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Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates January 20, 2026

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Employment Updates

New Hires:

- Caroline Webb – Started on January 12, 2026 – Part-Time Contractor – Office of Marine Patrol
- Bri’Ana Asher – Started on January 12, 2026 – Part-Time Contractor – Office of Marine Patrol

Promotions:

- Andrew Heaton – Promoted on January 16, 2026 – Environmental/Natural Resources Specialist Team Lead – Grand Bay NERR



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Actions Update for the January 20, 2026 Commission Meeting

Discussed at the December 2025 meeting:

The Commission recommended and the Director approved:

- Motion to approve Keesler Air Force Base's requested variance to Title 22, Part 23, and to certify that its proposed project is consistent with the Mississippi Coastal Program, whereas the project will fill coastal wetlands for the installation of a 1.35-mile-long living shoreline breakwater in the Back Bay of Biloxi, consisting of the following:
 - The breakwaters of 100 feet long, 9 feet wide at the base, and 4 feet tall.
 - Maximum of 30 feet from MHW with approximately 25 feet between each breakwater.
 - Crest height at maximum 1-foot above MHW.
 - Maximum of 8,195 cubic yards of rip rap with 2,021 cubic yards of total rip rap to be placed above MHW.
 - 1.5 acres for total fill

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Wetland Permitting Actions 2025

Total Actions	808
Regulated Activities/ CZ Consistency Determinations	636
Reviews/ Pre-Application Meetings	131
Violations	41

Wetland Permitting Actions Comparison

	2023	2024	2025
Total Actions	810	813	808
Regulated Activities/ CZ Consistency Determinations	667	663	636
Reviews/ Pre-Application Meetings	95	103	131
Violations	48	47	41

Violation Details

Year	2023	2024	2025
Total Reported/Found	48	47	41
Actual	26	22	18
Presented to MACMR	1	0	0
Fines Assessed	\$1500	\$0	\$0



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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Agency Financial Results
as of December 31, 2025

Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of \$4.8M
- Agency Revenue of \$17.0M
- State Net Income of \$708K
- Agency Net Income of (\$6.5M)

	GOMESA				
	PHII:				
	NFWF:		Operating		
	State	Non-Federal:	Subtotal	Tidelands	Total DMR
Revenue:					
Off-road Fuel Tax	3,050,000	-	3,050,000	-	3,050,000
Federal/NonFederal Grants	500	4,989,251	4,989,751	-	4,989,751
Sales Revenue	840,245	-	840,245	-	840,245
Indirect Cost Recovery	553,422	-	553,422	-	553,422
Other Revenue	396,783	332,652	729,435	6,925,109	7,654,544
Current Budget Year Revenue:	4,840,950	5,321,902	10,162,853	6,925,109	17,087,962
Expenditures:					
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	3,430,392	2,058,826	5,489,218	660,789	6,150,007
Travel	15,716	9,891	25,607	7,647	33,254
Contractual Services	385,642	1,223,311	1,608,954	420,620	2,029,573
Commodities	232,248	122,493	354,741	135,562	490,303
Other than Equipment	-	17,028	17,028	1,924	18,952
Equipment	29,518	235,110	264,628	27,841	292,469
Vehicles	33,699	19,110	52,809	-	52,809
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	5,315	11,722,276	11,727,591	2,890,196	14,617,787
Current Budget Year Expenditures:	4,132,529	15,408,245	19,540,775	4,144,579	23,685,354
Current Budget Year Net Income/(Loss):	\$ 708,421	\$ (10,086,343)	\$ (9,377,922)	\$ 2,780,530	\$ (6,597,392)

Financial Budget Comparison

- After six months of Fiscal Year 2026:

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2026 Budget Comparison
December 31, 2025

	<i>Actual Year to Date Expenditures</i>			<i>Budget Year Totals</i>			<i>Percent Remaining</i>		
	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total
Expenditures:									
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	\$ 5,489,218	\$ 660,789	\$ 6,150,007	\$ 13,339,141	\$ 1,610,669	\$ 14,949,810	58.8%	59.0%	58.9%
Travel	25,607	7,647	33,254	145,000	50,000	195,000	82.3%	84.7%	82.9%
Contractual Services	1,608,954	420,620	2,029,573	12,500,000	842,000	13,342,000	87.1%	50.0%	84.8%
Commodities	354,741	135,562	490,303	8,000,000	202,000	8,202,000	95.6%	32.9%	94.0%
Other than Equipment	17,028	1,924	18,952	1,050,000	25,000	1,075,000	98.4%	92.3%	98.2%
Equipment	264,628	27,841	292,469	2,000,000	308,000	2,308,000	86.8%	91.0%	87.3%
Vehicles	52,809	-	52,809	1,200,000	130,000	1,330,000	95.6%	100.0%	96.0%
Wireless Devices	200	-	200	1,500	-	1,500	86.7%	-	86.7%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	11,727,591	2,890,196	14,617,787	222,772,990	3,222,771	225,995,761	94.7%	10.3%	93.5%
Total Expenditures:	\$ 19,540,775	\$ 4,144,579	\$ 23,685,354	\$ 261,008,631	\$ 6,390,440	\$ 267,399,071	92.5%	35.1%	91.1%

