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To paraphrase the law, Mississippi is obligated under the Public Trust Doctrine to protect and preserve all waters or wetlands subject to the ebb and flow of the tide below the mean high water level, regardless of whether the waters were commercially navigable when Mississippi became a state, regardless of how insignificant the tidal influence might be, regardless of how shallow the water, and regardless of how far inland or remote from the sea the protected water might be. This responsibility extends to any minerals or other subsurface or living resources. The responsibility was later clarified to provide for efficient management of resources to ensure public use, environmental protection and enhancement, and economic growth.

The most common and traditional uses with public access protection are navigation, commerce, and fishing. These uses are broadly interpreted to include both commercial and recreational activities. Fishing rights include shellfishing and hunting. Other traditional uses include boating, swimming, shore activities and other water-dependent public activities. Traditional rights have been extended to protect general recreational uses, visual access, preservation of indigenous living resources, and environmental protection. Some states, including Mississippi, have broadened these rights to include tourism.

Background of the Study

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Summary of the Study

When the last public access study of the three coastal counties was done in 2000-2001, the Mississippi Coast was booming. Unprecedented growth in the economy, as well as significant population growth and secondary growth impacts, had created a high demand for waterfront property. Developers of all types – casino, condominium, hotel, and others – were competing for waterfront sites and posing increasing challenges to the traditional water-based activities in the area – fishing, shrimping, beach access, scenic vistas, and recreational boating. Despite that demand, the 2001 study concluded that access opportunities were sufficient through existing sites and planned future development. The study determined that the focus of DMR’s Public Access strategy over the next five years should be enhancement of existing sites and facilities.

Everything changed on August 29, 2005 when Hurricane Katrina crashed into the Mississippi Gulf Coast with lethal force, leaving a wide swath of destruction from state line to state line. Katrina’s Category 3 winds and Category 5 storm surge demolished most structures in her path. The majority of existing public access sites and facilities were obliterated and swept away.

Initially, the focus was on cleanup and recovery. This phase was a massive undertaking considering the scope and extent of the damage. A second and overlapping focus was restoration of critical systems and infrastructure. As this report is written – four years after the storm – comprehensive restoration of infrastructure has not yet been completed. But by late 2007/early 2008, efforts were underway to measure and remediate losses to less critical structures. Many public access facilities fell into this category, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources recognized a need to conduct an inventory and assessment of these sites. Some remained as ravaged as they had been post-Katrina; some had been completely rebuilt; and others were somewhere in between. As the public access inventory progressed during the summer of 2008, the Mississippi Gulf Coast met Fay, Gustav, and Ike. Though none of these hurricanes were direct hits, all created new impacts on coastal resources, including sites that had been inventoried and assessed prior to the hurricane season. Hurricane Gustav, especially, caused widespread damage from storm surge, flooding, and tropical storm force winds. Some of the public access facilities that had been rebuilt following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 were heavily damaged or destroyed again. The inventory and assessment process continued, but had been dealt a setback that underscored the need for a long-term public access management strategy, one that would include mitigation measures to protect against future losses of facilities and a mechanism for regular status updates. The tools produced through this project will form a foundation for the development of that management strategy in the next few years.

And so we present those tools for use by local jurisdictions and the general public alike: in handbook form, the Post-Katrina Inventory and Assessment of Public Access Sites: Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi and in digital map format, the DMR Public Access Points. These tools are dynamic, part of an ongoing project, and will be updated and revised from time to time as redevelopment progress continues on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.
American Legion Post 139 - Clement R. Bontemps Fishing Pier
Washington St. & Beach Blvd.
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.32737
Latitude: 30.30228
Condition as of: 3/11/2011
Rebuilt - Operational
New and operational, large rock pile and break water, new pavilion at base of pier, connected to bike path.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-0172
Bay Marina
100 Bay Marina Dr., Off Washington (N. of Hwy 90)
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Edwards Bayou
Longitude: -89.38243
Latitude: 30.32315
List of amenities: Marina/Harbor, Bait Shop/Ship Store/Tiki Bar, Boat Ramp(1), Boat Slips (72+)(some covered), Fuel, Laundry Facilities, Public Restrooms, RV
Condition as of:
10/28/2009
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Open for Business.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Castoro
100 Bay Marina Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-466-4970
Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor

Beach Blvd. at Main St.
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.32559660
Latitude: 30.31023480
List of amenities: Under construction.

Condition as of: 3/11/2011
Under Construction

Most of the beach area is closed due to construction, for this and the beach walkway & bike path.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Bay St. Louis
PO Box 2550, Bay St. Louis, MS  39520
228-466-5501
Bayou Caddy Fisheries

Behind Silver Slipper Casino, Beach Blvd.
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Processing Plant
Body of Water: Bayou Caddy
Longitude: -89.42869
Latitude: 30.23838
List of amenities: Commercial Boat Slips, Processing Plant

Condition as of: 3/11/2011
Rebuilt - Operational
Cannery open for business. Also Seafood Sales available dock side.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-4332
Bayou Caddy Marina (Hancock County Marina)

Off Lakeshore at end of Pleasure Street
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Bayou Caddy
Longitude: -89.43226
Latitude: 30.23976
List of amenities: Marina/Harbor, Boat Ramp (2), Boat Slips (3+), Commercial (Shrimp) Boat Dockage, Water/Electric Outlets, Port"o"Lets.

Condition as of:
3/11/2011
Partially rebuilt. Open and operational.
Looks like final stages of rebuilding. Most of docks are rebuilt but still has some construction

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-0172
Bayou LaCroix

11060 Hwy 603 (off Hwy 603, S. of I-10)
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Bayou La Croix
Longitude: -89.42383
Latitude: 30.32909
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Fishing Pier

Condition as of: 3/11/2011
Damaged; Closed
Closed. Over grown. For sale by owner (228-342-0255).

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Owner
11060 Hwy 603, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-342-0255
Bayou LaCroix Coastal Preserve, Admiral Isle Unit
Hwy 603 & Sugarfield Road
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Bayou La Croix
Longitude: -89.250716
Latitude: 30.194769
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Birding, Fishing, Limited Waterfowl Hunting, Maritime Forest, Planned Nature Trail, Tidal Marsh
Condition as of: 10/1/2009
Natural, Preserved Site
No improvements. No signage.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Bay-Waveland Yacht Club

Off N. Beach Blvd.

Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Yacht Club
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.32695
Latitude: 30.32394
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Boat Slips, Electric Outlets, Fishing Pier, Marina, Water Hook-up

Condition as of: 3/11/2011

Rebuilt and open for members only.

No Amenities Open to the Public; Members Only, new photos.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Bay-Waveland Yacht Club; George Constance, Gen. Man-
1 Yacht Club Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-4592
Buccaneer State Park

Off Beach Blvd.
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: State/County/Local Park
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.40552
Latitude: 30.26139
List of amenities: Camping, Playground, Disc Golf, Pavilions, Picnic Tables, Nature Trail, Bathhouses, Public Restrooms

Condition as of: 3/11/2011
Partially open, Restrooms rebuilt, Playground rebuilt
Facility was destroyed but is gradually being rebuilt. Bath Houses rebuilt and in use. Playground is in use just inside entrance. New gatehouse in operation about 1500 feet from the one at the entrance.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Dept. Wildlife, Fisheries, Parks
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211
228-467-3822 www.home.mdwf.com
Cedar Point Boat Launch
End of N Beach Blvd.
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.35466
Latitude: 30.33913
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2)

Condition as of:
5/30/2008

Probably Rebuilt; Good Condition
Open for Business

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-0172
Dunbar Public Pier
N. Beach Blvd. at Dunbar Avenue
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.33556
Latitude: 30.3395
List of amenities: Fishing Pier

Condition as of: 3/11/2011
Rebuilt - Operational
Very good condition. In use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-0172
Hollywood Casino Marina

Behind Hollywood Casino
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.35264
Latitude: 30.33595
List of amenities: Marina/Harbor, Boat Slips (25+), Electric Outlets, Water Hook-up

Condition as of: 3/23/2011
Rebuilt - Operational

Condition appears basically the same as the last visit. No Marina building. Open with slips only.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hollywood Casino
711 Hollywood Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-9257
Pier 2003 (Clermont Harbor Pier)

W. End of Beach Blvd.
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.41797
Latitude: 30.25538
List of amenities: Fishing Pier

Condition as of: 5/30/2008
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Open for Business

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-0172
Ulman Avenue Pier (Jimmy Rutherford Pier)

Beach Blvd. at Ulman Avenue
Bay St. Louis

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.3239
Latitude: 30.31364
List of amenities: Fishing Pier

Condition as of: 3/23/2011

Completely Destroyed; Closed

Remaining base of pier has been removed due to construction along Beach Blvd. Still a few pilings remaining. Bay St Louis has plans to begin rebuilding in June 2011. It will be incorporated into the New Bay St Louis Marina.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Bay St Louis
Ulman Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
City of Bay St Louis
LaFrance Fish Camp
3200 Ansley Road
Unincorporated Ansley Community

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Marsh
Longitude: -89.49986
Latitude: 30.20795
List of amenities: 2 Boat Launches, Dry Boat Storage, Fish Camp, RV Park w/Electric & Water Hook-ups, Snack, Bait & Tackle Shop.

