

“The spirit of Coastal Mississippians has remained strong. Mississippians are not about sitting around feeling sorry for themselves and waiting for someone to come to their rescue. Mississippians are about hitching up their britches and getting to work to help themselves and help their neighbors.”

- Governor Haley Barbour

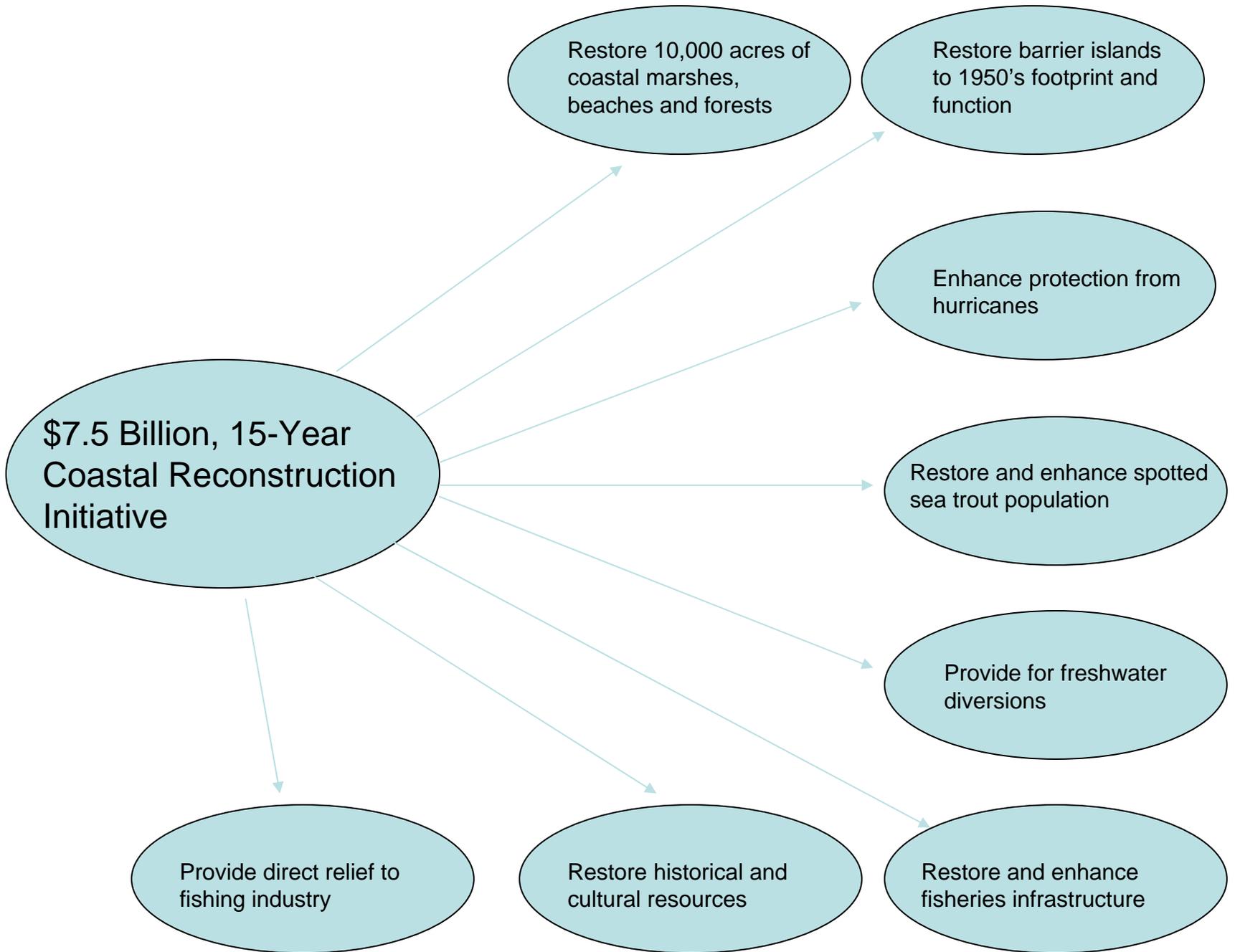




"We got a tall mountain in front of us...
We're not only going to have to rebuild,
but we're going to rebuild bigger and
better than before."
- Governor Haley Barbour



Recovery



Where are we now?

- Prior to Katrina, Congress appropriated \$2.5 million to CoE through WRDA for continued restoration of Deer Island.
- In the December 2006 supplemental, Congress appropriated an additional \$12.5 million to the CoE for restoration of Deer Island and other coastal systems.
- Also in December, Congress appropriated \$199 million to USDA, some \$20 million of which is designated for oyster reef restoration in Mississippi.
- Congress has directed CoE to conduct a sixth-month study to determine what Coastal Mississippi needs to do to restore ecosystem function and mitigate against future storm damage, how that can best be done and how much it will cost.
- We continue to work with Congress to fund our Governor's Restoration Initiative.