benches, tables, and signage for fishermen of all skill levels. This project will allow a safe and accessible place in Waveland for locals and visitors enjoy access to the waterway by boat or on the fishing pier. The preliminary design, planning, and permitting phases are in progress.

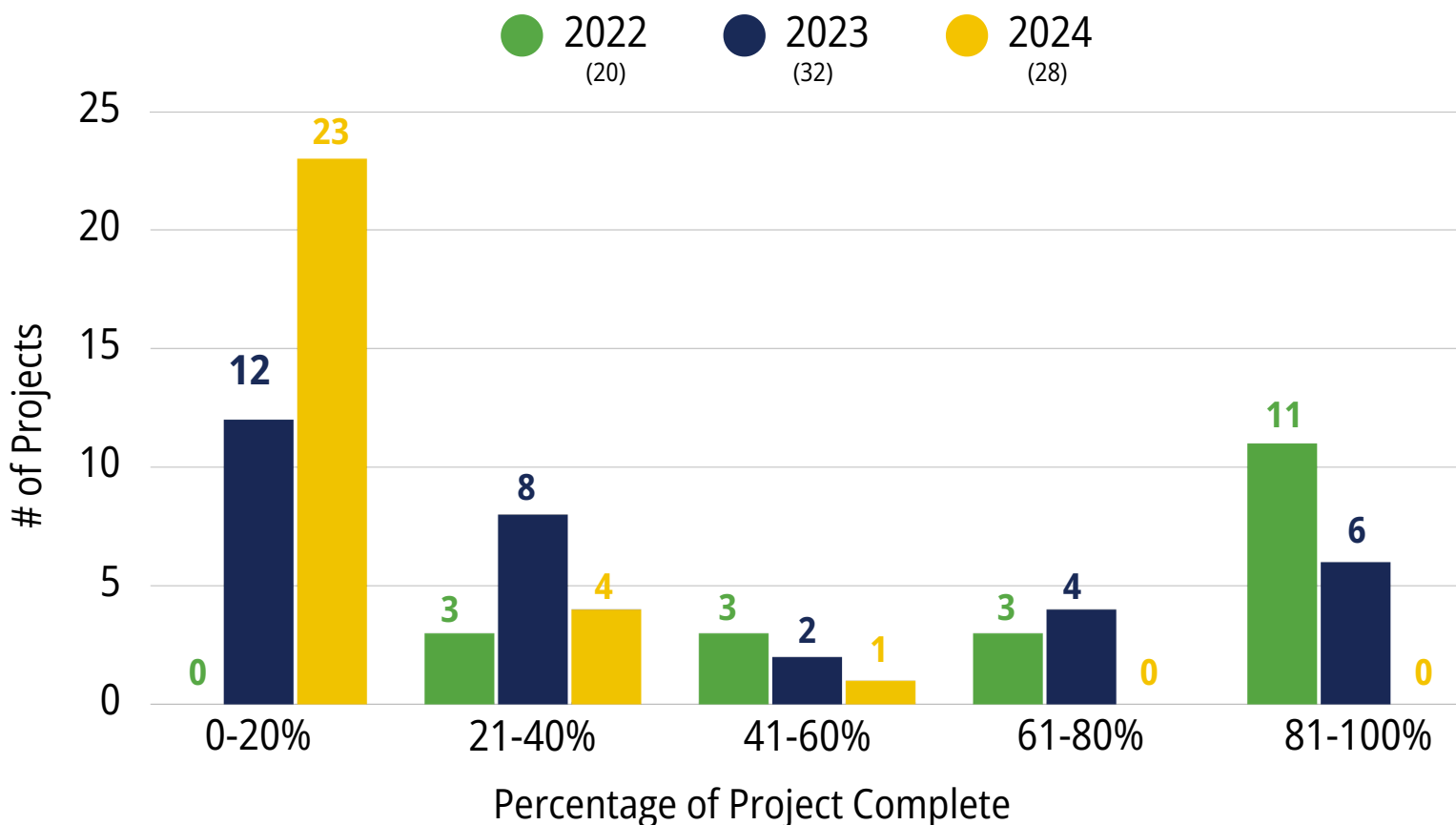
23. **River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Leaf River Overlook (\$674,638.00)** – The River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge would utilize the 26-foot wide, 350-foot long Old East Hardy Bridge to create a new pedestrian route between the City of Hattiesburg and Petal, Mississippi. The bridge would feature structural reinforcements and repairs, a new concrete overlay, safety railing, shade sails, and tower viewers that look out over the scenic Leaf River. The Leaf River is a part of the Pascagoula Watershed within the North American Coastal Plain, which includes the Black Creek, the only waterway in Mississippi designated as a National Wild and Scenic River. This area, recognized as a global biodiversity hotspot, is one of the most biodiverse ecosystems and is located right in our backyard. This project would introduce new residents and visitors to extraordinary and scenic trails and waterways. The project is administered by the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization.
24. **McHenry Shooting Range - Skeet House Construction (\$29,550.00)** - The purpose of this project would be to rebuild the MDWFP's skeet houses at McHenry Shooting Facility located in Stone County in their current locations. The project would require rebuilding four skeet houses to serve the existing skeet field. The project would include constructing the four buildings and purchasing the electronic target release systems. Due to the age and exposure to the elements, they are in serious need to be replaced.
25. **Strawberry Plains Habitat Restoration (\$87,440.00)** - The Strawberry Plains Habitat Restoration project, administered by the Audubon Society, would restore a natural fire regime and set up a demonstration area on property that contains imperiled and vulnerable habitats. These habitats are important to many bird species that are in population decline. Approximately 139 acres of this would be early successional habitat, 67 acres of it would be removal and eradication of Japanese stiltgrass as a demonstration area for forest landowner education