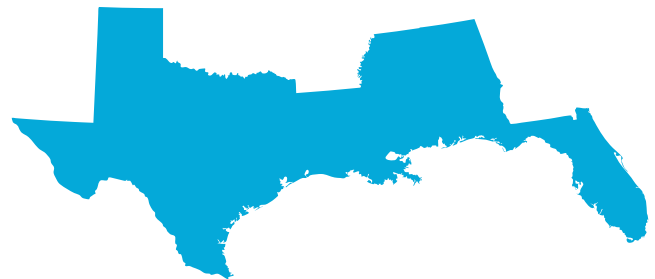The Nature Conservancy

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 restore habitats damaged by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010 while also restoring the economy of the five Gulf states.
With the support of the RESTORE Council, GulfCorps is restoring and preserving ecosystems across the Gulf Coast while building an environmental job base through conservation corps in the five Gulf states.
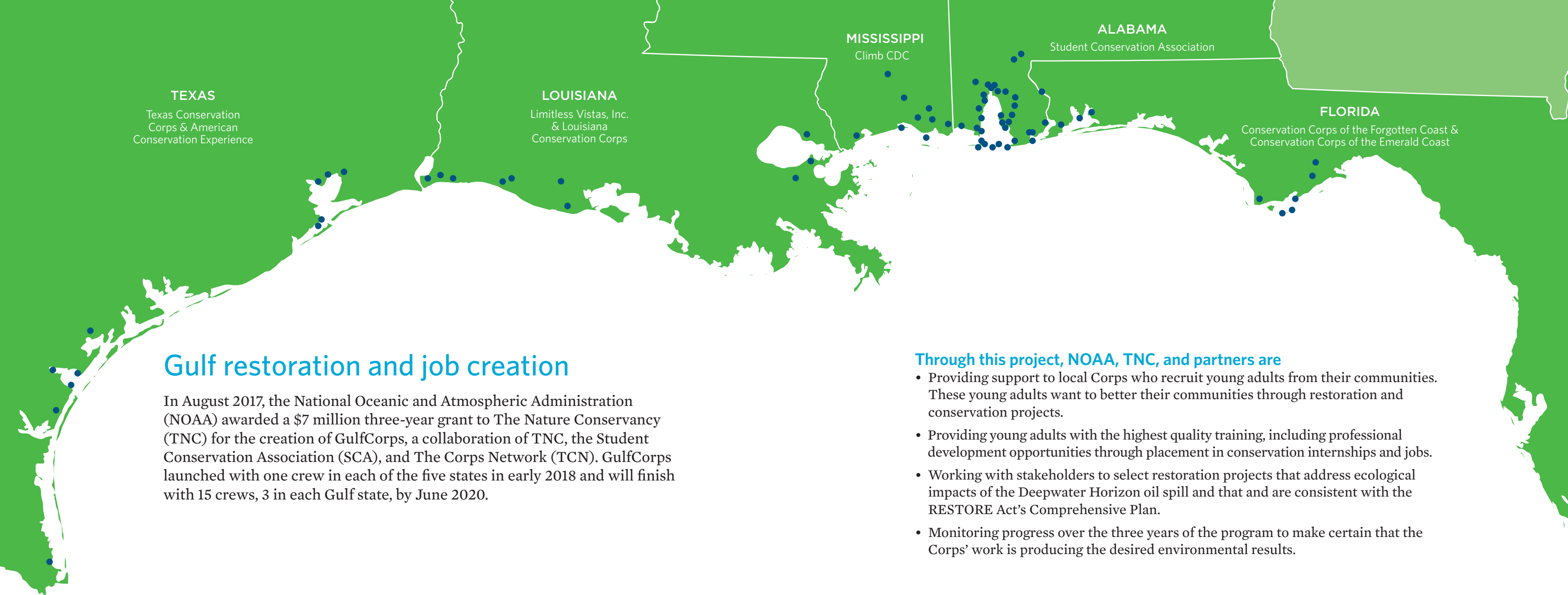
**LOCATION** Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida
**INVESTMENT** $7 million
**PARTNERS** The Corps Network, The Student Conservation Association
**AGENCIES INVOLVED** RESTORE Council, Sponsoring Agency is NOAA
**PROJECT DATES** 2017-2020

**TEXAS**
Texas Conservation
Corps & American
Conservation Experience

**LOUISIANA**
Limitless Vistas, Inc.
& Louisiana
Conservation Corps

**MISSISSIPPI**
Climb CDC

**ALABAMA**
Student Conservation Association

**FLORIDA**
Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast &
Conservation Corps of the Emerald Coast

# Gulf restoration and job creation

In August 2017, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) awarded a $7 million three-year 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 and will finish with 15 crews, 3 in each Gulf state, by June 2020.

