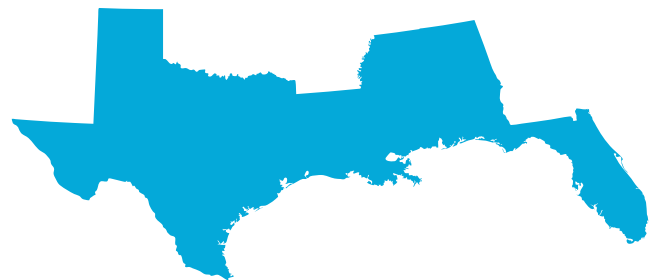


GULFCORPS

Restoring the Gulf of Mexico's environment and economy

GulfCorps, a project of The Nature Conservancy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, aims to create jobs for hundreds of young adults along the Gulf of Mexico. With the support of the RESTORE Council, GulfCorps protects and restores the Gulf's lands and waters while creating jobs through conservation corps in the five Gulf states. These crews are teams of young adults restoring the natural features and habitats on critical conservation lands.



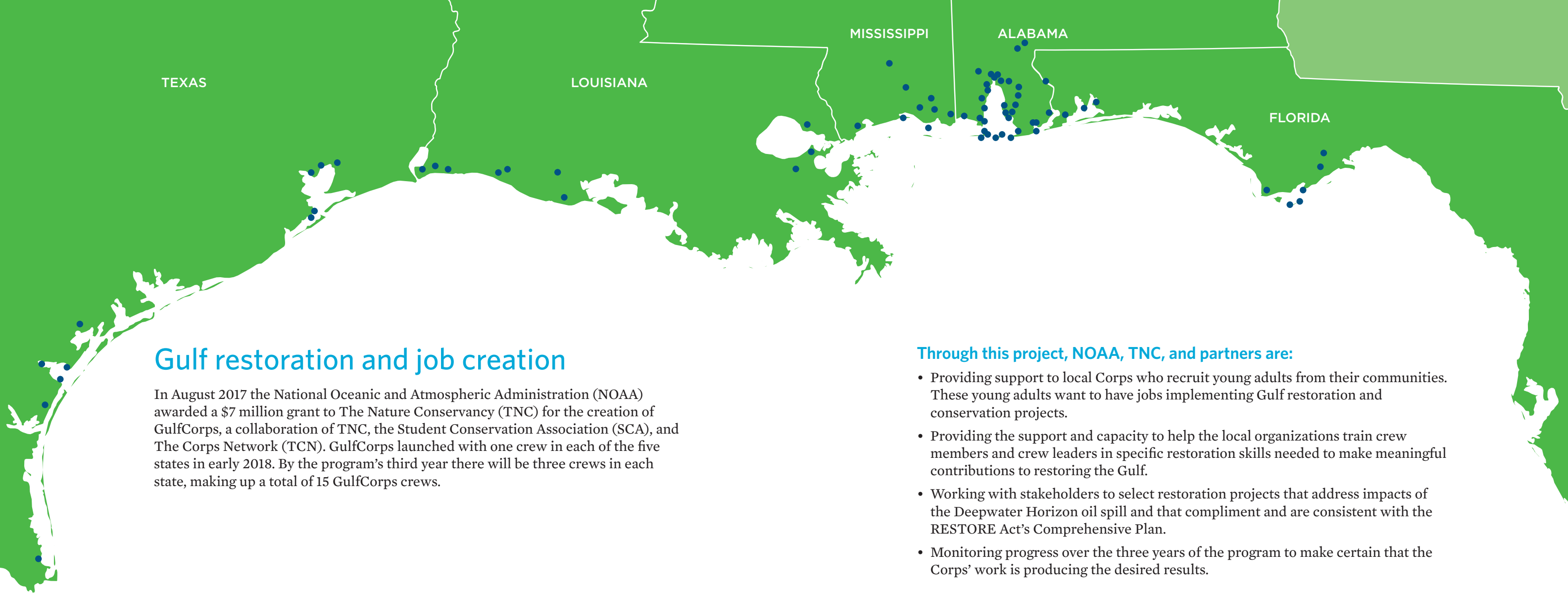
LOCATION Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida

