



**\$1.9M** 

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill settlement funds

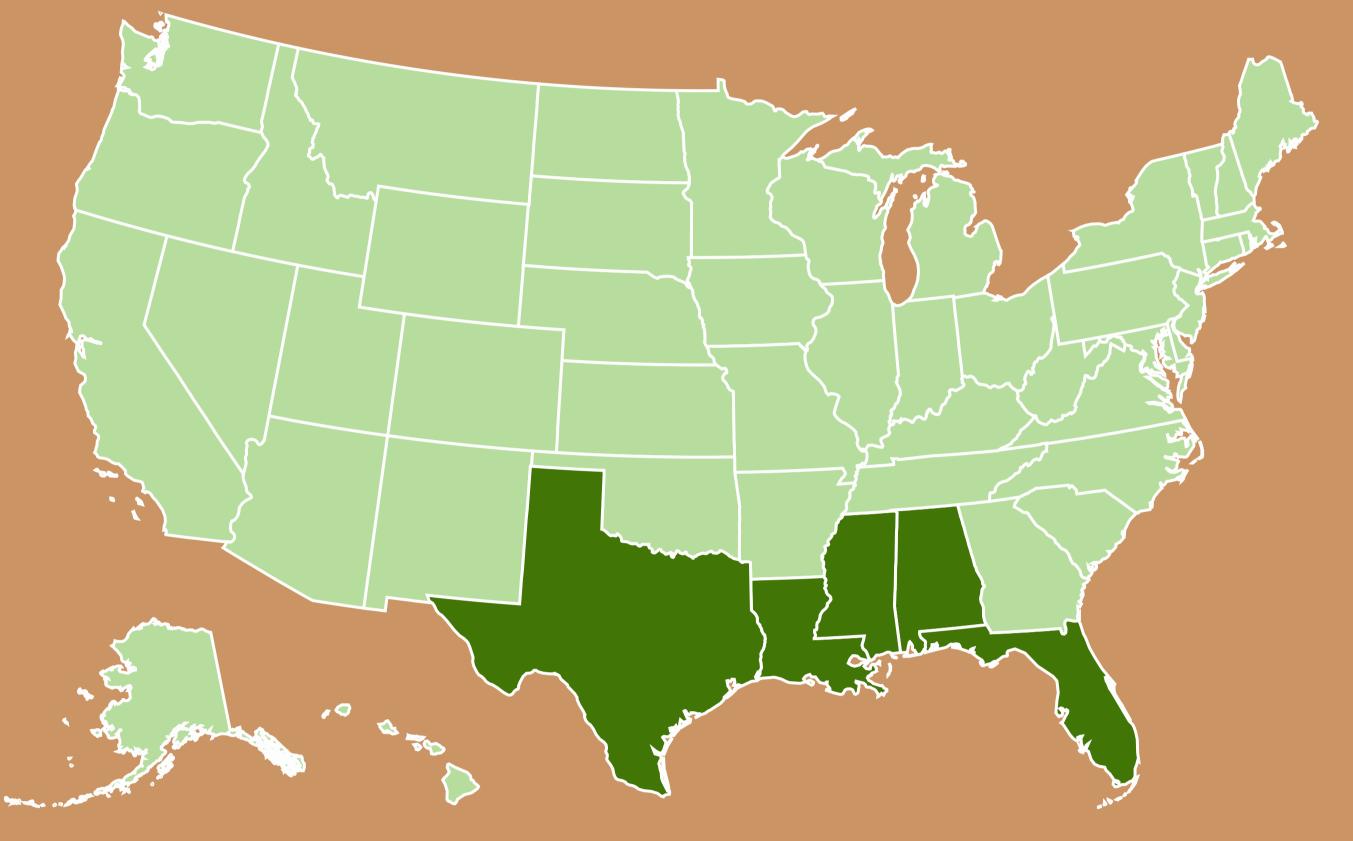
to create a data-driven tool to facilitate land conservation decisions