Condition as of: 8/9/2011
Completely Rebuilt.
Open for Business. Updated amenities by phone.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
3200 Ansley Road, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-9180
Diamondhead Marina
Yacht Club Drive - South of I-10 at Diamondhead exit
Unincorporated Diamondhead

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Paradise Bayou/Bay of St.
Longitude: -89.37409
Latitude: 30.36552


Condition as of: 3/11/2011

Rebuilt - Operational

Completely rebuilt. Private Facility; Slip space avail to public as 2nd priority, Restaurant/Bar open for business.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Diamondhead Property Owners Association, John Enxing
3410 Yacht Club Dr., Diamondhead, MS 39525
228-255-1900, x 121
Bayou Leterre-Whitney Property
On Bayou Leterre (former International Paper Company property)
Unincorporated Hancock County

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Bayou Leterre
Longitude: -89.385309
Latitude: 30.418854
List of amenities: Bayhead Swamp,
Bottom-Land Hardwoods, Freshwater Stream, Gum Pond, Wet Pine Savannah

Condition as of: 12/1/2009
Natural, Preserved Site
No improvements. No signage.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Curtis Johnson Waterfront Park and Boat Launch (Napoleon Boat
Outside NASAs Stennis Space Center - Gainesville Pearlington Road
Unincorporated Hancock County

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: State/County/Local Park
Body of Water: Pearl River
Longitude: -89.63171
Latitude: 30.32882
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Fishing Pier (2),

Condition as of: 3/23/2011
Good Condition & Operational
Working Launch and Piers (Rope Swing previously here is now gone)(From I10 turn north on Hwy 607, turn left at Old Hwy 43 (second left), turn left at Gainesville-Pearlington Road, turn right at Curtis Johnson sign and follow to end)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Building 3 , Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-0172
Hancock County Marshes

Marshlands bordering the MS Sound from the Pearl River to Point Clear
Unincorporated Hancock County

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: MS Sound, Pearl River
Longitude: -89.27.21
Latitude: 30.10.51
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing, Indian Shell Middens, Scenic Vistas, Limited Waterfowl Hunting, Commer-
cial Harvesting of Shrimp & Oysters

Condition as of:

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Heron Bay Coastal Preserve, Ansley Birding Trail

Lower Bay Road & Ansley Rd.
Unincorporated Hancock County

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Heron Bay
Longitude: -89.29.15.95
Latitude: 30.12.58.19
Condition as of: 10/1/2009
Natural, Preserved Site
No improvements. No signage.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Logtown Boat Launch

Off Hwy 604 (From I10 turn south onto Hwy 607, turn right onto Hwy 604, turn right at Log-

Unincorporated Hancock County

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pearl River
Longitude: -89.63065
Latitude: 30.28016
List of amenities: Boat Launch

Condition as of: 3/23/2011
Launch Usable
Anything that was built here is now gone except for the dirt and gravel boat ramp/launch.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Building 3, Bay St Louis, MS 39525
228-467-0172
Bayou Talla Boat Launch

End of Comanche Street (off Hwy 603 in Jourdan River Estates)
Unincorporated Kiln

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Jourdan River
Longitude: -89.43522
Latitude: 30.39874
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Fishing Pier (2)

Condition as of:
5/21/2008
Minimal Pier Damage
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Comanche Street, Kiln, MS 39556
Unknown
McLeod Park - Pearl River Boatway

8100 Texas Flat Road (off 603 N. of I-10)
Unincorporated Kiln

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: State/County/Local Park
Body of Water: Pearl River
Longitude: -89.46093
Latitude: 30.38662
List of amenities: Bath House (Showers), Fishing, Boat Launch (1) Picnic Tables, Public Restrooms, RV Camp Sites, Store/Supply Shop, Swimming, Nature Trail

Condition as of: 5/21/2008
Repaired; Minimal Damage
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-0172
Bordages Marina
6149 Central Avenue
Unincorporated Lakeshore

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Bayou Caddy
Longitude: -89.44144
Latitude: 30.2418
List of amenities: Bait/Tackle Shop, Boat Launch

Condition as of: 10/28/2009
Repaired
Operating primarily as a Bait Shop.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Tommy Bordages
6149 Central Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-341-5220
Islander Marina
5400 Island View Drive
Unincorporated Lakeshore

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.430827
Latitude: 30.239421
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of:
3/23/2011

Completed Destroyed.
Closed.

DESTROYED BY HURRICANE KATRINA. Overgrown vegetation and no sign of rebuilding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
5400 Island View Drive, Lakeshore, MS 39520
228-466-5030
Oak Harbor Marina

Near intersection of Hwy 90 and 604 (inside Oak Harbor Subdivision)
Unincorporated Pearlington

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Boat Launch
Body of Water: Whites Bayou or Bayou
Longitude: -89.60139
Latitude: 30.24349
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of: 3/23/2011

Destroyed; Closed and gated.

Marina destroyed. Steep concrete boat ramp. Closed and gated. For sale sign posted on fence.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Hwy 90 & 604, Pearlington, MS 39572
Unknown
Pearlington Landing Boat Launch

End of Monroe Street
Unincorporated Pearlington

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pearl River
Longitude: -89.61557
Latitude: 30.24787
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Fishing Piers (2)

Condition as of: 5/21/2008
Rebuilt; Very Good Condition
Open for Business.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-0172
Roy Baxter Marina
Off Hwy 604
Unincorporated Pearlington

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Pearl River
Longitude: -89.61069
Latitude: 30.24522
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of: 3/23/2011
Completely Destroyed; Closed & Gated
Still fenced off. No sign of repairs. No contact info.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Hwy 604, Pearlington, MS 39572
Unknown
Turtle Landing Fish Camp (formerly Bea and Woody's Marina)

16463 Hwy 90
Unincorporated Pearlington

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Bayou Cowan
Longitude: -89.60581
Latitude: 30.24162
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Fishing Pier (1), Store, Restaurant, Lounge

Condition as of: 3/23/2011
Repaired - Operational
Store & Restaurant look Open; Boat Tie-ups. Same condition as last visit.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
16463 Hwy 90, Pearlington, MS 39572
228-533-0006
Whites Bayou RV Park

End of Reynolds Road, S. of Hwy 90
Unincorporated Pearlington

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Bayou Cowan
Longitude: -89.58484
Latitude: 30.24817
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Picnic Tables, RV Park

Condition as of: 5/30/2008
Repaired
In Working Condition

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Reynolds Road, Pearlington, MS 39572
Unknown
Port Bienville Industrial Park Boat Launch

End of Road A - Port Bienville Industrial Park
Unincorporated Port Bienville

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Industrial Channel off Pearl
Longitude: -89.58559
Latitude: 30.22405
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1)

Condition as of: 5/30/2008
Good Condition
Operational; Concrete Ramp

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Economic Development Commission
PO Box 2267, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
228-467-9231 www.hancockdevelopmentcommission.com
Bayou Phillip Boat Launch and Pier (Harbor Drive Boat Launch)

Harbor Drive at 4th Street
Waveland

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou Phillip
Longitude: -89.42935
Latitude: 30.31508
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Fishing Piers (2), Ample Parking

Condition as of: 8/9/2011
Good Condition
Operational

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Hancock County Board of Supervisors
3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-0172
Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier & Veterans Memorial
125 N Beach Blvd. at Coleman Avenue
Waveland

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.366727
Latitude: 30.282173
List of amenities: Fishing Pier (Fee), Boardwalk, Pavilions, Handicap Access, Lighting, Picnic Areas, Benches, Tackle Shop, Ample Parking, Walking/Biking, Public Restrooms, Veterans Memorial Park

Condition as of: 3/11/2011
Rebuilt, New Construction
All new construction, open for business, municipal pier, fee to walk and to fish, picnic pavilions, rest stop for walkers and cyclists.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Waveland
407 Hwy 90, Waveland, MS 39576
228-467-4134
Grand Bayou GEMS Coastal Preserve
Along the edge of brackish marsh surrounding the Buccaneer State Park site
Waveland

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Jackson Marsh
Longitude: -89.402080
Latitude: 30.266362
List of amenities: Fishing, Limited Waterfowl Hunting, Scenic Vistas,
most of the site is within the State Park

Condition as of:
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Sweetbay Hollow Nature Preserve

Beach Blvd.
Waveland

County: Hancock
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.360252
Latitude: 30.292282
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Bayhead Swamp, Maritime Shoreline, Mixed Hardwood Forest, Nature Trail, Birding, Gazebo, Observation Tower

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Jourdan River Coastal Preserve

Marshlands from the mouth of the Jourdan River up to the forested area
Unincorporated Hancock County and Harrison County

County: Hancock/Harrison
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Jourdan River
Longitude: -89.341321
Latitude: 30.370068
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing, Scenic Vistas, Limited Waterfowl Hunting

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Summary of the Study

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Everything changed on August 29, 2005 when Hurricane Katrina crashed into the Mississippi Gulf Coast with lethal force, leaving a wide swath of destruction from state line to state line. Katrina’s Category 3 winds and Category 5 storm surge demolished most structures in her path. The majority of existing public access sites and facilities were obliterated and swept away.

Initially, the focus was on cleanup and recovery. This phase was a massive undertaking considering the scope and extent of the damage. A second and overlapping focus was restoration of critical systems and infrastructure. As this report is written – four years after the storm – comprehensive restoration of infrastructure has not yet been completed. But by late 2007/early 2008, efforts were underway to measure and remediate losses to less critical structures. Many public access facilities fell into this category, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources recognized a need to conduct an inventory and assessment of these sites. Some remained as ravaged as they had been post-Katrina; some had been completely rebuilt; and others were somewhere in between. As the public access inventory progressed during the summer of 2008, the Mississippi Gulf Coast met Fay, Gustav, and Ike. Though none of these hurricanes were direct hits, all created new impacts on coastal resources, including sites that had been inventoried and assessed prior to the hurricane season. Hurricane Gustav, especially, caused widespread damage from storm surge, flooding, and tropical storm force winds. Some of the public access facilities that had been rebuilt following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 were heavily damaged or destroyed again. The inventory and assessment process continued, but had been dealt a setback that underscored the need for a long-term public access management strategy, one that would include mitigation measures to protect against future losses of facilities and a mechanism for regular status updates. The tools produced through this project will form a foundation for the development of that management strategy in the next few years.

