

MAGNOLIA CREEK FLORIDA

Project Name: Magnolia Creek Fish Passage Project

Project Type:

- Education
- Restoration (Fish Passage, Channel, Riparian, and Unpaved Road Stabilization)
- Recreation (Florida National Trail)
- Species Recovery (Gulf Sturgeon)
- Youth

Project Description: The Magnolia Creek system is a unique natural resource located within the Lafayette Creek drainage of the Choctawhatchee Bay Ecosystem in Northwest Florida. It harbors many fish, reptiles, and amphibians. The Magnolia Creek Watershed Fish Passage Project, a large contiguous watershed restoration effort, involves a partnership between agencies and a willing private landowner to protect and restore 200 acres of floodplain habitat along a 15-mile corridor of Magnolia Creek. This effort supports fish and wildlife conservation, outdoor recreation, and improves the overall health of Lafayette Creek ecosystem.

Lead Federal Agencies:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service

Non-Federal Partners:

- Nokuse Plantation

Outcomes for 2012:

- Restore fish passage at three sites
- Restore seven miles of stream habitat
- Restore two acres of wetlands
- Restore three acres of upland habitat
- Complete bridge for the Florida National Scenic Trail



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service