#### depending on the needs of the tool user

### COASTAL ZONES OF THE 5 GULF STATES: TX, LA, MS, AL & FL **AND 25 MILES INLAND**

### **Gulf Coast Region**

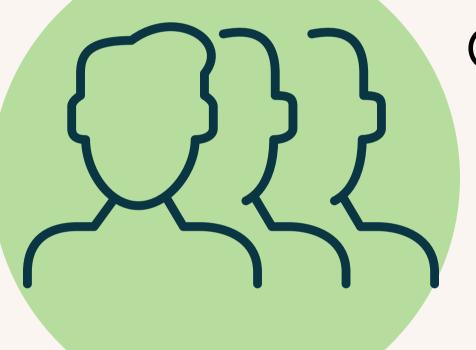


# Project development

Program Administrators

Land Trust Staffers

**Conservation-focused** Nonprofit Managers



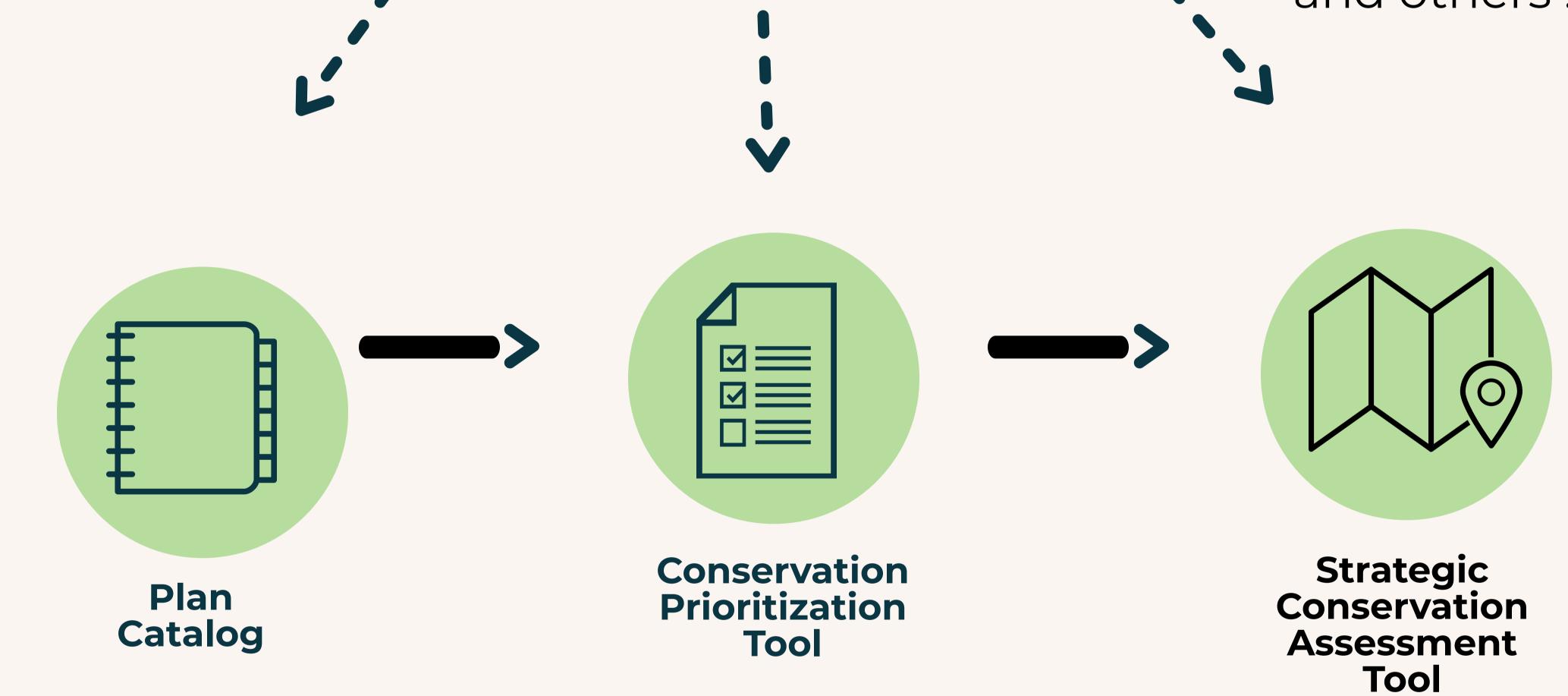
**Stakeholder Input** 

**Conservation & Watershed** Planners

Biologists, Ecologists

Resource & Refuge Managers

and others ...



## **SCA Toolkit**

The SCA Toolkit consists of three tools that have immediate and independent value individually:



### **Plan Catalog**

An expanding catalog of conservation & natural resource-related plans from a wide variety of stakeholders, because <u>better-informed decisions about</u> land conservation require a Gulf-wide approach.

### **Conservation Prioritization Tool**

A ranking system for assessing land conservation projects by providing a data-driven, comprehensive filter that can help users identify their conservation priorities.



#### **Final Strategic Conservation Assessment Tool**

A geography-based tool that will allow users to see where there are opportunities to reach multiple benefits through various land conservation actions (acquisition, easement and stewardship).

# USERS

- state & federal conservation agencies
- land trusts
- local governments
- land managers & stewards
- funders/fundraisers



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