And so we present those tools for use by local jurisdictions and the general public alike: in handbook form, the Post-Katrina Inventory and Assessment of Public Access Sites: Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi and in digital map format, the DMR Public Access Points. These tools are dynamic, part of an ongoing project, and will be updated and revised from time to time as redevelopment progress continues on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.
Cat Island (Smugglers Cove)

9.5 miles S of the Port of Gulfport
Barrier Island

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.08733
Latitude: 30.2137

List of amenities: Beach, Fishing, Birding, Swimming, Limited Waterfowl Hunting

Condition as of:
11/12/2008

Damaged; Accessible

Extent of damage unknown; will be restored

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Gulf Islands National Seashore
3500 Park Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-9057 www.nps.gov/guis
Deer Island

just south of Biloxi Beach
Barrier Island

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.49.272
Latitude: 30.22.027
List of amenities: Beach, Fishing, Birding, Swimming, Limited Waterfowl Hunting

Condition as of:
Damaged; Accessible
Extent of damage unknown; will be restored

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
East Ship Island (Lagoon Entrance)

14.5 miles ESE of the Port of Gulfport
Barrier Island

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.88746
Latitude: 30.24004
List of amenities: Beach, Fishing, Swimming, Birding, Scenic Vistas

Condition as of:
11/12/2008

Damaged; Accessible

Extent of damage unknown; will be restored

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Gulf Islands National Seashore
3500 Park Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-9057  www.nps.gov/guis
West Ship Island (at Pier Entrance)

12 miles SSE of the Port of Gulfport
Barrier Island

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.97152
Latitude: 30.21267
List of amenities: Beach, Fishing, Swimming, Scenic Vistas, Historic Fort, Snack Bar, Birding

Condition as of: 11/12/2008
Damaged; Accessible
Extent of damage unknown; will be restored

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Gulf Islands National Seashore
3500 Park Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-9057   www.nps.gov/guis
Bay Point High & Dry
165 5th Street
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Processing Plant
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -88.860170
Latitude: 30.401239
List of amenities: Processing Plant

Condition as of:
10/9/2009
Operational
Seafood Processing Only

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
165 5th Street, Biloxi, MS 39530
228-374-7766
Beau Rivage Marina
875 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.89273210
Latitude: 30.39228660
List of amenities: Marina CLOSED

Condition as of:
3/24/2011

Partially Destroyed;
Closed

Most slips intact, but no
sign of reconstruction.
No Access

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Beau Rivage Casino
875 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS  39530
228-396-7580
Biloxi Harbor
679 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.8836
Latitude: 30.39237
List of amenities: Berthing for Shrimp Fleet, Boat Slips (55 Commercial - 140 Regular), Electric Outlets, Fresh Catch Sales, Boat Launch, Water Hook-Up
Condition as of: 3/24/2011
Partially Rebuilt; Operational
New Harbor Master's building complete. Some dock and pier construction in progress. Heavy machinery in place.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600
Biloxi River Boat Launch

Off Lorraine Rd., NE side of bridge
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Biloxi River
Longitude: -89.01284
Latitude: 30.45355
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of:
4/4/2011

Destroyed; No Access
Closed, No Access;
Posted No Trespassing

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  Unknown
Lorraine Road, Biloxi, MS 39532
Unknown
Biloxi Schooner Pier Complex
367 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.87125
Latitude: 30.39254
List of amenities: Fishing Pier, 3 Pavilions, Handicap-Accessible Restrooms, Observation Deck, Floating Dock (200 Ft), Schooner Tour Ride

Condition as of: 8/9/2011
Rebuilt
Pier Complex rebuilt. Museum and Gift Shop has moved to Edgewater Mall on Highway 90 in Biloxi. Today both

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum
PO Box 1907, Biloxi, MS 39530
228-435-6320; www.maritimemuseum.org
Biloxi Yacht Club

408 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Yacht Club
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.87357
Latitude: 30.39341
List of amenities: Marina, Boat Slips (22)(2 for Reserved use), Electrical Outlets, Water Hook-up, Event Space w/Bar.

Condition as of: 8/9/2011
Rebuilt. Private Club.
Completely rebuilt.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Biloxi Yacht Club
408 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-374-6344
Broadwater Marina
Hwy 90 across from former Broadwater Beach Hotel
Biloxi

**County:** Harrison

**Type of Facility:** Marina/Harbor

**Body of Water:** Mississippi Sound

**Longitude:** -88.96294

**Latitude:** 30.39145

**List of amenities:** CLOSED

**Condition as of:**
3/24/2011

Completely Destroyed.
Closed but still used as fishing spot.

Privately owned. No evidence of rebuilding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
2110 West Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531
Unknown
Cedar Lake Island

Biloxi River Marshes/Tchoutacabouffa River
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Tchoutacabouffa River
Longitude: -88.945023
Latitude: 30.457075
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Bayhead Swamp, Bottomland Hardwood Forest, Cypress/Gum Ponds, Upland Oak/Pine Ridges, Birding

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Cedar Lake Launch

Cedar Lake Rd., SE side of bridge
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Boat Launch
Body of Water: Tchoutacabouffa Rive
Longitude: -88.93887923
Latitude: 30.46162826
List of amenities: Natural Access Boat Launch

Condition as of:
4/4/2011
Natural launch. In use.
Natural access to Cedar Lake on the north side of the bridge.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Cedar Lake Rd., Biloxi, MS 39532
Unknown
Coast Coliseum Pier (AKA West Biloxi Pier)

Hwy 90 at Coast Coliseum Entrance
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.97515
Latitude: 30.39078
List of amenities: Fishing Pier, New CTA Stop & Comfort Station, Restrooms, Bicycle Rack, Handicap Ramp to CTA station and to Beach, Benches
Condition as of: 3/24/2011
Completely Rebuilt
New (CTA station has lighting but no lighting on pier)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600

Frankie Duggan, Di-
Forrest Ave. Pier & Boat Launch
Forrest Ave. North at Bayview
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -88.90380350
Latitude: 30.41164000
List of amenities: Boat Launch(2), Fishing Pier (1), Pavilion

Condition as of: 3/24/2011
Good condition and operational.
Pavilion roof repaired.
Good condition.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600
Hiller Park
Off Atkinson Rd.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: State/County/Local Park
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -88.95411
Latitude: 30.41069
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Picnic Area, Pavilion, Playground

Condition as of:
10/8/2008
No Obvious Storm Damage; Good Condition Operational

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation
138 Lameuse St., PO Box 775, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-6294
I-110 Ramp Walk

Hwy 90 at I-110 Entrance Ramp (near The Lighthouse Pier)

Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Boardwalk
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.89738810
Latitude: 30.39410270
List of amenities: Boardwalk/Walkway, Scenic Vista, Lighting

Condition as of: 3/24/2011

Very good condition

Very good condition. Walkway starts near the Lighthouse Pier and goes around under the I110 Ramp/Loop and ends near the Beau Rivage Parking Garage.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobby Weaver, Harrison County Sand Beach Director
842 Commerce St., Gulfport, MS 39507
228-896-0055, rweaver@co.harrison.ms.us
Kuhn St. Pier & Boat Launch

Hwy 90 at Kuhn St.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.87257
Latitude: 30.39257
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Fishing Pier

Condition as of: 3/24/2011

Pier Destroyed; Boat Ramp Open

Boat ramp usable. Big equipment being unloaded. Reconstruction may be starting.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600
Lee Street Boat Launch
Lee Street at Bayview
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -88.87874
Latitude: 30.41078
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2)

Condition as of:
3/24/2011
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Open for Business. Near commercial fleet docking on Back Bay.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600
Lighthouse Fishing Docks
586 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Commercial Fleet
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -88.88858
Latitude: 30.4112
List of amenities: Docking for Shrimp Fleet, 35 Berths, Water Hook-up

Condition as of: 3/24/2011
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Open for Business

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600
Lighthouse Pier & Visitors Center (Porter Ave. South Pier)

Porter Ave. at Hwy 90

Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.90124
Latitude: 30.39407
List of amenities: Fishing Pier with Covered Pavilion, Benches, Lighting, Historic Lighthouse, Tour Train Ride, Visitors Center.
Condition as of: 8/12/2011
New. Rebuilt.
Newly rebuilt. Visitors' Center recently built across the street from the Lighthouse and Pier. Renovated Historic

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600
M & M Launch
Lorraine Rd.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Boat Launch
Body of Water: Biloxi River
Longitude: -89.0032
Latitude: 30.2730
List of amenities: Boat Launch

Condition as of:
3/24/2011

Unknown

Could not locate

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Lorraine Road, Biloxi, MS 39532
Unknown
Old Biloxi/Ocean Springs Fishing Bridge

East End of Howard Avenue

Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Miss. Sound/Back Bay
Longitude: -88.859207
Latitude: 30.396536
List of amenities: Fishing Pier

Condition as of: 3/24/2011
Not Usable
Could not get close enough to GPS

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600
Old Ice Wharf Pier
LaMeuse St. at Bayview
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -88.88724813
Latitude: 30.41102311
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of: 3/24/2011
Piers destroyed.
Closed. For Sale.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600
Palace Casino Marina
158 Howard Ave.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi/Mississippi
Longitude: -88.860239
Latitude: 30.397567
List of amenities: Marina/Harbor, Boat Slips (23), Bar & Grill, Electric Outlets, Fish-Cleaning Station, Handicap Accessible, Public Restrooms, Wa-
Condition as of: 10/26/2009
Good Condition
Good Condition. In Operation.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Palace Casino Resort, Keith Crosby, General Manager
PO Box 309, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-386-2272
Parker Street Pier
Parker Street at Bayview
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -88.88874330
Latitude: 30.41123750
List of amenities: Fishing Pier with Covered Pavilion, Benches

Condition as of: 3/24/2011
Good condition. In Use.
In good condition. Pavilion roof has been repaired since last visit.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1909, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6601
Parkers Landing RV Park
Off Hwy 67, S. of I-10
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: RV Park
Body of Water: Parkers Creek
Longitude: -88.96627
Latitude: 30.45901

List of amenities: Boat launch (1)(outside on the north side of RV Park), Fishing piers (2), RV Park

Condition as of:
4/4/2011

Good Condition. In use.

Rebuilt. Piers were under water when photos were taken of launch but they appear new.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
7577 E. Oaklawn Rd., Biloxi, MS  39532
228-392-7717
Point Cadet Marina

Hwy 90, West side of Biloxi-Ocean Springs Bridge; 119 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.85833
Latitude: 30.39002
Condition as of: 3/24/2011
Rebuilt.
In great condition. Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Richardson, Harbor Master
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-436-9312
Popp's Ferry Causeway Park
Popp's Ferry on Causeway Drive
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Boat Launch
Body of Water: Tchoutacabouffa River
Longitude: -88.97839
Latitude: 30.41945
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Crabbing, Fishing, Pavilion, Trailer Parking, Walking Jogging, Boardwalk, Handicapped Parking,

Condition as of: 4/4/2011
Partially rebuilt.
Piers at launch in fair condition. Pavement near launch in need of repair. Fishing pier with covered pavilion in good condition and in use. Boardwalk is closed. Middle section of boardwalk destroyed and not yet repaired.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-374-6600
Porter Avenue North Pier
Porter Avenue at Bayview
Biloxi

**County:** Harrison  
**Type of Facility:** Pier  
**Body of Water:** Back Bay Biloxi  
**Longitude:** -88.90214020  
**Latitude:** 30.41165200  
**List of amenities:** Fishing Pier with Covered Pavilion.

