



NFWF

# Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

## RECIPIENTS

Galveston Bay Foundation

## AWARD AMOUNT

\$850,000

## LEVERAGE

\$1,030,000

## PARTNERS

USFWS

Texas General Land Office

The Nature Conservancy

Shell Oil Company

NRG Energy

## LOCATION

Galveston County, Texas

## AWARD DATE

November 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 harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about NFWF, go to [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org).

## TEXAS

# Dollar Bay-Moses Lake Wetlands

## Restoration and Protection – Phase II

This construction project will restore and protect over 500 acres of degraded wetlands and protect 6,800 linear feet of vulnerable shorelines from erosion within the Dollar Bay-Moses Lake complex in Galveston Bay, Texas. Dollar Bay and Moses Lake are contiguous bodies of estuarine marsh adjacent to western Galveston Bay that are highly productive habitat important to the life cycle of a number of species. Subsidence, shoreline erosion and salt water intrusion have greatly impacted these ecologically productive areas. This investment will build upon earlier efforts under the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund that funded engineering, design and permitting of this project.

Overall, the protection of this critical coastal habitat will contribute to the larger landscape scale conservation efforts in West Galveston Bay, which has lost over 35,000 acres of intertidal wetlands since the 1950s. Historical subsidence coupled with shoreline erosion has greatly impacted these areas, converting marsh to open water and threatening important habitat and feeding grounds for dozens of species of birds and estuarine-dependent species including shrimp, red drum, and blue crab.



Reddish egret: Credit iStock



This project will protect and enhance areas that support dozens of species of fish and birds, like this reddish egret.