of how stilt grass is ultimately affecting the tree composition of the forest by creating competition with regeneration of native tree species. The grant would be used to restore the natural fire regime in imperiled xeric forests. The project will open opportunities for demonstration and education for local and adjoining communities and restored forest areas and its trails will be open for the public to use for recreation. Salaries are funded by the Margaret F. Shackleford Trust.
26. **Creating A City-wide Nature Based Model for Living with Outdoor Activities (\$878,000.00)** The City of Clinton has embarked on a plan to create a variety of nature based activities throughout the city. The City of Clinton is home to college students, veterans, under-served and Asian with over 35,000 people passing through the city every day along Interstate 20. The city has hired a number of consultants with expertise and experience in developing community conservation projects. This project will include multiple activities and nature based projects throughout the city, creating a model for other cities to replicate. Nature based activities will include, walk-able city with trails, nature based educational program for students and adults, arboretums, storm water management, exercise in nature sites, urban farm, landscapes that are climate change resilient, pollinator fields and more as described in project proposal. We will develop a city-wide conservation plan and implement many of these nature assets (natural capital) to serve as a model to other cities.
27. **Vicksburg Riverfront Park Development (\$1,500,000.00)** – The Vicksburg Riverfront Park Development project aims to transform donated land along the Mississippi River into a public park that provides accessible outdoor recreational space for the community. The park will feature walking trails, picnic areas, and outdoor fitness equipment, all integrated with the natural landscape to minimize environmental disruption and future maintenance needs. The development addresses the community's need for a safe and engaging outdoor space following the closure of the former Riverfront Park due to severe erosion. The County of Warren is seeking financial assistance because while state funding was allocated to the City of Vicksburg to cover its 50% portion of the project, Warren County has received no funding support for its share of the park's development. The County's