**Condition as of:** 3/24/2011  
Good condition. In Use.

Repaired. Short pier at north end of Porter Avenue. No lights visible but electrical box in view at the base of the pier.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Biloxi Port Division, Frankie Duggan, Director  
PO Box 1908, Biloxi, MS 39533  
228-374-6600
Veterans Ave. Pier
Hwy 90 at Veterans Ave.
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.94711
Latitude: 30.39258
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of:
3/24/2011

Completely Destroyed;
Closed

No signs of being rebuilt.
Your Mama'z House Fish Camp

Off Cedar Lake Rd., S of bridge
Biloxi

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Fish Camp
Body of Water: Tchoutacabouffa Rive
Longitude: -88.93865
Latitude: 30.45901
List of amenities: Rebuilt. Open.

Condition as of: 4/4/2011

Completely rebuilt. Open.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Cedar Lake Rd., Biloxi, MS 39532
Unknown
D' Iberville Marina

Under I-110 Bridge, North of Back Bay on Bayshore Drive
D' Iberville

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -88.89431
Latitude: 30.42487
List of amenities: Boat Launch (3)
Benches, Boat Slips (19), Electrical Outlet, Handicap Accessible,
Lighting, Water Hook-up

Condition as of:
10/26/2009

New
Open for Business; New Since Katrina

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of D' Iberville, Attn: Monica
10274 3rd Avenue, D' Iberville, MS 39540
228-396-4252
Fountain Pier & Marine Education Park
Race Track Road at Batia Road
D' Iberville

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -88.883904
Latitude: 30.425724

Condition as of:
10/26/2009
Good Condition
Operational

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of D' Iberville, Mike Mullins, Dir. Parks & Rec.
PO Box 6327, D' Iberville, MS 39540
228-669-5539; mmullins@diberville.ms.us
Tchoutacabouffa Nature Park

Tchoutacabouffa River

D' Iberville

County: Harrison

Type of Facility: Conserved Property

Body of Water: Tchoutacabouffa River

Longitude: -88.942852

Latitude: 30.461215

List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Bottomland Hardwood Forest, Deep Water Swamp, Pine Savannah River Levee

Condition as of:

12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Merlin Necaise Boat Launch

Henderson Avenue North of Pass Christian in Delisle (Off W. Wittman S. of bridge)
DeLisle

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Jourdan River
Longitude: -89.27309
Latitude: 30.35712
List of amenities: Boat Launch,
Electricity/Lighting

Condition as of: 3/11/2011
Rebuilt
Good condition. Operational. In use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Harrison County Board of Supervisors
1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501
228-867-6528
Fay Browne Property

Bayou View Subdivision-Bayou View Park (near intersection of Washington Ave. & 48th St.)
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Stream off Brickyard Bayou
Longitude: -89.047205
Latitude: 30.412678
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Stream, Wet Pine Savannah, Adjacent to City Park

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Gulfport Lake Boat Launch
Off Washington Ave. near Bayou Vista Golf Course
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Gulfport Lake
Longitude: -89.06048
Latitude: 30.42387
List of amenities: Boat Launch (4), Fishing Pire (2), Pavilion

Condition as of: 10/8/2008
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Open for Business

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Gulfport
PO Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502
228-868-5881; www.gulfport-ms.gov/leisureservices
Gulfport Small Craft Harbor

Beach Blvd. at 20th Ave.
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/ Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.08876
Latitude: 30.36534


Condition as of: 3/10/2011

New construction. Some phases still under construction.

Slips/ Docks are complete. Some features not yet open.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Gulfport
PO Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502
228-868-5713
Gulfport Yacht Club

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Yacht Club
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.08897
Latitude: 30.36109
List of amenities: Private Yacht Club, Boat Slips (~104), Electrical Outlets, Ramp, Water Hook-ups

Condition as of: 3/10/2011
Rebuilt - Open for Members
Operational. Private Club.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Gulfport Yacht Club
800 East Pier Rd., Gulfport, MS 39501
228-863-6796
Handsboro Boat Launch (AKA Bayou Bernard Park & Trails)
Off Switzer Rd. behind Handsboro Community Center
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou Bernard
Longitude: -89.01701
Latitude: 30.40805
List of amenities: Boardwalk Trails (closed),
Boat Launch (2), Fishing Pier, Pavilion, Benches,
Picnic Tables, Port-o-Let.

Condition as of: 4/4/2011
Ramps Operational. Pier and Pavilion rebuilt. Some of the boardwalk/trail is closed.
Needs some repairs to boardwalk and trails over marsh area. Parks area and boat ramp needs resurfacing. The remaining amenities are open and in use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Gulfport
PO Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502
228-868-5881; www.gulfport-ms.gov/leisureservices
James Hill Park
Switzer Rd. between Handsboro Community Center and Jefferson Davis Community College
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: State/County/Local Park
Body of Water: Bayou Bernard
Longitude: -89.01438
Latitude: 30.40891
List of amenities: Ball/Soccer Field, Boardwalk/Nature Trail (CLOSED), Fishing Pier, Pavilion, Picnic Tables, Playground, Lighted Tennis Courts

Condition as of:
4/4/2011


Partially operational. Boardwalk/Nature Trail CLOSED. Needs Some

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Gulfport
PO Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502
228-868-5881; www.gulfport-ms.gov/leisureservices
Joseph T. Jones Park
Highway 90 at 20th Avenue
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Recreational Park
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.08655480
Latitude: 30.36675600


Condition as of: 3/10/2011
Rebuilding - Near complete
New Recreational Park; Playground; Splash Pad; CTA Comfort Station complete; Two of four boat launch ramps in use; access to launch somewhat blocked by reconstruction of

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Gulfport
PO Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502
228-868-5881; www.gulfport-ms.gov/leisureservices
Ken Combs Pier
Hwy 90 at Courthouse Rd.
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.04406
Latitude: 30.37689
List of amenities: Boat Ramp (2), Fishing Piers, New CTA comfort Station, Beach Vendors, Lighting, Benches.

Condition as of: 3/24/2011

Completely rebuilt. Open.
Open for Business. New pier and CTA comfort station with restrooms. New rock pile breakwater. expanded parking.
Kremers Landing
Cowan-Loraine Rd. at Magnolia St. under bridge
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou Bernard
Longitude: -89.02734
Latitude: 30.40508
List of amenities: Boat Ramp (2), Fishing Piers

Condition as of: 10/8/2008
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Open for Business

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Gulfport Dept. of Leisure Services
PO Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502
228-868-5881; www.gulfport-ms.gov/leisureservices
Moses Pier
Adjacent to Gulfport Small Craft Harbor (East)
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.08565480
Latitude: 30.36277990
List of amenities: Fishing pier with covered pavilions, walking
(Temporarily Closed due to Harbor Construction)
Condition as of: 3/10/2011
Rebuilt (Not accessible due to harbor construction.)
Rebuilt - Access blocked by re-Construction of Small Craft Harbor (Temporarily Closed)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Gulfport
PO Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502
228-868-5881; www.gulfport-ms.gov/leisureservices
Plott Property
near Turkey Creek in North Gulfport
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Turkey Creek
Longitude:
Latitude:
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas,
Longleaf Pine, Wet Pine Savannah

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Preservation Oaks Beach Park
Hwy 90 across from Island View Casino (West side of Island View Hotel Bldg)
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: State/County/Local Park
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.10216
Latitude: 30.36168
List of amenities: Beach Access, Fishing, Parking, Scenic Vistas, Walking, Lighting.

Condition as of: 3/10/2011
Rebuilt. Good condition.
Open. Good condition.
In Use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Beach Blvd., Gulfport, MS 39507
Unknown
Turkey Creek Greenway
Along Turkey Creek
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Turkey Creek
Longitude:
Latitude:
List of amenities: Community Greenway, Longleaf Pine, Wet Pine Savannah

Condition as of: 12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Urie Pier
Near the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor (South end of Harbor)
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.08662291
Latitude: 30.35906711
List of amenities: Fishing Piers (2) with covered pavilions, walking (Temporarily closed due to harbor reconstruction)

Condition as of: 3/10/2011

Rebuilt ((No Access due to harbor construction.)

Rebuilt - Access blocked by re-Construction of Small Craft Harbor

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Gulfport
PO Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502
228-868-5881; www.gulfport-ms.gov/leisureservices
Wessler Property
Near Gulfport Lake
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Gulfport Lake
Longitude: -89.064340
Latitude: 30.425132
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Brackish Marsh, Birding

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site
West Side Fishing Pier
Hwy 90 west of Island View Casino
Gulfport

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.10945
Latitude: 30.35932
List of amenities: Fishing Pier, Walking

Condition as of: 3/10/2011

Rebuilt, good condition
Rebuilt, operational, good condition.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Gulfport
PO Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502
228-868-5881; www.gulfport-ms.gov/leisureservices
Sand Beach and Beach Walkway

Henderson Point to Point Cadet
Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude:
Latitude:
List of amenities: Beach, Scenic Vista, Walking/Biking

Condition as of:
3/10/2011
Partially Rebuilt; Under Construction
Parts are still under construction but large portion usable.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobby Weaver, Harrison County Sand Beach Director
842 Commerce St., Gulfport, MS 39507
228-896-0055, rweaver@co.harrison.ms.us
Long Beach Fishing Pier 1

Beach Blvd.
Long Beach

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.14128
Latitude: 30.34364
List of amenities: Fishing Pier with covered pavilion.

Condition as of: 3/10/2011
Rebuilt.
In good condition. Operational.
Located on the southeastern edge of the Long Beach Small Craft Harbor.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Long Beach
PO Box 929, Long Beach, MS 39560
228-236-5050; 228-669-7601; recdept@cityoflongbeachms.com
Long Beach Fishing Pier 2

Beach Blvd.
Long Beach

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.1447
Latitude: 30.34454
List of amenities: Fishing Pier

Condition as of: 3/10/2011
Rebuilt.

