



Texas Restoration Area
**Recreational Use Opportunities
Restoration**
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ABOUT RECREATIONAL USE RESTORATION

Impacts from the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill resulted in losses to the public's use of natural resources for outdoor recreation. The goal of recreational use restoration is to increase recreational opportunities such as fishing, beach-going, camping, and boating with a combination of ecological restoration and creation of infrastructure, access, and use opportunities.

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Recreational Use Projects

| Project Name | Project Budget | Status |
|---|----------------|-------------|
| Freeport Artificial Reef Project | \$2.2 M | Complete |
| Galveston Island State Park Beach Redevelopment | \$10.7 M | In Progress |
| Matagorda Artificial Reef Project | \$3.3 M | Complete |
| Mid-Upper Texas Coast Artificial Reef | \$1.9 M | Complete |
| Sea Rim State Park Improvements | \$510 k | In Progress |



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The Texas TIG funded projects which maintain healthy coastal and marine habitats and resources, increase public access to these coastal resources, and enhance the quality of these recreational activities. The artificial reef projects enhanced the quality of recreational fishing for hook-and-line anglers and recreational diving by increasing the number of reef structures in Texas State waters. The state parks improvement projects constructed wildlife viewing platforms, dune access boardwalks, campsites, and restroom and shower facilities. Each of these projects provides enhanced opportunities for the human community to interact with the natural environment.



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PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

The **Galveston Island State Park Beach Redevelopment** project constructed multi-use campsites, tent campsites, dune access boardwalks, equestrian facilities, and restroom and shower facilities on the beach side of the park to enhance visitor use and enjoyment of park resources. Hurricane Ike caused severe devastation and destroyed much of the Park’s infrastructure. This Beach Redevelopment project helped to restore infrastructure according to the Galveston Island State Park Master Plan. The park campground reopened on June 27, 2022, after completing construction.