- Operating Funds have 92.5% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 35.1% of Budget remaining



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Christmas on the Avenue





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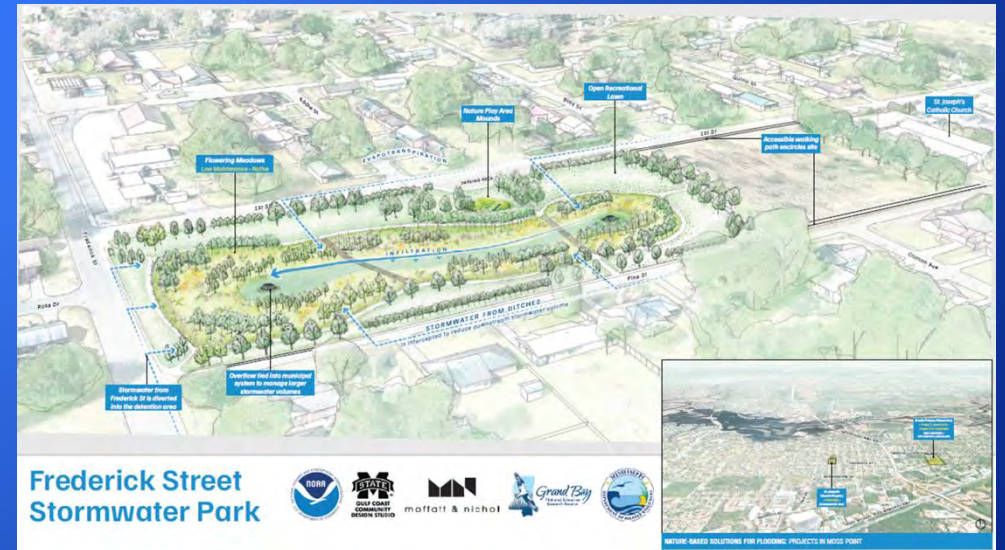
Update on Stormwater Work



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Summary of NERR Stormwater Projects

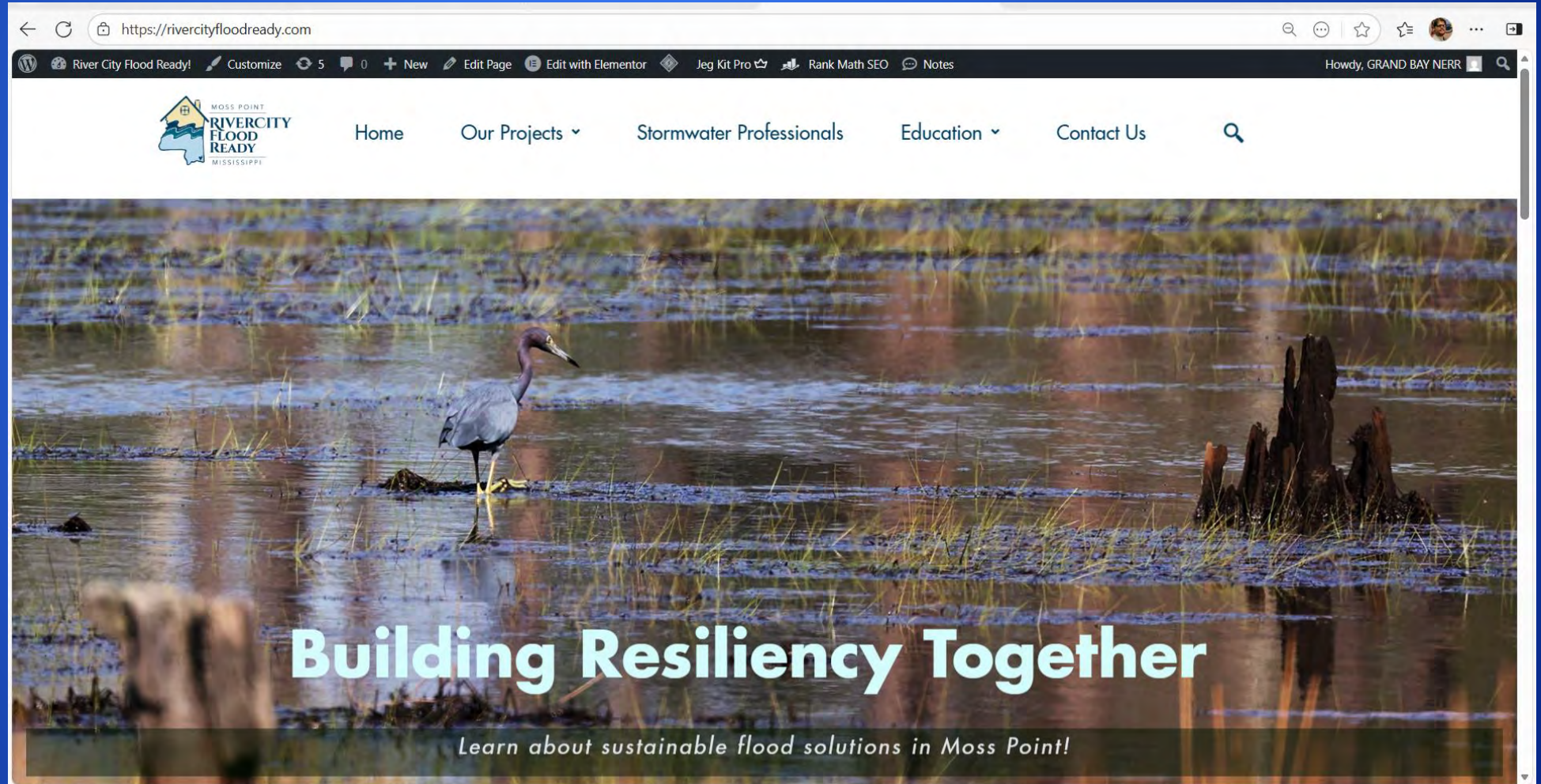
1. **EPA Stormwater**: Green infrastructure at Kreole Elementary (Phase 1); Retrofits for building (Phase 2); Lyman Elementary in Gulfport (in development)
2. **NOAA Stormwater Park**: Planning grant to develop Stormwater Park plan to reduce urban flooding in City of Moss Point (complete)
3. **NFWF Renaturalization of Historic Streams**: working with the City of Moss Point and Jackson County to improve historic streambeds for flood reduction and other improvements
4. **Mitigating Flood Risks**: Partnership with USM to engage the community with their flood risk assessment
5. **Implementation of Stormwater Park**: In development, funding pending, City of Moss Point working to acquire property.