In good condition. Operational. Located on the southwestern edge of the Long Beach Small Craft Harbor.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Long Beach
PO Box 929, Long Beach, MS 39560
228-236-5050; 228-669-7601; recdept@cityoflongbeachms.com
Long Beach Jim Simpson Sr. Fishing Pier at Jeff Davis
On Hwy 90 by Long Beach Harbor
Long Beach

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.14743
Latitude: 30.34473
List of amenities: Fishing Pier, Pavilions

Condition as of: 9/21/2009
Rebuilt.
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobby Weaver, Harrison County Sand Beach Director
842 Commerce St., Gulfport, MS 39507
228-896-0055, rweaver@co.harrison.ms.us
Long Beach Small Craft Harbor
Hwy 90 at Cleveland Ave.
Long Beach

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.14229
Latitude: 30.34536

Condition as of: 3/10/2011
Rebuilt. Good condition.
Rebuilt and operational. New CTA comfort station with rest rooms, event pavilion, expanded parking, new Harbor Masters building.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Long Beach
PO Box 929, Long Beach, MS 39560
228-236-5050; 228-669-7601; 228-863-4795
Long Beach Yacht Club
Beach Blvd.
Long Beach

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.14427
Latitude: 30.34576
List of amenities: Private Yacht Club, Beach, Boat Slips (~37), Private Marina, Swimming Pool

Condition as of: 3/10/2011

Rebuilt; Private Club

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Long Beach Yacht Club
203 E. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560
228-868-8279
USM Fishing Pier

Beach Blvd.
Long Beach

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.13408
Latitude: 30.3511
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of:
3/10/2011

Completely Destroyed;
Closed

No signs of it being rebuilt.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560
Unknown
Pass Christian Boat Launch

Beach Blvd.
Pass Christian

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.24939
Latitude: 30.31292
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2)

Condition as of: 3/10/2011
New Piers
Operational - Planned expansion but no changes yet

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pass Christian
PO Box 368, Pass Christian, MS 39571
228-452-3315
County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.24628
Latitude: 30.3131
Condition as of: 3/10/2011
Rebuilt. Good condition.
Rebuilt and Operational. Trailer for harbor master's office moved to north of commercial harbor; expansion

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pass Christian
PO Box 368, Pass Christian, MS 39571
228-452-3315
Pass Christian Small Craft Harbor

Beach Blvd.
Pass Christian

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.24628
Latitude: 30.3131

Condition as of: 3/10/2011

Rebuilt - New Fishing Piers w/Pavilions, Expanded Parking.

Rebuilt. New fishing pier with pavilions. New playground with picnic pavilions and benches, expanded parking.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pass Christian
PO Box 368, Pass Christian, MS 39571
228-452-3315
Pass Christian Yacht Club

Beach Blvd.
Pass Christian

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -89.24508
Latitude: 30.31162
List of amenities: Private Marina/Harbor, Boat Slips (~15), Dry Storage, Electrical Outlets, Handicap Accessible, Swimming Pool, Water Hook-ups

Condition as of:
3/10/2011
Rebuilt; Private Club
Rebuilt and operational; Private Club; Members Only - New Photos

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Pass Christian Yacht Club
120 S. Market St., Pass Christian, MS 39571
228-452-2571
Pelican Cove Marina
103 W. Bayview Street
Pass Christian

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.28997
Latitude: 30.31199
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of: 3/11/2011
 Completely Destroyed; Closed
DESTROYED BY HURRICANE KATRINA; no sign of rebuilding

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
103 W. Bayview Street, Pass Christian, MS 39571
228-452-7390
Bayou Portage Coastal Preserve
Along the edge of estuarine marsh bordering Bayou Portage
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Bayou Portage
Longitude: -89.269600
Latitude: 30.342384
List of amenities: Fishing, Limited
Waterfowl Hunting, Scenic Vistas

Condition as of:
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS  39530
228-523-4100    www.dmr.state.ms.us
Biloxi River Marshes
marshy edges along the Biloxi River, Tchoutacabouffa River, Bernard Bayou
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Biloxi River, Tchoutacabouffa River, Bernard Bayou
Longitude: -89.00.30.89
Latitude: 30.27.12.32
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing, Scenic Vistas, Limited Waterfowl Hunting

Condition as of:
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Discovery Bay Marina (Peppers)

24616 Yacht Club Dr.
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Bayou Portage
Longitude: -89.25597
Latitude: 30.34712
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of:
3/31/2011
Completely Destroyed;
Property Cleared; Closed
Private Property; No
Sign of Rebuilding; Prop-
erty is For Sale

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
24616 Yacht Club Dr., Pass Christian, MS 39571
228-452-9441
Eagle Point Boat Launch
Off Shorecrest Drive
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Back Bay Biloxi
Longitude: -89.00367
Latitude: 30.4354
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1)

Condition as of:
4/4/2011

Boat ramp appears operational. For Sale Sign. Cleaned up since last visit.

Site cleaned and for sale.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Shorecrest Drive, Biloxi, MS 39532
Unknown
Hairston Property

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water:
Longitude: -89.100193
Latitude: 30.409372
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Long Leaf Pine, Wet Pine Savannah

Condition as of: 12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Henderson Point Boat Launch
End of Bayview Street
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.29053
Latitude: 30.31232
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of: 3/11/2011
Destroyed; Closed
Closed; No signs of being re-built

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Harrison County Board of Supervisors
1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501
228-867-6528
Henderson Point Park
Under Bay Bridge, on Bayview Street
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Recreational Park
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.28852860
Latitude: 30.31620070
List of amenities: Playground, Walking Trail, Access to Bay Bridge Walkway, Picnic Pavilions, Benches, Lighting

Condition as of: 3/11/2011

New Open; New Playground under bridge; concrete walking track; 2 Picnic Pavilions; Benches

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Harrison County Board of Supervisors
1802 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501
228-867-6528
Henderson Point Property
Highway 90 in western Pass Christian
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Bayou Boisdore
Longitude: -89.25855696
Latitude: 30.307617
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas,
Pine Forest, SaltMarsh, Watershed

Condition as of: 12/1/2009
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS  39533
228-435-9191                   www.ltmcp.org
Wolf River Coastal Preserve, DeLisle Unit
Kiln DeLisle Road at Vidalia Rd.
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Bay of St. Louis
Longitude: -89.16.44.49
Latitude: 30.22.48.23
List of amenities: Fishing, Hunting, Walking/Nature Trail

Condition as of:
10/1/2009
Natural, Preserved Site
Signage at site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS  39530
228-523-4100  www.dmr.state.ms.us
Wolf River Coastal Preserve, Ortte Unit

Bells Ferry Road area
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Wolf River
Longitude: -89.290052
Latitude: 30.362478
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing, Hunting, Walking/Nature Trail

Condition as of:
10/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

Signage at site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Wooten Property
Near Desoto National Forest
Unincorporated Harrison County

County: Harrison
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water:
Longitude: -88.982636
Latitude: 30.627754
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas,
Freshwater Pond, Wet Pine Savannah

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site
Post-Katrina Inventory and Assessment of Public Access Sites: Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi

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This inventory of coastal resources in the three coastal counties of Mississippi was prepared for the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Coastal Zone Management Program, by Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District. Information contained in the inventory and companion map will form the basis for the development of a Public Access Strategic Management Plan. The project is funded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Coastal Resource Management. The statements, findings, conclusions, and recommendations are those of the author/s and do not necessarily reflect the views of DMR, OCRM or NOAA.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview of Public Access Rights

Public access rights were founded over a thousand years ago in Rome and ultimately brought to America under a law now known as the Public Trust Doctrine. The Doctrine stipulates that the public has the legal right to full enjoyment and use of certain coastal resources. Originally, the law was applied specifically to navigable waters, their water bottoms and living resources. Through a subsequent legal decision those protected rights were extended to include “swimming, recreation, fishing, and mineral development”. Now, protected access is no longer restricted to navigable waters; additionally, access rights apply whether the waters and shore are publicly or privately owned. Mississippi’s responsibilities to preserve and protect the right to use and enjoy coastal resources are broadly defined in state code and several legislative decisions, including a 1994 Mississippi court case that led to the establishment of what is now commonly known as the Tidelands Trust Fund, which is regularly used to provide funding for public access facilities in coastal Mississippi.

To paraphrase the law, Mississippi is obligated under the Public Trust Doctrine to protect and preserve all waters or wetlands subject to the ebb and flow of the tide below the mean high water level, regardless of whether the waters were commercially navigable when Mississippi became a state, regardless of how insignificant the tidal influence might be, regardless of how shallow the water, and regardless of how far inland or remote from the sea the protected water might be. This responsibility extends to any minerals or other subsurface or living resources. The responsibility was later clarified to provide for efficient management of resources to ensure public use, environmental protection and enhancement, and economic growth.

The most common and traditional uses with public access protection are navigation, commerce, and fishing. These uses are broadly interpreted to include both commercial and recreational activities. Fishing rights include shellfishing and hunting. Other traditional uses include boating, swimming, shore activities and other water-dependent public activities. Traditional rights have been extended to protect general recreational uses, visual access, preservation of indigenous living resources, and environmental protection. Some states, including Mississippi, have broadened these rights to include tourism.

Background of the Study

Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District was selected in 2008 by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources to conduct an inventory of public access sites in the three Mississippi coastal counties. Purpose of the inventory was two-fold: to update a previous study published in 2001, but also to assess site conditions following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Funding for the project was provided by MDMR’s Mississippi Coastal Program, part of NOAA’s Coastal Zone Management Program. The inventory and assessment form the basis for the development of a Public Access Management Strategy for Mississippi’s coastal zone program.
Summary of the Study

When the last public access study of the three coastal counties was done in 2000-2001, the Mississippi Coast was booming. Unprecedented growth in the economy, as well as significant population growth and secondary growth impacts, had created a high demand for waterfront property. Developers of all types – casino, condominium, hotel, and others – were competing for waterfront sites and posing increasing challenges to the traditional water-based activities in the area – fishing, shrimping, beach access, scenic vistas, and recreational boating. Despite that demand, the 2001 study concluded that access opportunities were sufficient through existing sites and planned future development. The study determined that the focus of DMR’s Public Access strategy over the next five years should be enhancement of existing sites and facilities.