## 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 better their communities through restoration and conservation projects.
- Providing young adults with the highest quality training, including professional development opportunities through placement in conservation internships and jobs.
- Working with stakeholders to select restoration projects that address ecological impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and that 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 environmental results.
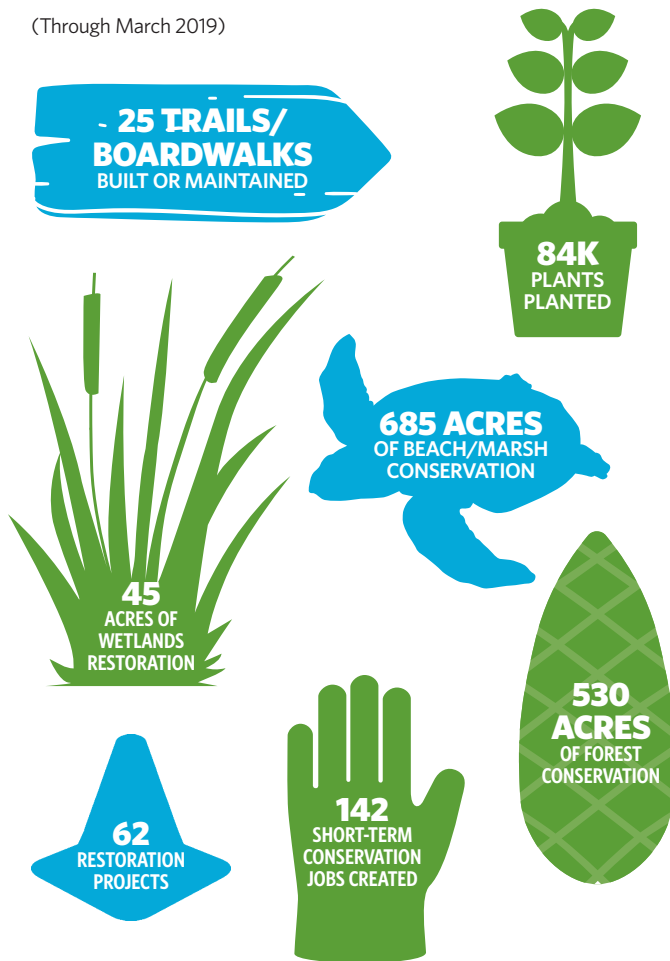

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**The project work is distributed equally** in all five Gulf states (Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas) and supports the specific environmental needs of project sponsors. Crews perform activities such as planting native vegetation, removing invasive species, restoring shorelines, and restoring access to the public by maintaining trails, repairing boardwalks and removing debris. Crew members and leaders are thoroughly trained and educated, providing them with marketable skills for jobs in the restoration economy taking shape in the Gulf of Mexico.
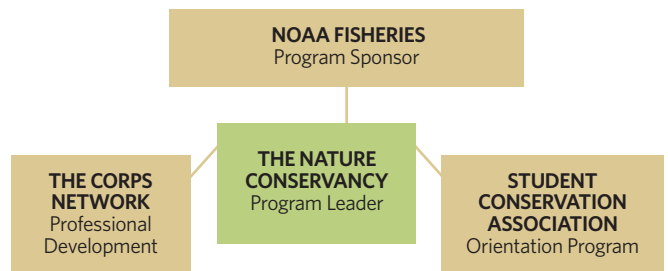

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# GULFCORPS FACTS
(Through March 2019)

- **25 TRAILS/ BOARDWALKS** BUILT OR MAINTAINED

**84K** PLANTS PLANTED

**685 ACRES** OF BEACH/MARSH CONSERVATION

**45** ACRES OF WETLANDS RESTORATION

**530 ACRES** OF FOREST CONSERVATION

**62** RESTORATION PROJECTS

**142** SHORT-TERM CONSERVATION JOBS CREATED

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**GULF COAST CONSERVATION CORPS' PARTICIPATING IN GULFCORPS:**
Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast in Apalachicola, FL | Conservation Corps of the Emerald Coast 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 Baton Rouge, LA | Texas Conservation Corps in Galveston/Houston, TX | American Conservation Experience in Corpus Christi, TX

## GULFCORPS PROJECT TEAM

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