



NFWF

Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

RECIPIENT

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation

AMOUNT

\$34,493,800

LEVERAGE

\$15,000,000

PARTNERS

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

The Conservation Fund

The Nature Conservancy

LOCATION

Calhoun County, Texas

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE

August 2014

PROGRESS UPDATE

The acquisition for permanent conservation of the 17,351 acres of pristine coastal habitat was completed in February 2016. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Powderhorn Ranch Endowment has been established to conduct long term management activities. (August 2016)

The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of future harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about NFWF, go to www.nfwf.org.

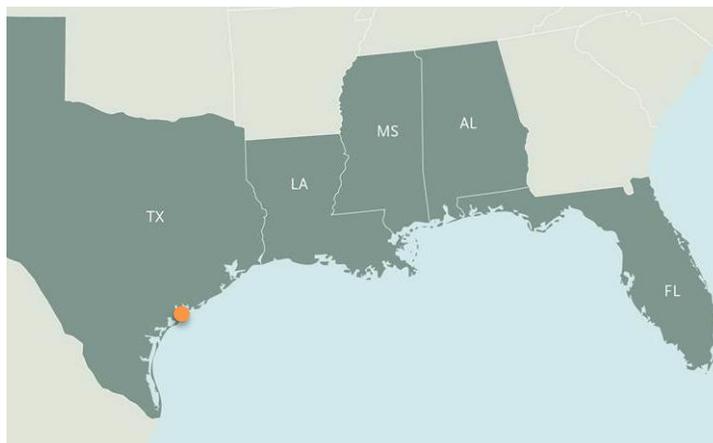
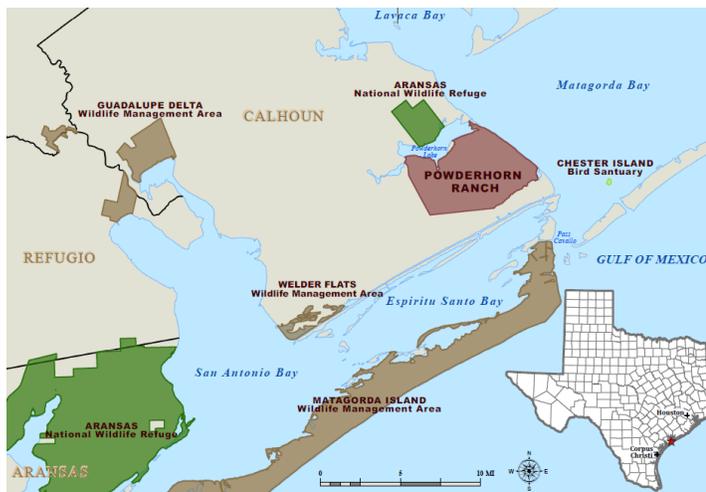
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Powderhorn Ranch Land Acquisition

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation acquired the 17,351 acre Powderhorn Ranch in Calhoun County with the assistance of a multi-partner coalition. In addition to the acquisition to the property, the project will include initial habitat restoration and management activities, as well as funding for a long-term stewardship endowment. Once the project has been completed, Powderhorn Ranch is expected to be operated as a state park and wildlife management area with appropriate public access. NFWF will be providing its portion of the funds for the acquisition, restoration and stewardship of Powderhorn Ranch over the next three years. Additionally, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation has committed to raising the matching funds needed to complete the nearly \$50 million project.

Due to Powderhorn Ranch's proximity the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge and other conservation lands, this project offers the opportunity to protect and strengthen a unique mosaic of coastal habitats along Texas's mid-coast. The ranch includes more than 11 miles of tidal bay front sheltering substantial nearshore seagrass beds and mollusk reefs, which provide extremely important nursery habitat for shrimp, crabs and finfish. The ranch also includes thousands of acres of emergent wetlands including extensive tidal marshes, bayous, fresh and intermediate potholes, and wet prairie that support waterfowl,

shorebirds and wading birds. Powderhorn Ranch has been a top priority land acquisition for state, federal and non-profit partners for over twenty years and was recognized as the largest remaining component in a long-term strategy to conserve Texas's coastal ecosystems.



Acquisition and restoration of the 17,351 acre Powderhorn Ranch will significantly strengthen the existing network of Texas mid-coast conservation areas (above).