Everything changed on August 29, 2005 when Hurricane Katrina crashed into the Mississippi Gulf Coast with lethal force, leaving a wide swath of destruction from state line to state line. Katrina’s Category 3 winds and Category 5 storm surge demolished most structures in her path. The majority of existing public access sites and facilities were obliterated and swept away.

Initially, the focus was on cleanup and recovery. This phase was a massive undertaking considering the scope and extent of the damage. A second and overlapping focus was restoration of critical systems and infrastructure. As this report is written – four years after the storm – comprehensive restoration of infrastructure has not yet been completed. But by late 2007/early 2008, efforts were underway to measure and remediate losses to less critical structures. Many public access facilities fell into this category, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources recognized a need to conduct an inventory and assessment of these sites. Some remained as ravaged as they had been post-Katrina; some had been completely rebuilt; and others were somewhere in between. As the public access inventory progressed during the summer of 2008, the Mississippi Gulf Coast met Fay, Gustav, and Ike. Though none of these hurricanes were direct hits, all created new impacts on coastal resources, including sites that had been inventoried and assessed prior to the hurricane season. Hurricane Gustav, especially, caused widespread damage from storm surge, flooding, and tropical storm force winds. Some of the public access facilities that had been rebuilt following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 were heavily damaged or destroyed again. The inventory and assessment process continued, but had been dealt a setback that underscored the need for a long-term public access management strategy, one that would include mitigation measures to protect against future losses of facilities and a mechanism for regular status updates. The tools produced through this project will form a foundation for the development of that management strategy in the next few years.

And so we present those tools for use by local jurisdictions and the general public alike: in handbook form, the Post-Katrina Inventory and Assessment of Public Access Sites: Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi and in digital map format, the DMR Public Access Points. These tools are dynamic, part of an ongoing project, and will be updated and revised from time to time as redevelopment progress continues on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.
Horn Island (Island Mid Point)
8.5 miles S of Gautier
Barrier Island

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.66731
Latitude: 30.23751
List of amenities: Beach, Birding, Camping, Fishing, Swimming, Designated Gulf Islands Wilderness Area

Condition as of:
11/12/2008

Damaged; Accessible

Extent of damage unknown; will be restored

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Gulf Islands National Seashore
3500 Park Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-9057 www.nps.gov/guis
Petit Bois Island (Island Mid Point)

10.5 miles SSE of Pascagoula
Barrier Island

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.45976
Latitude: 30.20115
List of amenities: Beach, Birding, Camping, Swimming, Designated Gulf Islands Wilderness Area

Condition as of:
11/12/2008
Damaged; Accessible
Extent of damage unknown; will be restored

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Gulf Islands National Seashore
3500 Park Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-9057 www.nps.gov/guis
Round Island
South of Pascagoula
Barrier Island

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.586540
Latitude: 30.292085
List of amenities: Beach, Birding, Fishing, Scenic Vistas, Limited Waterfowl Hunting

Condition as of:
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pascagoula
PO Drawer 908, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-938-2356 www.cityofpascagoula.com
Escatawpa River Marsh

East of the Pascagoula River, north of Moss Point

Escatawpa

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Escatawpa River
Longitude: -88.559768
Latitude: 30.421829
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing, Scenic Vistas, Limited Waterfowl Hunting

Condition as of:
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Linwood Grierson Nature Preserve

Near the Pascagoula River at Escatawpa

Escatawpa

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.561678
Latitude: 30.478515
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Birding, Wildlife Habitat

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS  39533
228-435-9191                   www.ltmcp.org
Gautier City Park

Off De la Pointe
Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: State/County/Local Park
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.62401
Latitude: 30.39116

List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), Fishing Pier with 2 covered pavilions, Lighting, Picnic Tables, Pavilions, Public Restrooms, Playground, Senior Cit-

Condition as of:
4/5/2011

Rebuilt. Good condition. In use.

Same condition as last visit.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Gautier
3330 Hwy 90, Gautier, MS 39553
228-497-8000
Graveline Bay GEMS Coastal Preserve

Between Ocean Springs and Gautier

Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Graveline Bayou
Longitude: -88.41.41
Latitude: 30.21.47
List of amenities: Fishing, Scenic Vistas, Limited Waterfowl Hunting, Commercial Fishing and Crabbing, Pristine Tidal Marsh
Condition as of:

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS  39530
228-523-4100    www.dmr.state.ms.us
Graveline Bay Launch (AKA Webb's Landing)

North End of Octavia Street
Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Boat Launch
Body of Water: Graveline Bayou
Longitude: -88.69473
Latitude: 30.36243
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Fishing Pier with covered pavilion.

Condition as of: 4/6/2011

Rebuilt. Good condition. In use.

Same condition as last visit.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Indian Point RV Resort
Indian Point Rd. off Gautier-Vancleave Rd.
Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.62803
Latitude: 30.40739

List of amenities: Boat Launch (2) 
$3 Fee, RV Park, Picnic Tables, Public Restrooms, Restaurant, Swimming Pool, Cabin Rentals, & Apartments. All

Condition as of: 8/10/2011
Rebuilt. Good condition.
Open for business.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
1600 Indian Point Parkway, Gautier, MS 39553
228-497-1011
Mary Walker Bayou Marina

Mary Walker Dr.

Gautier

County: Jackson

Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor

Body of Water: Mary Walker Bayou

Longitude: -88.61445

Latitude: 30.39022


Condition as of: 10/20/2009

Rebuilt; Good Condition

Operational

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard & Gail Pipkin
3308 Mary Walker Dr., Gautier, MS 39553
228-497-3141
Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge

7200 Crane Ln.
Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Wildlife Refuge Park
Body of Water: Castelle Bayou
Longitude: -88.65575
Latitude: 30.45154
List of amenities: Birding, Interactive Educational Exhibits, Hiking Trail, Picnic Tables, Handicap Accessible, Telescope
Condition as of: 11/12/2008
New Facility; Excellent condition
New Facility since Katrina; Open for Business

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: US Fish & Wildlife
7200 Crane Lane, Gautier, MS 39553
228-497-6322 www.mississippisandhillcrane.fws.gov
Pascagoula River Coastal Preserve, Dantzler Unit

Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Mary Walker Bayou
Longitude: -88.38.37.49
Latitude: 30.24.25.26
Condition as of: 10/1/2009
Natural, Preserved Site
No improvements; no signage

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Pitalos Marine
704 Sandstone St.
Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marine Repair Shop
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.61905
Latitude: 30.38917
List of amenities: Marina/Harbor,
Boat Repair

Condition as of:
4/5/2011

Partially Rebuilt

Operational. Same as last visit.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
704 Sandstone St., Gautier, MS 39553
228-497-9900
Santa Maria RV Park Boat Launch

5800 Martin Bluff Rd.
Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: RV Park & Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.631750
Latitude: 30.427507
List of amenities: Boat Launch (outside of RV Park (formerly Shimp's Timeout Marina Launch)), RV Park, Pool, Pool House.
Condition as of: 8/12/2011

Rebuilt. New.


FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy
5800 Martin Bluff Rd, Gautier, MS 39553
228-522-3009
Shepard State Park
1034 Graveline Rd.
Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: State/County/Local Park
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.62748
Latitude: 30.37384

List of amenities: Boat Launch (Fee), 28 Developed Campsites for Tent Camping, Bike & Nature Trails, 1 Bathhouse, 3 Areas for Primitive

Condition as of:
8/10/2011
No Visible Damage.
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Dept. Wildlife, Fisheries, Parks
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211
601-432-2400 www.home.mdwf.com
Tiki Marina
Off Mary Walker Drive
Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Bayou Mary Walker
Longitude: -88.61502
Latitude: 30.38807

List of amenities: Marina/Harbor, Boat Slips (24) (12 covered - 12 uncovered), Electrical Outlets, Water Hookups, Lighting

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Rebuilding. Complete in about 2 months.

Marina in same condition as last visit. Under reconstruction.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Eddie Thornton
PO Drawer 8, Gautier, MS 39553
228-522-0105; uncleed1958@hotmail.com
Tucei's Fishing Camp
3300 Oak St.
Gautier

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.61195
Latitude: 30.38875
List of amenities: Marina/Harbor, Boat Slips (3+), Bait Shop, Boat Launch (2), Rental Cabins

Condition as of:
8/10/2011
Rebuilt.
Open for Business.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
3300 Oak St., Gautier, MS 39553
228-497-1072
Bellview Street Boat Launch & Danny Rae Clark Memorial Park

Bellview Street, west of Griffin, under North bound Hwy 63 overpass
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water:
Longitude: -88.559621
Latitude: 30.411723
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Pier, Playground, Benches, Picnic Tables, Pavilion

Condition as of: 8/12/2011
Park is new. Boat launch useable. Pier needs repair.
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City Of Moss Point, Parks and Recreation Department
4412 Denny Street, Moss Point, MS 39563
228-475-7887
Bennett Bayou Property
On the Pascagoula River
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.549784
Latitude: 30.443261
List of amenities: Fishing, Birding

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS  39533
228-435-9191                   www.ltmcp.org
Dog River Boat Ramp

10450 Hwy 614
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.434117
Latitude: 30.626407
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Fishing

Condition as of: 8/12/2011
Usable condition.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Four Mile Creek Boat Ramp
3412 Shaw Lane at end of Hardwicke Rd.
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Four Mile Creek
Longitude: -88.552992
Latitude: 30.475047
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Fishing

Condition as of: 8/12/2011

Good condition.

Concrete ramp. Good operational conditional.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Hannesson Property

Escatawpa River near Dutch Bayou and Robinson Lake
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Escatawpa River
Longitude: -88.535942
Latitude: 30.441159
List of amenities: Birding, Scenic Vistas

Condition as of:
11/10/2010

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Highway 63 Boat Ramp
5908 Hwy 63  (Under bridge at intersection Elder Ferry & Hwy 63)
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.519702
Latitude: 30.419907
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Piers, Fishing/Crabbing

Condition as of: 8/12/2011
Good condition.
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
I10 Boat Launch
Frank Griffin Road (off 613 under I-10 bridge)
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.55495
Latitude: 30.43817
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Piers

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Good condition. In use.

Good condition. Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
McInnis Bayou Boat Launch
3301 Hemlock Ave.
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.5557
Latitude: 30.3998
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), Fishing Pier (1)

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Good condition. In use.