financial resources are limited, and support from the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund is critical to ensure the successful completion of this collaborative project,

28. **Enhancing Lefleur's Bluff State Park Amenities (\$250,000.00)**- The LeFleur's Bluff Complex has brought world-class amenities to the capital city over the last year and a half. The LeFleur's Bluff Playground opened December 2021 welcoming over 350,000 guests. The park has become a central recreational hub of the Museum Trail that connects various recreational areas of the city. The day use area of the park features a new playground, adventure trail, and a large outdoor pavilion. This area of the park has aged facilities, including landscaping, pavilions, lighting, trash receptacles, and picnic tables. The conditions of these existing park elements need improvement to meet the increased recreational demand of this area. This request would fund park amenities. If granted the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Funds, we would match with our Land and Water Conservation Funds to provide the much-needed improvements including: 57 picnic tables (14-ADA), 35 Trash Receptacles, Site Lighting, and 5 Pavilions, Landscaping: Landscaping with trees, shrubs and sod is proposed. Trees will be added to replace trees that have been lost due to age and weather damage. Additional trees and shrubs will be planted to enhance the area. Sod will be installed in needed day use areas such as the picnic area. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 3,000 square yards of sod, 35 shade trees, 15 ornamental trees, and shrubs.

# MOSTF PROJECT PROGRESS

June 2025



## NOTES

- **2022 appropriation projects** – Five projects have been completed. Nine projects remain on track and are anticipated to be completed by October 10, 2025. Six projects have requested extensions; however, good progress continues to be made on each of these.
- **2023 appropriation projects** – Three projects have been completed. The remaining 29 projects are on track to be completed by April 10, 2026.
- **2024 appropriation projects** – The 28 funded projects are largely in the early stages, but progress is beginning to be seen.

# MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND PROJECTS - 2022

Project #	Project Title	Y1 Q1	% Complete	Y1 Q2	% Complete2	Y1 Q3	% Complete3	Y1 Q4	% Complete4	Y2 Q1	% Complete5	Y2 Q2	% Complete6	Y2 Q3	% Complete7
BB.007-001	Pearl River Source Water Protection and Recreation Project, Phase 1	☑	15%	☑	30%	☑	35%	☑	40%	☑	45%	☑	55%	☑	62%
BB.007-002	Miss Delta Wetlands Enhancement Projects Mahannah and Howard Miller WMAs	☑	12%	☑	12%	☑	36%	☑	83%	☑	83%	☑	97%	☑	97%
BB.007-003	Improving Wildlife Habitats STWD Collaborative Conservation Partnerships	☑	50%	☑	5%	☑	15%	☑	50%	☑	50%	☑	80%	☑	90%
BB.007-004	Freedom Ridge and Purple Creek Basin Improvements	☑	10%	☑	12%	☑	15%	☑	15%	☑	20%	☑	25%	☑	38%
BB.007-005	Sims Road River Access and Eco-Tourism	☑	10%	☑	13%	☑	13%	☑	15%	☑	15%	☑	30%	☑	60%
BB.007-006	Kamassa Lakeside Fish and Fellowship with Accessible Piers	☑	1%	☑	2%	☑	90%	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report
BB.007-007	Hwy 57 Sports Complex Walking and Birding Trail	☑	9%	☑	20%	☑	30%	☑	30%	☑	52%	☑	55%	☑	59%
BB.007-008	Forest Management on State-Owned WMAs	☑	5%	☑	10%	☑	65%	☑	65%	☑	75%	☑	80%	☑	90%
BB.007-009	Noma Drive Boat Ramp Improvements	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	74%	☑	90%	☑	95%	☑	99%
BB.007-010	Stewardship Agreements on National Forests to Improve Forest Health-MS	☑	5%	☑	17%	☑	NA	☑	0%	☑	63%	☑	63%	☑	75%
BB.007-011	Youth Environmental Stewardship Program (YES Program)	☑	30%	☑	45%	☑	65%	☑	90%	☑	90%	☑	90%	☑	99%
BB.007-012	Richardson Sportsplex and Outdoor Recreation Park	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	2%	☑	5%	☑	11%	☑	26%	☑	27%
BB.007-013	Renasant Park Enhancements for Natural Resource-Based Outdoor Recreation, Environmental Education, Eco Tourism	☑	0%	☑	10%	☑	NA	☑	10%	☑	15%	☑	25%	☑	25%
BB.007-014	Clinton Invest In The Present to Improve the Future	☑	0%	☑	14%	☑	23%	☑	30%	☑	30%	☑	35%	☑	50%
BB.007-015	Horseshoe Lake Restoration Project	☑	50%	☑	50%	☑	65%	☑	65%	☑	70%	☑	80%	☑	95%
BB.007-016	Lake Columbia Kayak Launch	☑	30%	☑	25%	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report
BB.007-017	Turcotte Shooting Facility Skeet House Construction	☑	5%	☑	15%	☑	60%	☑	60%	☑	70%	☑	95%	☑	Final Report
BB.007-018	Swamp Access & Interpretation Project at Lee Tartt Nature Preserve	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	60%	☑	75%	☑	70%	☑	80%
BB.007-019	Holmes Co State Park Kayak Launch	☑	30%	☑	25%	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report
BB.007-020	North MS Fish Hatchery Visitor Education Center Event Pond Improvements	☑	50%	☑	80%	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report