INVESTMENT \$7 million

PARTNERS The Corps Network, The Student Conservation Association

AGENCIES INVOLVED RESTORE Council, Sponsoring Agency is NOAA

PROJECT DATES 2017-2020



Gulf restoration and job creation

In August 2017 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) awarded a \$7 million grant to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for the creation of GulfCorps, a collaboration of TNC, the Student Conservation Association (SCA), and The Corps Network (TCN). GulfCorps launched with one crew in each of the five states in early 2018. By the program's third year there will be three crews in each state, making up a total of 15 GulfCorps crews.

Through this project, NOAA, TNC, and partners are:

- Providing support to local Corps who recruit young adults from their communities. These young adults want to have jobs implementing Gulf restoration and conservation projects.
- Providing the support and capacity to help the local organizations train crew members and crew leaders in specific restoration skills needed to make meaningful contributions to restoring the Gulf.
- Working with stakeholders to select restoration projects that address impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and that compliment and are consistent with the RESTORE Act's Comprehensive Plan.
- Monitoring progress over the three years of the program to make certain that the Corps' work is producing the desired results.

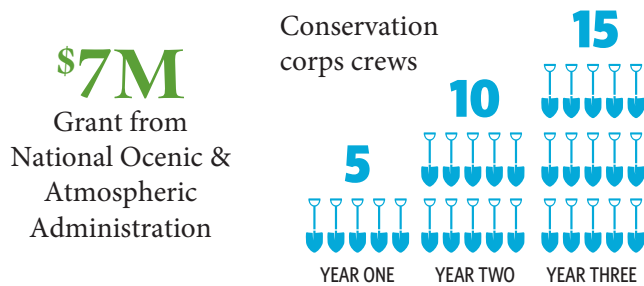


The project work is distributed equally in all five Gulf states (Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas) and supports existing local Corps organizations who hire teams of local young adults to conduct restoration and conservation activities such as planting native vegetation, removing invasive species, and restoring banks and shorelines. The crewmembers and crewleaders are thoroughly trained and experienced, providing them with marketable skills for jobs in the restoration economy taking shape in the Gulf of Mexico.



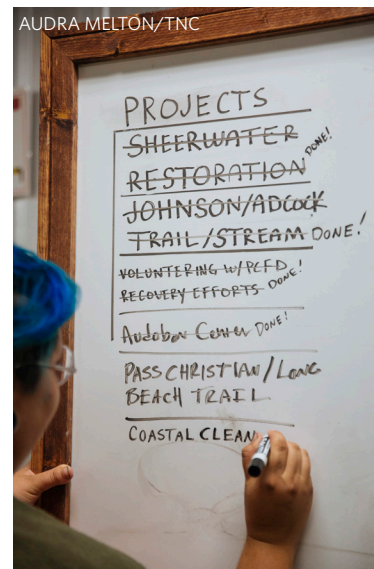
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GULFCORPS FACTS



Conservation jobs created

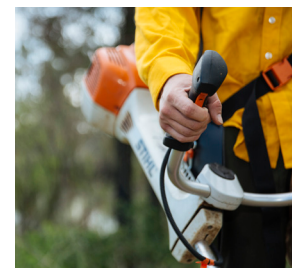
Restoring habitats in 5 Gulf states



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GULF COAST CONSERVATION CORPS' PARTICIPATING IN GULFCORPS:

Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast in Apalachicola, FL | Children's Home Society of Florida Conservation Corps in Pensacola, FL | Student Conservation Association in Mobile, AL | Climb CDC Conservation Corps in Gulfport, MS | Limitless Vistas, Inc. in New Orleans, LA | Louisiana Conservation Corps in New Orleans, LA | Texas Conservation Corps in Galveston/Houston, TX | American Conservation Experience in Corpus Christi, TX

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