Choctaw Marina nearby still closed & fenced off.
Boat launch and piers repaired and in use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Pascagoula River Audubon Center

Frank Griffin Road (off 613)
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Wildlife Refuge Park
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.54988
Latitude: 30.44369
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Marsh, Wildlife Refuge, Fish Habitat, Picnic Tables
Condition as of: 4/6/2011
Partially Destroyed; Now Conservation Property
Formerly Castaways Marina - Now under conservation as part of the Bennett Bayou Tidal

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Riverfront Boat Launch
Off McInnis Ave.
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.53737
Latitude: 30.41395
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), Fishing Pier (1), Bait Shop

Condition as of:
4/6/2011
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Good condition. In use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Riverfront Park
Off Main Street
Moss Point

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Park
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.53861950
Latitude: 30.41616090
List of amenities: Nature Trail/Boardwalk, Fishing Piers, Lighting, Veterans Memorial, Benches,

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Under construction.
Still in construction phase. Parts are complete and in use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City Of Moss Point, Parks and Recreation Department, Moss Point, MS
Roy Cumbest Boat Ramp
Graham Lake Road off Wade-Vancleave Road (Under Roy Cumbest Memorial Bridge)(west of Moss Point)

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Graham Lake
Longitude: -88.572876
Latitude: 30.641780
List of amenities: Boat Launch

Condition as of:
8/12/2011

Good condition.
Operational and in use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Blue Heron Boat Launch
Off Beachview Dr. South of Bridge.
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Simmons Bayou
Longitude: -88.75976
Latitude: 30.37428
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Pier

Condition as of: 4/6/2011
Fair Condition
In use, but some maintenance issues. No Swimming. No Diving.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Blue Heron Marina

Off Beachview Dr.  North of bridge.
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Simmons Bayou
Longitude: -88.7596
Latitude: 30.37584
List of amenities: CLOSED

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Partially Destroyed
No repairs. No office or contact info. Closed.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  Unknown
Beachview Dr., Gautier, MS  39568
Unknown
Chester M. McPhearson, Jr. Pier & Fort Maurepas Park

Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Pier
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.829182
Latitude: 30.405619
List of amenities: Fishing Pier, Beach, Electrical Outlets, Outdoor Shower, Public Restroom, Picnic Tables, Public Restrooms, Beach Volley-
Condition as of:
10/20/2009
Rebuilt
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Geri Straight, Director Parks & Leisure Services
400 Alice Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-8665
Davis Bayou Coastal Preserve

Along the edge of estuarine marsh bordering Davis Bayou, Stark Bayou, Heron Bayou, and Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Davis Bayou, Stark Bayou,
Longitude: -88.806734
Latitude: 30.391233
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing,
Scenic Vistas

Condition as of:
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Dismuke Property
Porteaux Bay Subdivision near the headwaters of Biloxi Bay
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Biloxi Bay
Longitude: -88.863643
Latitude: 30.436060
List of amenities: Birding

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Gulf Islands National Seashore Park

Off Hanley inside the GINS park
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou Davis
Longitude: -88.7935
Latitude: 30.39566
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), Fishing Pier (1), Pavilion

Condition as of: 10/9/2009
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Operational; Covered Pier

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Gulf Islands National Seashore
3500 Park Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-9057 www.nps.gov/guis
Harbor Landing Condominiums
2421 Beachview Drive
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Simmons Bayou
Longitude: -88.759
Latitude: 30.375
List of amenities: Resident's Marina/Harbor, Boat Slips (110), Electrical Outlets, Water Hook-ups

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Rebuilt

Operational. Boat Slip included with purchase or rent of condo unit.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Harbor Landing Condominiums
2421 Beachview Dr., Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-8083
Harbor Landing Yacht Club/Marina

Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.82407
Latitude: 30.4033

List of amenities: Marina/Harbor closed. Dry Storage (168 Slips) still available.

Condition as of: 4/5/2011

Rebuilt.

Rebuilt. Property formerly privately owned; purchased by MS Department of Marine Resources. Dry storage is
Hellmer's Lane Property
Off Hellmer's Lane
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water:
Longitude: -88.824283
Latitude: 30.407306
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas,
Bayhead Swamp, Tidal Creek/Tidal
Marsh, Wildlife Habitat, Birding

Condition as of:
12/1/2009
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Highway 57 Property

Near the intersection of Highway 57 & Hwy 90
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water:
Longitude: -88.724853
Latitude: 30.408697
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas,
Wetlands

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS  39533
228-435-9191                   www.ltmcp.org
Hussey Property

N. of Hwy 90 in Central Ocean Springs
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water:
Longitude: -88.821399
Latitude: 30.419312
List of amenities: Birding, Scenic Vistas
Condition as of:
11/10/2010
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Lake Mars Boat Ramp

1400 Lake Mars Road,
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Biloxi Bay
Longitude: -88.76409490
Latitude: 30.36069620
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), Pier with Covered Pavilion, Lighting, Port-O-Lets.
Condition as of: 4/6/2011
Newly built.
Great condition. In use.
Ocean Springs East Beach
East Beach Drive
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Beach/Shoreline Access
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude:
Latitude:
List of amenities: Beach Access,
Fishing, Swimming

Condition as of:
10/20/2009

Cleaned.
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Geri Straight, Director Parks & Leisure Services
East Beach Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-8665
Ocean Springs Fishing Pier

North side of Highway 90 Bridge.
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Fishing Pier
Body of Water: Biloxi Bay
Longitude: -88.841689
Latitude: 30.411158
List of amenities: Not Yet Open

Condition as of: 4/5/2011
Under construction.
Rebuilding. Slated to Open late Summer 2011.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Ocean Springs Harbor

Front Beach Drive East
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.82407
Latitude: 30.4033
List of amenities: Marina/Harbor, Boat Slips (178) (10 Transient or Unusable), ADA, Boat Ramp (4), Electrical Outlets, Water Hook-up, Fishing Pier,

Condition as of:
4/5/2011

Pier Rebuilt. Ramps good condition. In use.

New Harbor Building being constructed. Maybe 70% complete. (Plans for a new phase of improvements are due to begin October 1, 2011.)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Lesley Hamm, Harbor Master
1310 Harbor Rd., Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-872-5754
Ocean Springs Marine Mart
1320 Harbor Drive
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Bait Shop
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.823235
Latitude: 30.403877
List of amenities: Bait/Supply Store, Boat Slips (~9)

Condition as of: 10/20/2009

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Denero
1320 Harbor Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-0072
Ocean Springs Yacht Club

100 Front Beach Dr.
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Yacht Club
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.84053
Latitude: 30.41045
List of amenities: Private Yacht Club, Beach, Swimming Pool, Pier, Pavilion, Outdoor Showers, Fishing, Boats Pull-on Shore (No Marina)
Condition as of: 10/20/2009
Rebuilt; Private Club
Operational

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Marilyn Worden, Club Manager
100 Front Beach Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-1915
Ocean Springs-Biloxi Bridge & Walking Trail

Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Walking/Hiking Trail
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude:
Latitude:
List of amenities: Bridge, Beach Access, Walking/Cycling/Jogging Trail, Showers, Lighting, Benches, Picnic tables, Memorial, Bike Parking, Pet Sta-

Condition as of:
4/5/2011

Rebuilt.

Great condition. In use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Geri Straight, Director Parks & Leisure Services
400 Alice Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-8665
Old Fort Bayou Boat Launch
Washington Ave., under the bridge, access from north side of bridge
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou Old Fort
Longitude: -88.82784
Latitude: 30.42017
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Fishing Pier (2)

Condition as of:
4/5/2011
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Portion of pier to left is not in as good condition as the pier under the bridge. Still in good condition. In use.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Old Fort Bayou Coastal Preserve, Twelve Oaks Unit

US 90 & Hanley Road
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Old Fort Bayou
Longitude: -88.48.44
Latitude: 30.25.28
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Walking/Nature Trail, Fishing, Birding, Cottage for Meeting, Canoe/Kayak Launch, Limited Waterfowl Hunting
Condition as of: 10/1/2009
Natural, Preserved Site
Inner city wilderness area; restrooms available nearby; off-street signage marking site but hard to spot

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources/Land Trust for the
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100  www.dmr.state.ms.us / 228-435-9191   www.ltmcp.org
Percy Miller Marine Education Park

N. End of Bristol Blvd.
Ocean Springs

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Boat Launch
Body of Water: Old Fort Bayou
Longitude: -88.793025
Latitude: 30.419374
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), Fish Cleaning Station, Fishing Pier, Lighting, Observation Benches, Pavilion, Port-O-Let, Tie Up Cleats
Condition as of: 10/20/2009
Operational
Part of the Old Fort Bayou Blueway

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Geri Straight, Director Parks & Leisure Services
400 Alice Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-875-8665
Bayou Cassotte Boat Launch (AKA Ladner Rd. Boat Launch)

Off East end of Ladner Rd. (Ingalls Avenue, right onto Poitevin Street, Left onto Ladner Road, Pascagoula

**County:** Jackson

**Type of Facility:** Public Boat Launch

**Body of Water:** Bayou Casotte

**Longitude:** -88.50873

**Latitude:** 30.35202

**List of amenities:** Boat Launch (2), Fishing Pier(2), Bait Shop

**Condition as of:** 4/6/2011

Rebuilt; Good Condition

Good condition. In use.

Bait shop does not appear to be open.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors

PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568

228-826-5330
Beach Park and Pavilion

Beach Blvd. (Hwy 90, right onto Market Street, Left onto Beach Blvd.)
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Pier and Park
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.53453231
Latitude: 30.34372696

List of amenities: Katrina Memorial, Walk/Trail, 2 Pavilion, Picnic Areas, Barbeque Grills, Pier, Playground, Benches, Fishing Pier with 2 Covered

Condition as of: 4/6/2011

Good condition. Newly rebuilt.


FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pascagoula Parks & Recreation Dept.
PO Drawer 908, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-938-2356
Chateau Lake Park
At Chateau Drive Off Old Mobile Highway
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Fishing Pond
Body of Water: Lake
Longitude: -88.507818
Latitude: 30.380064
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Fishing, Picnic Tables (2), Barbeque Grills (2), Benches, Ducks

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Good condition. In use.