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Project #	Project Title	Y1 Q1	% Complete	Y1 Q2	% Complete2	Y1 Q3	% Complete3	Y1 Q4	% Complete4	Y2 Q1	% Complete5
BB.007-021	Gordon's Creek Linear Trail	☑	0%	☑	3%	☑	3%	☑	10%	☑	10%
BB.007-022	Reimagining New Albany's Park Along the River	☑	0%	☑	1%	☑	2%	☑	3%	☑	4%
BB.007-023	Bay St. Louis Public Recreational Fishing Reef Enhancement	☑	85%	☑	86%	☑	86%	☑	88%	☑	89%
BB.007-024	Tanglefoot Trail Bridge, Surface and Chickasaw Nation Signage Trail Improvements	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	35%	☑	66%	☑	70%
BB.007-025	DeSoto County Agri-Ed Centerand Arena's Walking Trail	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%
BB.007-026	Sunflower River Walk	☑	1%	☑	2%	☑	2%	☑	3%	☑	5%
BB.007-027	Healthy Outdoor Business, Recreation and Community Connectivity Development Project	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%
BB.007-028	Pinebelt Blueways - Glendale Avenue Boat Ramp Enhancement	☑	0%	☑	5%	☑	10%	☑	20%	☑	25%
BB.007-029	Marquette Road Multi-use Path-Revised 12-15-23	☑	NA	☑	55%	☑	86%	☑	86%	☑	86%
BB.007-030	Noma Drive Walking Trail	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%
BB.007-031	Jordan and Logtown Natural Area Conservation	☑	5%	☑	8%	☑	12%	☑	12%	☑	80%
BB.007-032	Matthews Branch Sidewalk Improvements	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%
BB.007-033	Pearl River WMA Wetland Habitat Enhancement	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	5%	☑	30%	☑	40%
BB.007-034	Clarkco State Park NICA Trails	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	5%	☑	5%	☑	10%
BB.007-035	Roosevelt State Park NICA Trails	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%
BB.007-036	Lower MS River Side Channel Reconnection Restoration	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%
BB.007-037	Camp Kamassa-Outdoor Recreation Field and Nature Observation Area	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	15%	☑	99%	☑	Final Report
BB.007-038	Flowood Nature Park-Walking Trail	☑	75%	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report	☑	Final Report
BB.007-039	BSL Bayou LaCroix Boat Launch Phase 2	☑	0%	☑	20%	☑	25%	☑	35%	☑	35%
BB.007-040	The Mississippi Wild Turkey Initiative, Phase 1: Rehabilitating Riparian Hardwoods	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%
BB.007-041	Fannin Landing Multi-use Path Extension	☑	8%	☑	11%	☑	20%	☑	20%	☑	25%
BB.007-042	Mclvor Shooting Facility Pavillion	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	5%	☑	15%
BB.007-043	Mississippi Landscape Management Plan	☑	45%	☑	65%	☑	75%	☑	89%	☑	91%
BB.007-044	Aquatic Passage: Enhancing Waterfront Access through Floating Docks	☑	20%	☑	100%	☑	95%	☑	100%	☑	Final Report
BB.007-045	Foundation for MWFP Shooting Sports Scholarships Program	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	50%
BB.007-046	Spring Lake Restoration Project-Wall Doxey SP	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	60%	☑	60%
BB.007-047	ADA Kayak Launch Roosevelt State Park	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	50%	☑	40%
BB.007-048	ADA Kayak Launch Percy Quin State Park	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	50%	☑	40%
BB.007-049	ADA Kayak Launch Paul B Johnson State Park	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	50%	☑	40%
BB.007-050	ADA Kayak Launch Trace State Park	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	50%	☑	40%
BB.007-051	Lake Monroe Kayak Launch	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	60%	☑	70%
BB.007-052	Lake Perry Kayak Launch	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	0%	☑	60%	☑	70%

# MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND PROJECTS - 2024

Project #	Project Title	Y1 Q2	% Complete2
BB.007-053	Protecting Riverine Habitat, Military Readiness, and Improving Recreation on Lands and Waters in Mississippi	☑	30%
BB.007-054	Enhancing Waterfowl Habitat in the Mississippi Delta	☑	56%
BB.007-055	Landscape-Scale Forest Management Anchored Around Four Wildlife Management Areas in the Mississippi Delta	☑	5%
BB.007-056	Reducing the Land Management Gap in North Mississippi: Initiation of a Multi-Partner Habitat Specialist Crew	☑	0%
BB.007-057	Enhancing Habitat on MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas through Partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation	☑	10%
BB.007-058	Bridge for Better Bottomland Access on Yockanookany Wildlife Management Area	☑	5%
BB.007-059	Wells for Waterfowl at Trim Cane Wildlife Management Area	☑	0%
BB.007-060	Long Beach Urban Forest Restoration	☑	0%
BB.007-061	Museum Trail Levee Repair and Erosion Control	☑	10%
BB.007-062	Educational Outreach Pavilion and Deer Interaction Pen	☑	3%
BB.007-063	Ulman Ave Beach Access ADA Low-Level Pier	☑	5%
BB.007-064	Mobile 5-Stand Skeet Trailer	☑	0%
BB.007-065	Lake Calling Panther Nature Trail Improvement	☑	0%
BB.007-066	Terrene Landing River Park Project	☑	0%
BB.007-067	Wildlife Restoration on Mississippi's Public Lands	☑	0%
BB.007-068	Quarry Trails Improvements Project	☑	0%
BB.007-069	Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge Long Branch Floating Boat Launch	☑	10%
BB.007-070	Wild Pig Trapping Partnership	☑	40%
BB.007-071	Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge (Wilkins Tract) Wetlands Restoration Project	☑	10%
BB.007-072	Mississippi Arboreta Trail (MAT)	☑	5%
BB.007-073	Church House Creek Elevated Boardwalk	☑	0%
BB.007-074	Waveland Waterfront Improvements	☑	33%
BB.007-075	River Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and Leaf River Overlook	☑	0%
BB.007-076	McHenry Shooting Range - Skeet House Construction	☑	0%
BB.007-077	Strawberry Plains Habitat Restoration	☑	5%
BB.007-078	Creating A Citywide Nature Based Model for Living with Outdoor Activities	☑	10%
BB.007-079	Vicksburg Riverfront Park Development	☑	0%
BB.007-080	Enhancing Lefleur's Bluff State Park Amenities	☑	30%



# 2022 PROJECT PROGRESS

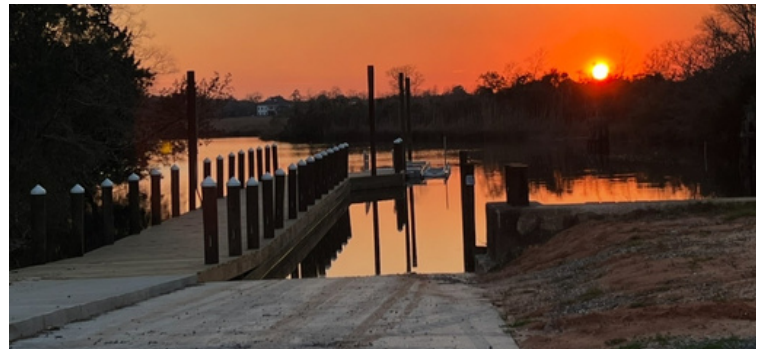
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## Horseshoe Lake Restoration Project - MDWFP



## Noma Drive Boat Ramp Improvements -City of Diamondhead



## Turcotte Shooting Facility Skeet House Construction - MDWFP





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## Richardson Sportsplex and Outdoor Recreation Park - Town of Walnut, MS



## Improving Wildlife Habitats Statewide Collaborative Conservation Partnerships - MDWFP



## North MS Fish Hatchery VEC Fishing Pond Improvements - MDWFP





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## Invest in the Present to Improve the Future - Clinton Community Nature Center

50%



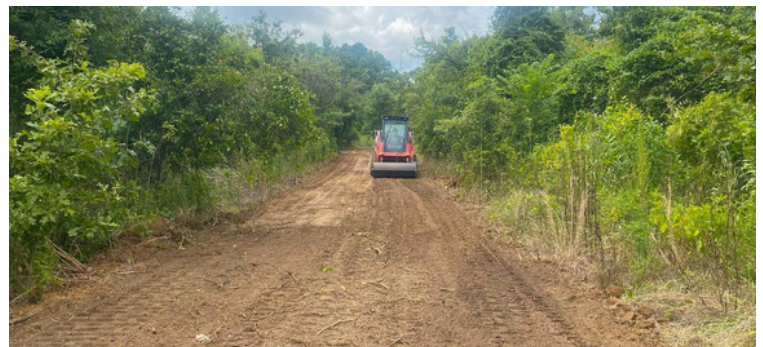
## Stewardship Agreements On National Forests to Improve Forest Health- The Nature Conservancy

