

Why do we need another conservation plan?

Bringing many resources and partners together

National and international plans, state wildlife action plans, refuges, parks and even beach management plans...

Focusing on key species to help guide management

Understanding similarities within our region to best support conservation action for priority species. Our audience is managers and conservation partners rather than the general public.



Apply Conservation Standards approach to process

A systematic approach, but moving beyond the planning and getting towards iterative action items by site

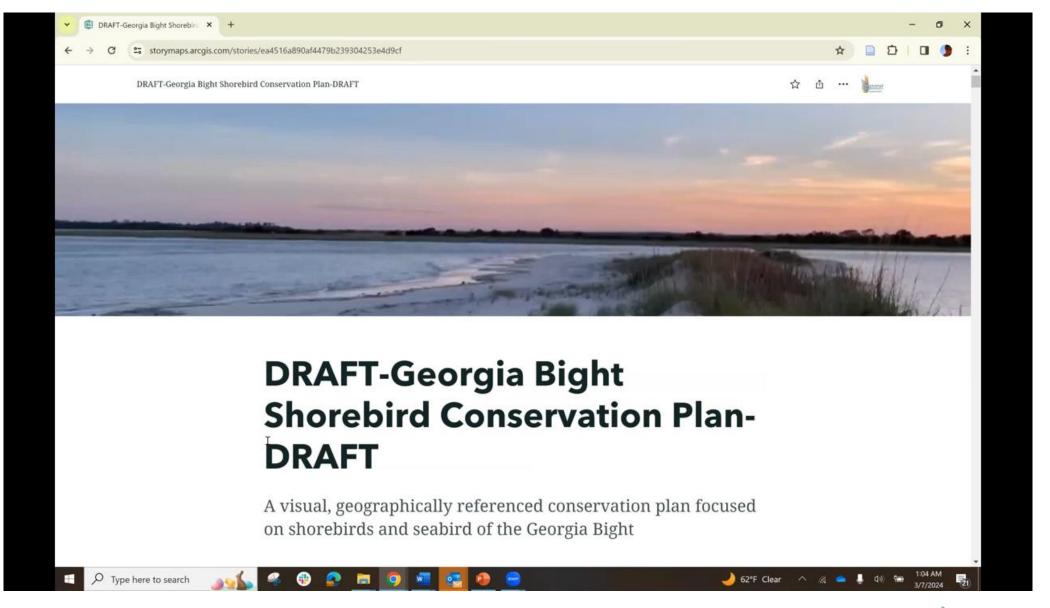




Why a Story Map?

- Flexibility, easy to update, spatially explicit
- Can include many different types of information, including maps, videos and photos
- Easier to navigate than a static word document
- Everybody's doing it SC DNR, Ft Pulaski, many others









Strengths (positive conditions or attributes of a site that are currently happening on the ground)

Active Seasonal Stewarding Collaborative Conservation Efforts Conservation Research and Monitoring **Ecological Significance Existing Dog Restrictions-Full Closure Existing Dog Restrictions-Seasonal Existing Protected Areas Status** Food Resources High Species and Habitat Diversity **Known Night Roost Limited Human Access** Location Management Expertise Migratory Stopover **Nesting Grounds- Colonial Seabirds Nesting Grounds- Shorebirds** Opportunities for Public Access Private Ownership with Conservation Focus **Protection from Predators** Public Awareness, Support and Education

Wintering Habitats





Weaknesses (negative conditions or attributes of a site that are currently happening on the ground)

Development Pressure

Erosion

Fragmented Ownership

Habitat Degradation

Human Disturbance- On site

Human Disturbance-Remote

Knowledge Gaps

Limited Enforcement

Limited Monitoring or Management on site

Limited Public Access/Engagement Opportunities

Low nesting success

Night Beach Driving

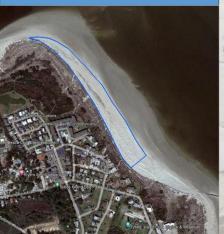
Predation Pressure

Resource Constraints

Vulnerability to Climate Change



Wildlife Beach Zone



This section of Tybee Island is a Wildlife Beach Zone. **Please** walk on the wet sand to help

protect rare birds, wildli

Protect our coastal birds using this beach:



Black Skimmers nest in colonies on our beaches. They need space to raise their chicks from April-August.



Endangered Piping Plovers spend the winter with us, feeding and resting.

Rare Wilson's Plover nest here from March-August. Stay on the wet sand to



Opportunities (Action Items)

Conservation Planning Education, Outreach and Awareness **Habitat Enhancement Habitat Management Habitat Restoration** Scientific Research and Monitoring Signage, symbolic fencing **Special Protection Designation** Stakeholder Engagement Stewarding programs









Process so far

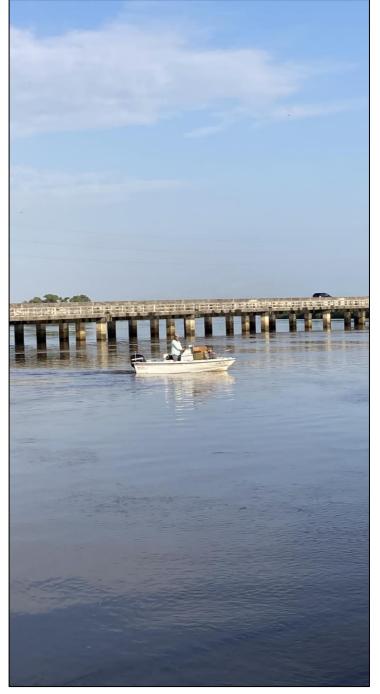
- The GBSCP is still in DRAFT form- please do not share it widely

- Cross referenced existing conservation plans (thanks Melissa!)
- Drafted and workshopped ideas with key stakeholders
- Held a meeting with a steering committee
- Got input from state partners (thanks Cami!)
- Held a meeting in October to get feedback
- Seeking feedback now from you!
- Update plan annually at Shorebird Meeting











"All in the Same Boat" Outreach For Recreational Boaters













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