The way of life in the Mississippi Gulf Coast is intertwined with water and the environment. Protecting the natural resources of the coast is paramount to the health of the region’s economy and its residents. The Plan for Opportunity is a three year collaborative planning project led by the Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC). Its purpose is to make the Mississippi Gulf Coast a more sustainable and prosperous region by enhancing regional coordination. Funded by the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, the Plan evaluated six topic areas including food, housing, the economy, transportation and land use, water, and resiliency. An extensive public involvement effort was undertaken throughout the planning process.

The Plan includes strategies and recommendations that can be implemented at a regional or local level. For the Plan for Opportunity recommendations to be effective, it is critical to work together. Once adopted, the Plan will lead to a more unified and cohesive region working together as One Coast.

Visit gulfcoastplan.org to learn more about the Plan for Opportunity
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The final plan outlines specific action steps, strategies and responsibilities to address the region’s needs. Making the plan a reality will take a continuing commitment of the public, private and non-profit organizations working on the Gulf Coast. Every small part contributes to a more successful and livable Gulf Coast region. You can review the final plan by visiting gulfcoastplan.org.

**“There is an effort to synchronize what is going on across the Gulf Coast. Wouldn’t it be simpler if we just had one coast?”**

-Amie Williams, Director of Economic Development, MS Power

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**Next Steps**

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- Gulf Coast Community Design Studio
- Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation
- Gulf Regional Planning Commission
- Mississippi Center for Justice
- Ohio State University
- Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District
- Steps Coalition
- The Kirwan Institute
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