75%



## Pearl River Source Water Protection and Recreation Project, Phase I - Wildlife Mississippi

62%





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## Kamassa Lakeside Fish & Fellowship & Pier -Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation



## Swamp Access & Interpretation Project at Lee Tartt Nature Preserve - Friends of Chakchiuma Swamp



## Lake Columbia Kayak Launch - MDWFP





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## AmeriCorps Youth Environmental Stewardship Program - Mississippi Delta Nature and Learning Center

99%



## HWY 57 Sports Complex Walking & Birding Trail Partnerships - Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain

59%



## Mississippi Delta Wetlands Enhancement Projects Mahannah and Howard Miller WMA's - Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

97%





# 2022 PROJECT PROGRESS

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## Sims Road River Access and Eco-Tourism - City of Hattiesburg



60%



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## Aquatic Passage: Enhancing Waterfront Access Through Floating Docks - City of Eupora



100%



## Flowood Nature Park - Walking Trail Area - City of Flowood



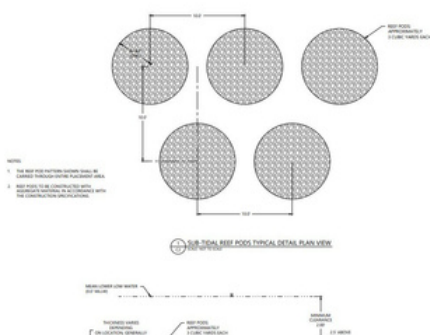
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## Bay St. Louis Public Recreational Fishing Reef Enhancement - The Nature Conservancy



89%





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## Camp Kamassa Outdoor Recreation Field & Nature Observation Area- Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation

100%



## Marquette Road Multi-Use Path - City of Brandon

86%



## Bay St. Louis Bayou Lacroix Boat Launch Phase 2 - City of Bay St. Louis

35%





# 2023 PROJECT PROGRESS

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## Reimagining New Albany's Park Along the River- Tallahatchie Riverway Conservancy



## Jordan and Logtown Natural Area Conservation - Wildlife Mississippi



## Spring Lake (Wall Doxey SP) Restoration- MDWFP



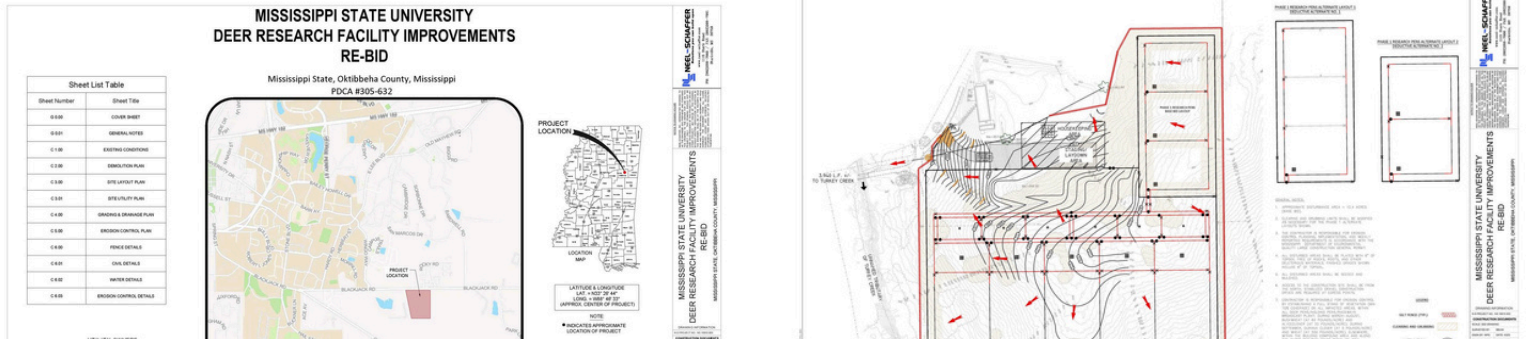


# 2024 PROJECT PROGRESS

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## Educational Outreach Pavilion and Deer Interaction Pen- Mississippi State University