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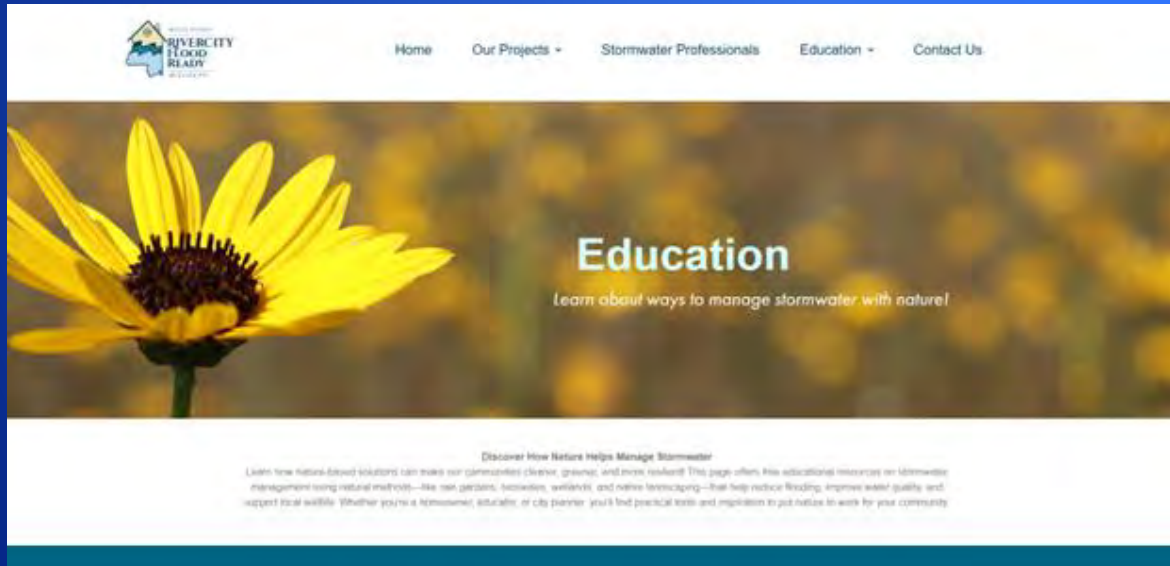
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Re-Naturalization of Historic Streams in the Kreole Community



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Connecting to Improve Stormwater Management

The City of Moss Point, the City of Pascagoula, Jackson County, and the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve have teamed up to create a Stormwater management networking group for the Moss Point and Pascagoula area. With new state and federal funding coming to the Gulf Coast—especially for flood mitigation—this partnership is helping make sure resources are used wisely and effectively. The group brings together local experts and community partners to share ideas, coordinate projects, and work toward reducing flooding and improving stormwater management across our cities. **If you're a stormwater professional or and want to learn more about local projects, we invite you to join the conversation and get involved.**

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Upcoming Events

February- Community Design team meeting to begin preliminary stream restoration designs.

March- Community Meeting for “Mitigating Flood Risks Along the Gulf Coast”.

April- Phase 2 planting and splash block design with Kreole Elementary students.





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