Small fishing pond.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pascagoula Parks & Recreation Dept.
PO Drawer 908, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-938-2356
I. G. Levy Park, North and South
Nathan Hale Ave. & Chicot Street
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Park & Boat
Body of Water: Lake
Longitude: -88.53466820
Latitude: 30.34384414
List of amenities: Boat Launch, Kayaking/Canoeing, Fishing Pier, Sports Fields, Pavilion, Picnic Tables, Barbeque Grills, Jogging Trail, Nature
Condition as of: 4/6/2011
Good condition. Operational
Great multi-purpose facility.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pascagoula Parks & Recreation Dept.
PO Drawer 908, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-938-2356
Jaycee Boat Launch
Under Hwy 90 bridge
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.56887
Latitude: 30.37392
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), fishing Piers (2)

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Rebuilt; Good Condition
Operational. Same condition as last visit.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pascagoula Parks & Recreation Dept.
PO Drawer 908, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-938-2356
Old Coast Guard Station Launch (AKA The Point)
End of Beach Blvd. West
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.56222
Latitude: 30.34511
List of amenities: Boat Launch (4), Fishing Pier (2)

Condition as of: 4/6/2011
Rebuilt; Good Condition
Operational. Same condition as last visit.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pascagoula Parks & Recreation Dept.
PO Drawer 908, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-938-2356
Old Spanish Fort Boat Launch
At the end of Hickory Street behind the Old Spanish Fort Museum and Cemetery.
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.55727
Latitude: 30.38067
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Fishing Pier (1)

Condition as of:
4/6/2011


Operational. Same condition as last visit.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS  39568
228-826-5330
Pascagoula Inner Harbor

Off Pascagoula St.
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.5536
Latitude: 30.348
List of amenities: Marina, Boat Slips (30), Electrical Outlets, Water Hook-ups, Pump Out Station
Condition as of: 8/10/2011
Rebuilt.
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pascagoula Parks & Recreation Dept.
PO Drawer 908, Pascagoula, MS  39568
228-938-2356
Pascagoula River Marshes

All marsh associated with the mouth of the Pascagoula River
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.592539
Latitude: 30.394455
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing, Scenic Vistas, Limited Waterfowl Hunting

Condition as of:
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Pascagoula River Park Launch
Under Hwy 90 bridge
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: W. Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.5651
Latitude: 30.37574

List of amenities: Scranton Floating Museum, Boat Launch (2), Large Fishing Pier, Lighting, Picnic Tables (3+), Raised Uncovered Pavilion, MLK Me-

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Fire damage. South portion of the pier is still usable.
Pier has damage from fire. Large section of the pier is gone. South por-

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: City of Pascagoula Parks & Recreation Dept.
PO Drawer 908, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-938-2356
Singing River Yacht Club
End of Beach Blvd. East
Pascagoula

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Yacht Club
Body of Water: Mississippi Sound
Longitude: -88.52119
Latitude: 30.3409

List of amenities: Yacht Club, Boat Slips (32), Boat Trailer Parking, Electrical Outlets, Water Hook-ups, Boat Launch (1)

Condition as of:
10/27/2009

Rebuilt; Good Condition;
Private Club

Operational; Private,
members only

FOR INFORMATIONCONTACT: Singing River Yacht Club
3900 Beach Blvd., Pascagoula, MS 39567
228-769-1876
Bayou Cumbest Boat Launch

Off Bayou Cumbest Rd.
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou Cumbest
Longitude: -88.44366
Latitude: 30.39363
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1)

Condition as of: 6/20/2008
No Visible Damage
Operational; Natural
Boat Ramp

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330
Bayou Heron Launch A
End of Bayou Heron Rd.
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou Heron
Longitude: -88.40299
Latitude: 30.41313
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), Fishing Pier (1), Bait Shop

Condition as of: 4/6/2011
Rebuilt
Operational, but maintenance issues were noted for both pier and nearby areas.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Bayou Heron Rd., Unincorporated, MS 39565
Unknown
Bayou Heron Launch B

End of Bayou Heron Rd. (Just before Launch A, turn left on Cereal and follow to end.)
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou Heron
Longitude: -88.40202
Latitude: 30.41441
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1)

Condition as of:
4/6/2011
Ramp may be usable.
Any other previous amenities are gone.
Piers Destroyed. Ramp appears usable, but very overgrown.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Bayou Heron Rd., Unincorporated, MS  39565
Unknown
Bellefontaine Marsh

Southeast of Davis Bayou, between Ocean Springs and Gautier
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Bellefontaine Marsh
Longitude: -88.750159
Latitude: 30.354886
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing, Scenic Vistas, Salt Marsh and Maritime Forest, Plants resembling those on barrier islands
Condition as of:
Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530
228-523-4100 www.dmr.state.ms.us
Black Creek Swamp Property

Just south of Interstate 10
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.474400
Latitude: 30.452397
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191  www.ltmcp.org
Butera Property

On Weeks Bayou

Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Weeks Bayou
Longitude: -88.811755
Latitude: 30.400509
List of amenities: Birding, Scenic Vistas

Condition as of:
11/10/2010

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Cumbest Bluff Boat Launch
Cumbest Bluff Road (off Hwy 63)
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.56974
Latitude: 30.58454
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1)

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

No Visible Damage

Natural Sloped Launch.
Flooded. Could not get very close.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Cumbest Bluff Road (off Hwy 63), Unincorporated, MS 39565
Unknown
Grafe Property

South of Hwy 613; east of Hwy 63; 5 miles north of Interstate 10
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Conserved Property
Body of Water: Black Creek
Longitude: -88.510914
Latitude: 30.522539
List of amenities: Scenic Vistas, Wetlands

Condition as of:
12/1/2009

Natural, Preserved Site

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
PO Box 245, Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-9191 www.ltmcp.org
Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Bordered on the south by the extent of salt and brackish marsh; north and west by the Es-
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Coastal Preserve
Body of Water: Escatawpa River, Bangs
Longitude: -88.428256
Latitude: 30.429421
List of amenities: Birding, Fishing, Scenic Vistas, Indian Shell Middens, Limited Waterfowl Hunting

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Natural, Preserved Site

New building.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  MS Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS  39530
228-523-4100   www.dmr.state.ms.us
Johns Bayou Marina
Off Johns Bayou Road
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.642
Latitude: 30.49861
List of amenities: CLOSED. For Sale.

Condition as of: 4/6/2011
Rebuilt. Marina Closed.
Boat Launch Open - $2 Fee.
Appears closed. For Sale sign.
Little River Marina
Off 613 behind Riverbend RV Resort
Unincorporated Jackson County

**County:** Jackson

**Type of Facility:** Public Boat Launch

**Body of Water:** Pascagoula River

**Longitude:** -88.55748

**Latitude:** 30.49921

**List of amenities:** Marina, Boat Slips (3+) Some Slips Covered, Boat Launch (1), Pier, Bait/Supply Store, Restaurant/Bar, Riverbend RV Resort

**Condition as of:**
4/6/2011

Rebuilt. New Restaurant.

Good Condition. Restaurant and Bar in operation.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
3200 Dumas Rd., Moss Point, MS  39563
228-475-5244
Lower Pascagoula Wildlife Management Area

816 Wade Vancleave Road
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.59862
Latitude: 30.6338
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1)

Condition as of: 6/19/2008
No Damage
Operational

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MS Dept. Wildlife, Fisheries, Parks
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211
601-432-2400 www.home.mdwf.com
Paige Bayou Marina
Rouses Marina Road (off Hidden Lake Rd.)
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.66127
Latitude: 30.4863
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1)

Condition as of:
4/6/2001

Marina appears closed.
Boat launch operational.

Marina still shows damage. In process of rebuilding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
3400 Hidden Lake Rd., Vancleave, MS 39565
228-860-1596
County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou Cumbest
Longitude: -88.43907
Latitude: 30.38546
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), Fishing Pier (1), Covered Picnic Tables
Condition as of: 6/20/2008
Rebuilt
Operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Grand Batture Rd., Unincorporated, MS 39565
Unknown
Poticaw Fishing Camp

End of Poticaw Landing Road
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Pascagoula River/Poticaw
Longitude: -88.61851
Latitude: 30.51258
List of amenities: Boat Launch (2), Fish Camp

Condition as of:
8/12/2011

Partially rebuilt.
Operational. Some of the Cottages have been repaired. Some construction underway.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Lee
Poticaw Landing Rd., Unincorporated, MS 39565
Unknown
Presleys Outing Launch
Off Forks Lake Rd.
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Escatawpa River
Longitude: -88.43179
Latitude: 30.48859
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Picnic Tables, Swimming, Beach, Public Restrooms

Condition as of: 6/20/2008
No Visible Damage
Operational

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
Forks Lake Rd., Unincorporated, MS 39565
Unknown
San Juan Marina
End of Bass Road off Johns Bayou Road
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Marina/Harbor
Body of Water: Pascagoula River
Longitude: -88.64053
Latitude: 30.49278
List of amenities: Marina, Boat Slips (~17), Fishing Pier (1), Boat Launch (1)

Condition as of:
4/6/2011

Partially Rebuilt
Still signs of damage/disrepair. Sign posted stating Private marina.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
1904 Bass Rd., Vancleave, MS 39565
228-623-9181
Shingle Mill Rd. Launch
End of Shingle Mill Rd.
Unincorporated Jackson County

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Escatawpa River
Longitude: -88.46448
Latitude: 30.43171
List of amenities: Boat Launch (3), Fishing Pier (1), Bait Shop

Condition as of:
6/20/2008

Rebuilt; Good Condition
Operational

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Unknown
6105 Shingle Mill Landing Rd., Moss Point, MS 39565
228-475-8167
Brittany Avenue Boat Launch
Brittany Avenue, SE side of Bridge
Unincorporated St. Martin

County: Jackson
Type of Facility: Public Boat Launch
Body of Water: Bayou St. Martin
Longitude: -88.88071
Latitude: 30.43364
List of amenities: Boat Launch (1), Fishing Pier (1), Fish Cleaning Station w/Running Water, Pavilion, Resurfaced Parking Area.
Condition as of: 8/10/2011
Newly Rebuilt.
New and operational.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackson County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 998, Pascagoula, MS 39568
228-826-5330