

Texas Restoration Area

June 2023



RECENT ACTIVITIES

McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration

In the past year, the Texas Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) finalized the Final Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment #2 (RP/EA #2) and continued to implement and oversee the engineering, design, and construction of projects. Notable accomplishments include completing about half of the construction of the McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration project, successfully concluding the construction of the Bahia Grande Hydrologic Restoration project and the Galveston Island State Parks Beach Redevelopment project, and initiating monitoring of the Dickinson Bay Island II. 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.

- for the Texas Restoration
 Area are:
- Angela Schrift, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- 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















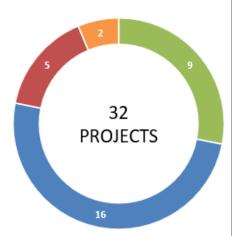


Restoration Overview

\$147 million committed to approved projects

PROJECTS BY RESTORATION GOAL

- REPLENISH AND PROTECT LIVING COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES
- RESTORE AND CONSERVE HABITAT
- PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- RESTORE WATER QUALITY



RECENT NEWS // McFaddin Beach

and Dune

Construction is ongoing. Sand is being dredged from an offshore borrow area and pumped onto 17 miles of shoreline in Jefferson and Chambers counties. Dune



Least tern nest photo by DESCO Environmental Consultants

vegetation planting has also begun in areas where construction is complete. Daily environmental surveys allow the construction contractors to be aware of local wildlife and avoid sensitive species and bird nests.

RECENT NEWS // Texas Rookery Islands – Dickinson Bay Island II



Construction of Dickinson Bay Island II is complete. The island is in Dickinson Bay and is managed by the Galveston Bay Foundation. First, a rock breakwater was built in shallow waters, then filled with sand to make a 5-acre bird rookery island. The island was then topped with soil and planted with native trees and scrub-shrub vegetation. Efforts have been made to control invasive plants. Currently, the island is off-limits to the public to keep the nesting birds protected. Monitoring began late in 2022 and will continue for several years. Early reports indicate that birds are visiting, and possibly nesting on the island already, as planned.

















Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement	Funds Committed	Percent Funds	
Restoration Type	Allocation	Through May 2023	Committed	Remaining
Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats	\$100,000,000	\$58,982,971	59%	41%
Nutrient Reduction	\$22,500,000	\$5,109,500	23%	77%
Sea Turtles	\$27,465,000	\$24,795,000	90%	10%
Birds	\$40,603,770	\$28,513,770	70%	30%
Oysters	\$22,500,000	\$9,919,000	44%	56%
Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	\$18,582,688	\$18,582,688	100%	0%
Monitoring and Adaptive Management	\$2,500,000	\$0	0%	100%
Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning	\$4,000,000	\$1,504,346	38%	62%
Total	\$238,151,458	\$147,407,275	62%	38%

FUTURE RESTORATION PLANNING

The Texas TIG plans on building upon previous work in a future restoration plan. The Texas TIG's 2017 restoration plan approved a project to develop the engineering and design of eight sites to restore marsh via the beneficial use of dredged material. Now that the planning work is complete, the Trustees will begin to develop a Restoration Plan that seeks to provide implementation funding for these eight wetland restoration sites.

MORE INFORMATION IS

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