

Habitat Acquisition Restoration Projects

TEXAS RESTORATION AREA

Follets Island Habitat Acquisition

The Follets Island Habitat Acquisition project includes acquisition and conservation of approximately 300 acres of wetland and coastal habitats on Follets Island between San Luis Pass and Drum Bay, Texas. The project conserves dune, coastal strand prairie, and marsh habitat in perpetuity through fee-simple acquisition. Once acquired, the land will be transferred to and managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the purpose of habitat preservation. The estimated cost for the project is \$2,037,000.

Mid-Coast Habitat Acquisition

The Mid-Coast Habitat Acquisition project will acquire a coastal estuarine land tract that will be conveyed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to be managed as part of the Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Matagorda County, Texas. The proposed tract is around 800 acres, including 555 acres of mostly estuarine wetlands. The restoration action will protect the tract thereby providing a protective buffer to estuarine and bay waters from future land use changes. The estimated cost for the project is \$2,082,000.

Bahia Grande Coastal Corridor Habitat Acquisition

The Bahia Grande Coastal Corridor Habitat Acquisition project includes acquisition of important coastal habitat that will be conveyed to the USFWS to be managed as part of the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (LANWR). This tract includes 1,322 acres of tidal

wetlands, thorn scrub, and coastal prairie with more than a mile of frontage on the Lower Laguna Madre and almost two miles frontage on a tidal inlet called Laguna Vista Cove. The estimated cost for the project is \$6,900,000 of which the Texas TIG is providing \$2,271,000.

Laguna Atascosa Habitat Acquisition

The Laguna Atascosa Habitat Acquisition project will include acquisition of important coastal habitat that will be conveyed to the USFWS to be managed as part of the LANWR. This tract includes 1,682 acres of beach, dune, and tidal habitats on South Padre Island, Texas. The estimated cost for the project is \$5,397,000.



Coastal dune habitat. Photo: Woody Woodrow (USFWS)





For more information on these projects or any others, you can access the full Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Texas Trustee Implementation Group 2017 Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment: Restoration of Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats; and Oysters online at www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/texas



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