## Enhancing LeFleur's Bluff State Park Amenities - MDWFP



## Enhancing Waterfowl Habitat in the Mississippi Delta- Ducks Unlimited, Inc.





# 2024 PROJECT PROGRESS

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## National Wildlife Refuge (Wilkins Tract) Wetlands Restoration Project- Delta Wildlife Inc



Protecting Riverine Habitat, Military Readiness, and Improving Recreation on  
Lands and Waters in Mississippi- Wildlife Mississippi



## Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge Long Branch Floating Boat Launch- Delta Wildlife Inc



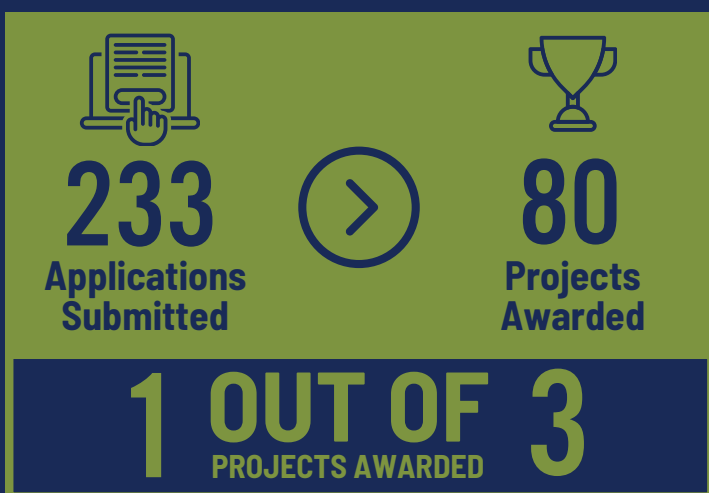
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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a funding source to preserve and enhance Mississippi's natural resources and the recreation it provides; through sustainable management and protection of wildlife and fisheries and their habitats, improving access to public lands and waterways, improving and promoting nature-based outdoor recreation, protecting cultural sites and archeological and historic resources, providing and recruiting outdoor activities, protection of land around military installations, restoration and enhancement of working agricultural lands, and supporting economic development.



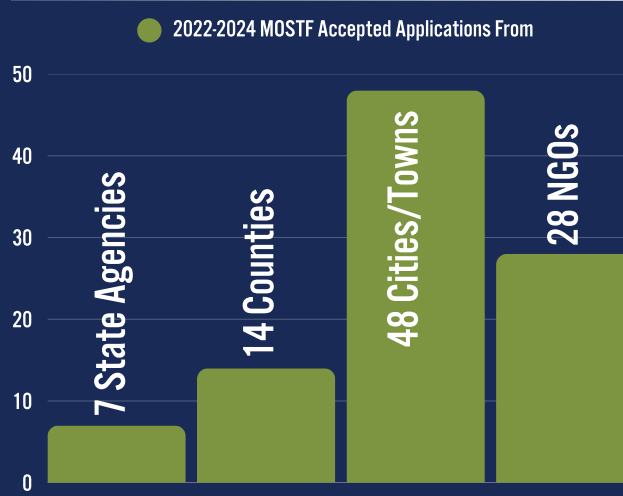
In 2022-2024, 233 applications were submitted, yet only 80 projects could be funded due to limited resources. With nearly 70% of project proposals left unfunded, **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ENHANCE OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP ACROSS THE STATE.**

# \$37.6 M

2022-2024  
AWARDED FUNDS

# \$86.6 M

2022-2024  
MATCHING FUNDS



Eligibility for MOSTF funding include:

- NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
- STATE AGENCIES
- MUNICIPALITIES
- COUNTIES





2022-2024

# PROJECTS FUNDED

through the

# MISSISSIPPI

# OUTDOOR

# STEWARDSHIP

# TRUST FUND

- 21 Walking/Biking or Nature Trails
- 19 Municipal recreational park improvements
- 11 Kayak/canoe launch areas
- 10 Public boat ramps
- 10 Water quality/erosion control improvements
- 09 Education and outreach projects
- 08 Wetland/waterfowl enhancement projects
- 08 Forest/Wildlife Habitat Improvement Projects
- 06 Fishing piers
- 05 Private landowner management assistance programs
- 05 Permanent conservation easements (6,800 acres)
- 05 Outdoor recreation facilities for the disabled
- 04 Critical wildlife and habitat protection
- 03 Waterway Restoration Projects
- 02 Public land access improvements
- 02 Shooting range improvements
- 01 Artificial Fishing Reef
- 01 Shooting sports scholarship program
- 01 Archery range



