



# Texas Restoration Area

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- Angela Sunley, Texas General Land Office
- Michael Cave, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Erin Chandler, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Jamie Schubert, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Ron Howard, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Doug Jacobson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

In the past year, the Texas Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) prepared the Draft Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment #2 (RP/EA #2) and continued to implement and oversee the engineering, design, and construction of projects from early restoration and the 2017 Restoration Plan. In February 2022, the Texas TIG published the Draft RP/EA #2 for public comment. Notable project accomplishments include initiating construction of the McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration project and the Pierce Marsh Wetland Restoration project (the first phase of a multi-phased project), nearing construction completion of the Bahia Grande Hydrologic Restoration project, and completing construction of the Dickinson Bay Bird Island II project. Additional project status updates can be found on the following pages.

## WHAT WE DO

Our work in the Texas Restoration Area focuses on restoring wetlands and other coastal habitats and reducing nonpoint source pollution. We are also restoring wildlife injured by the spill, including oysters, birds, and sea turtles.

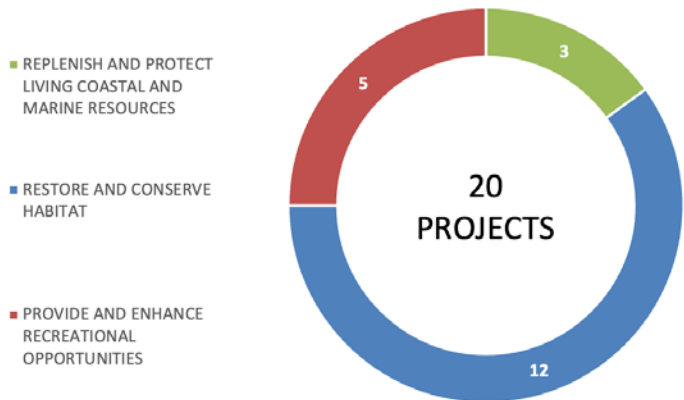




# Restoration Overview

\$109 million committed to approved projects

## PROJECTS BY RESTORATION GOAL



## RECENT NEWS // Dickinson Bay Island II

Construction is complete. The approximately eight-acre island will provide bird nesting and foraging habitat using earthen fill, an armored shoreline that includes a rock breakwater and rock reef, and scrub-shrub plants.



Photo: Galveston Bay Foundation

## RECENT NEWS // Bahia Grande Hydrologic Restoration



Construction is nearing completion. The Bahia Grande Hydrologic Restoration project is located approximately 9 miles west of South Padre Island, at the intersection of the Bahia Grande and Brownsville Ship Channel. This project widens a pilot channel to increase tidal flow and improve salinity and dissolved oxygen fluctuations in the Bahia Grande. Restored tidal flow will support a more naturally balanced system and improve habitat quality for aquatic and wetland species. This project is part of a larger effort to provide landscape-scale improvements to the Bahia Grande area. Birds, sea turtles and other wildlife will benefit from the land preservation and the hydrological improvements.





# Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2022	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
<b>Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats</b>	\$100,000,000	\$48,062,971	48%	52%
<b>Nutrient Reduction</b>	\$22,500,000	\$359,500	2%	98%
<b>Sea Turtles</b>	\$27,465,000	\$20,075,000	73%	27%
<b>Birds</b>	\$40,603,770	\$20,713,770	51%	49%
<b>Oysters</b>	\$22,500,000	\$419,000	2%	98%
<b>Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities</b>	\$18,582,688	\$18,582,688	100%	0%
<b>Monitoring and Adaptive Management</b>	\$2,500,000	\$0	0%	100%
<b>Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning</b>	\$4,000,000	\$1,504,346	38%	62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$238,151,458</b>	<b>\$109,717,275</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>54%</b>

## FUTURE RESTORATION PLANNING

The Texas TIG will continue finalizing RP/EA #2. The draft restoration plan includes 13 proposed preferred projects including:

- 4 projects restoring wetlands, coastal, nearshore habitats;
- 2 projects addressing nutrient reduction;
- 1 project focused on oyster restoration;
- 2 projects contributing to sea turtle restoration; and
- 4 projects seeking to restore birds.

This restoration plan is expected to be finalized in August 2022.

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE  
[www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/texas](http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/texas)