



Target Areas -Hancock & Harrison Counties



Cross Fencing



Watering Facility

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What is the Gulf of Mexico Initiative?

The Gulf of Mexico Region hosts an amazing array of natural treasures – great coral reefs, lagoons, vast meadows of sea grass, and more than half the nation’s coastal wetlands. If you enjoy seafood, you’ve probably tasted some of the Gulf’s bounty. More than 1.3 billion pounds of seafood come out of the Gulf each year, out-producing the south and mid-Atlantic, the Chesapeake Bay, and New England, combined, in harvests of finfish, shrimp and shellfish. More than 50 percent of all recreational fishing in the U.S. happens along and on the Gulf’s waters.

The Gulf of Mexico Initiative (GoMI) is designed to help producers

in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas improve water quality and ensure sustainable production of food and fiber.

GoMI assistance will help producers apply sustainable agricultural and wildlife habitat management systems that maintain agricultural productivity; avoid, control, and trap nutrient runoff; and reduce sediment transport. GoMI also will reduce current over-use of water resources and prevent saltwater from entering the habitats of many threatened and endangered species.

Help NRCS Help You!

Through this initiative, NRCS and its partners will assist farmers and landowners in improving water quality, increasing water conservation and enhancing wildlife habitat within watersheds draining into the Gulf of Mexico.

The initiative is focusing on 16 watersheds across the Gulf states, including Rotten Bayou and Bayou LaTerre in Mississippi.

Through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), agricultural producers may receive

financial and technical help with structural and management conservation practices on agricultural land.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program administered by the NRCS. Reauthorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, it supports production agriculture and environmental quality as compatible goals.

Join the conservation movement today by contacting your local NRCS Office for guidance and to benefit from this program.

Gulf of Mexico Initiative Core & Supporting Conservation Practices

CORE CONSERVATION PRACTICES

- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
- Drainage Water Management
- Nutrient Management Precision
- Cover Crop
- Integrated Pest Management
- Sediment Basin
- Streambank and Shoreline Protection
- Prescribed Grazing
- Critical Area Planning
- Riparian Forest Buffer
- Filter Strip
- Grade Stabilization Structure
- Terrace

SUPPORTING CONSERVATION PRACTICES

- Brush Management
- Dike
- Fence
- Firebreaks
- Forage/Biomass Planting
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Forest Trails and Landings
- Grassed Waterway
- Heavy Use Protection
- Herbaceous Weed Control
- Irrigation Land Leveling
- Irrigation Pipeline
- Irrigation System Micro-Irrigation
- Livestock Shade Structure
- Irrigation Water Management
- Pipeline
- Pond
- Prescribed Burning
- Pumping Plant
- Silvopasture Establishment
- Stream Crossing
- Structure for Water Control
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
- Tree/Shrub Establishment
- Waste Storage Facility
- Watering Facility
- Water Well

Producers in the Bayou LaTerre and Rotten Bayou watersheds are eligible. The deadline to participate in the GoMI through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is March 1, 2012. Interested producers should visit their local field or conservation district offices at the following locations:

Hancock County Landowners
Natural Resources Conservation Service
310 Hwy 26 East
Poplarville, MS 39470
601-795-4409

Harrison County Landowners
Natural Resources Conservation Service
12238 Ashley Dr.
Gulfport, MS 39503
228-831-0881