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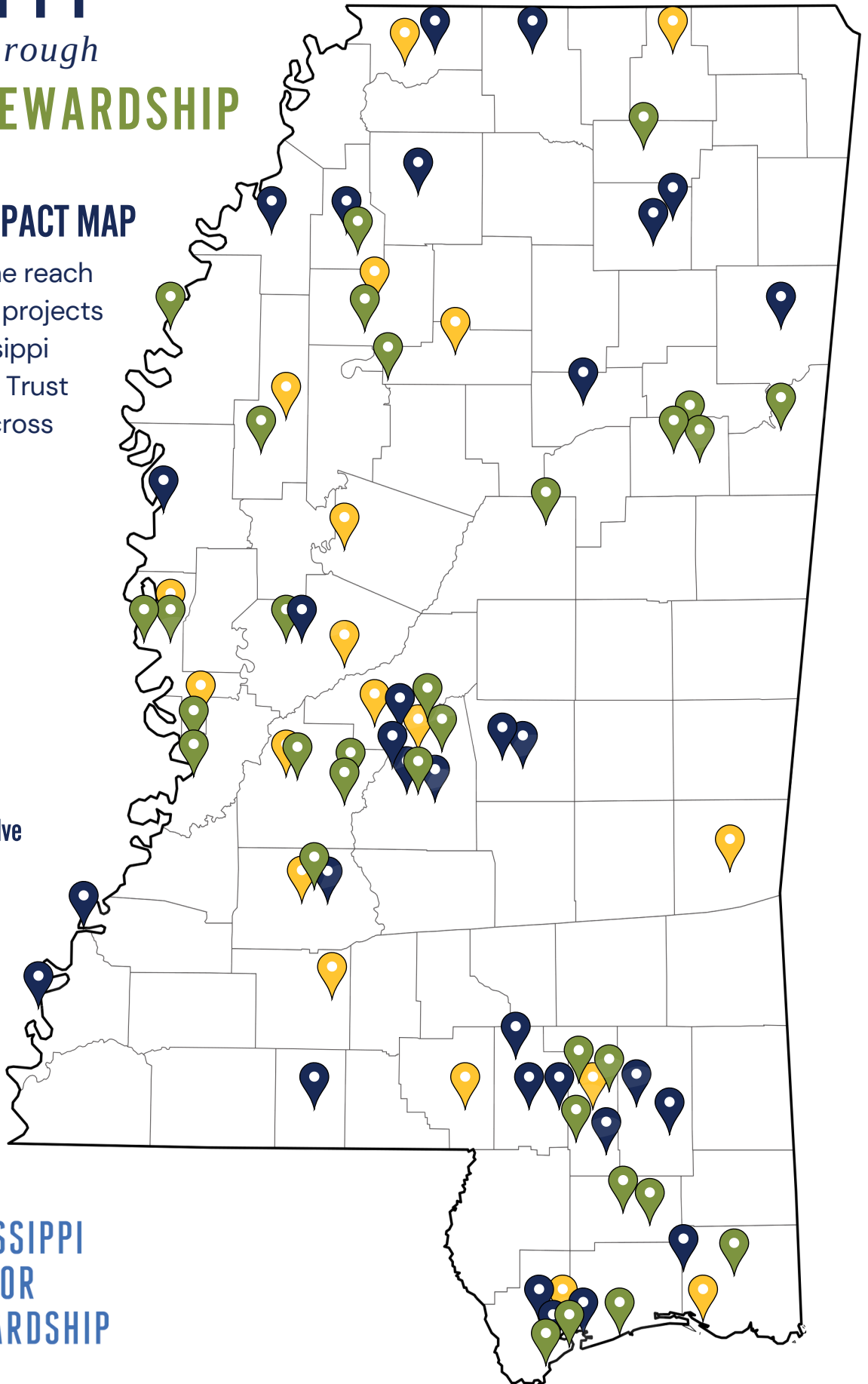
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### MOSTF PROJECTS IMPACT MAP

This map highlights the reach and impact of the 80 projects funded by the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund (2022-2024) across Mississippi.



7 Additional Projects involve  
Statewide Impacts



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