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Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

RECIPIENTS

Texas General Land Office

AWARD AMOUNT

\$3,234,500

PARTNERS

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

LOCATION

West Bay, Galveston, Texas

AWARD DATE

November 2015

PROGRESS UPDATE

As part of the Project's Phase I, a construction contractor was selected for the breakwater construction and the Notice to Proceed was delivered in July 2016 during a pre-construction meeting. The Texas General Land Office will conduct the construction work for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program portion of the project. Afterwards, the work in Galveston Island State Park will commence. (August 2016)

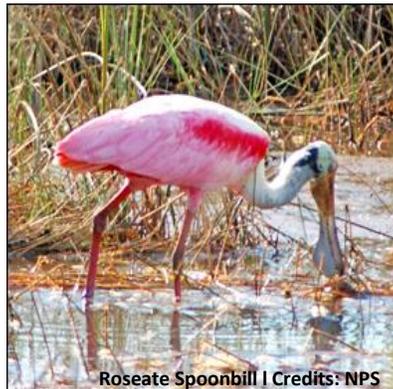
The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about NFWF, go to www.nfwf.org.

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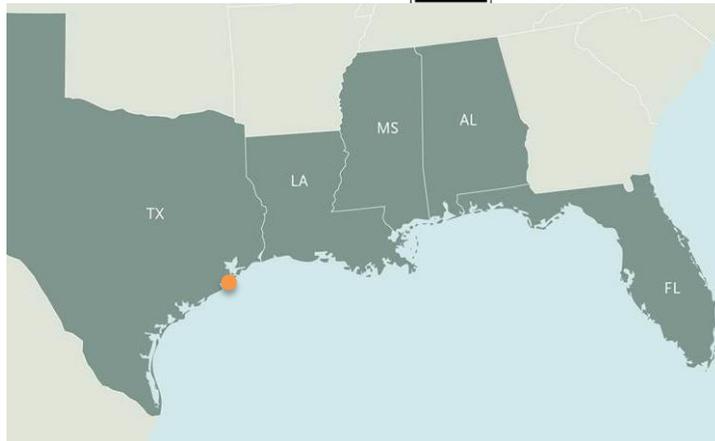
Galveston Island State Park Marsh Restoration and Protection in Carancahua Cove – Phase II

This project will create 4,415 linear feet of breakwater shoreline to protect 2 acres of estuarine emergent marsh and 12 acres of seagrass beds in West Galveston Bay. This critical habitat project will be complimented by the creation of an additional 73 acres of estuarine marsh complex slated for restoration under Phase I of this project. The marsh habitat created by this investment will serve as important nurseries for fisheries as well as foraging, roosting, and wintering habitat of numerous coastal and migratory bird species. Additionally, this project will create 8,830 linear feet of hard substrate similar to oyster reefs that will provide beneficial fish habitat.

This project will restore critical coastal and near-shore habitats within West Galveston Bay, which is critical to numerous coastal-dependent and migratory bird species. This project will enhance and preserve the ongoing habitat restoration and shoreline protection investments of local, State, and Federal partners dating back to 1997. This project will implement the major goals of over a dozen local, State, Federal, and NGO plans focused on the ecological restoration and conservation of Galveston Bay, a priority estuarine complex along the Texas coast.



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The breakwater and estuarine marsh complex created by this project will protect and expand existing marsh and seagrass habitat that is important for numerous fish and coastal and migratory bird species.