

PIPER MINE RECLAMATION

A MODEL FOR PARTNERSHIP DRIVEN RECLAMATION SUCCESS



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Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge

One of America's most biodiverse freshwater ecosystems.



WHY IT MATTERS

- Home to extraordinary freshwater biodiversity
- Contains the largest known population of Cahaba lilies
- Supports numerous rare and imperiled species
- Threatened by sedimentation, pollution, and habitat loss



3,681

Acres
Protected



194

River
Miles



64

Rare & Imperiled
Species



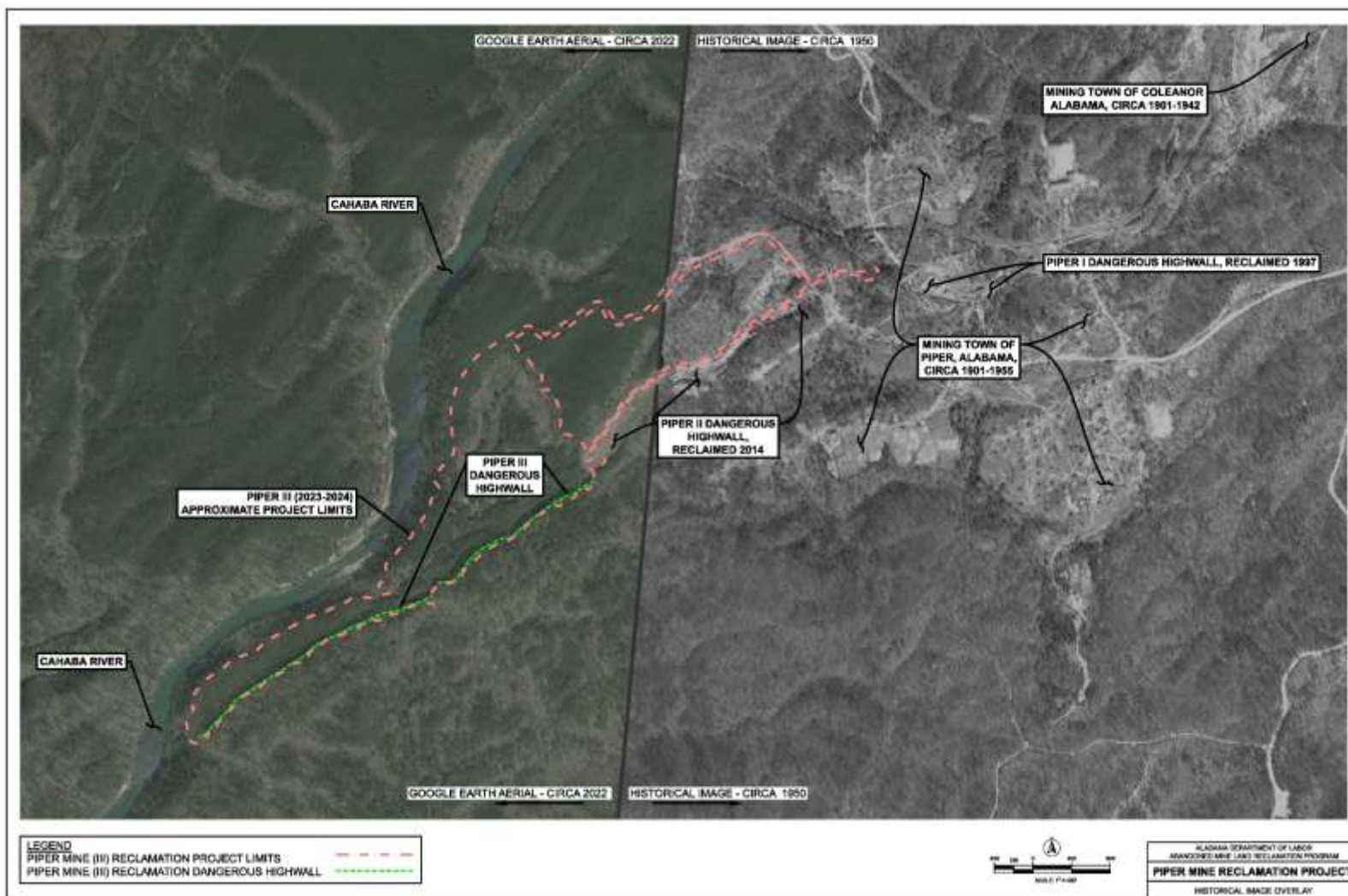
Planned refuge expansion to approximately **7,784** acres.



THE PIPER MINES



THE PROJECT



THE PARTNERS

Project Partners



Abandoned Mine Land Program



CS Beatty
CONSTRUCTION



GONZALEZ - STRENGTH & ASSOCIATES, INC.

CONSTRUCTION



COMMUNITY & REFUGE BENEFITS



BENEFITS OF PARTNERSHIPS



TESTIMONIES

DAVID BUTLER, CAHABA RIVERKEEPER:

“Everyone who has or will visit the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge can thank the Alabama Department of Labor Abandoned Mine Land Program and partners for this tremendous investment, which is in addition to the previous phases of the Piper Mine reclamation. We already see improved water quality and more wildlife. The most exciting part is the public will now have the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful land in a way that hasn’t been possible for more than a hundred years. We believe this is going to be transformative over the next few years.”

WEST BLOCTON MAYOR , DANIEL SIMS, HOPES THE COMPLETION OF THE PIPER MINE RECLAMATION PROJECT WILL DRAW ADDITIONAL VISITATION TO THE AREA.

“Unfortunately for the town of West Blocton, we’re located in an area where we don’t have interstate access. We have to think and be creative; how can we draw people to West Blocton.”

