



Texas Restoration Area

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Photo: Texas General Land Office

The Trustee representatives for the Texas Restoration Area are:

- Angela Schrift, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Allison Fischer, Texas General Land Office
- Michael Cave, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Claire Iseton, 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

Notable accomplishments from the past year encompass the successful construction completion of the McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration project and the Dressing Point Island breakwater portion of the Texas Rookery Islands project. Additionally, we have published our 3rd draft restoration plan and are currently working on finalizing this plan which seeks to restore marshes by beneficially using dredged sediment.

WHAT WE DO

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.

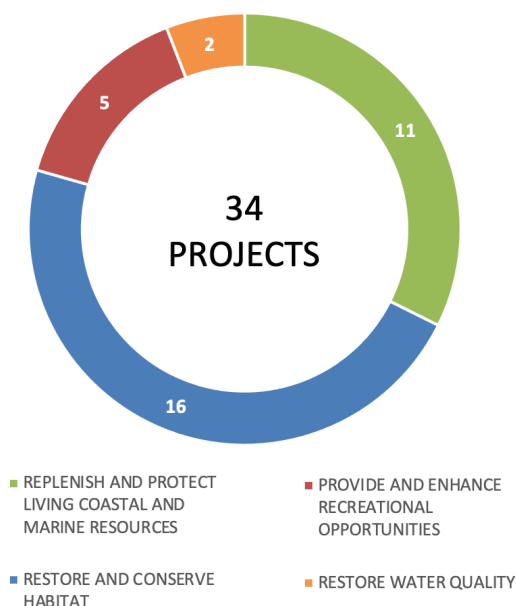




Restoration Overview

\$150 million committed to approved projects and activities

PROJECTS BY RESTORATION GOAL



RECENT NEWS // Sea Turtle Early Restoration Project



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In winter 2025, the Texas TIG requested feedback on a proposal to allocate all uncommitted sea turtle restoration type funds to the Sea Turtle Early Restoration project. The TIG will consider the public comments received and announce a path forward.

RECENT NEWS // Texas Rookery Islands – Dressing Point Restoration


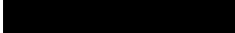

















Photo: Ducks Unlimited

Breakwater construction at Dressing Point Rookery Island was successfully completed in May 2025. Ducks Unlimited, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuges, Texas General Land Office, and the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust are partners in a two-phase project to construct 3,399 linear feet of breakwater and restore the island footprint through fill placement and vegetation planting. Dressing Point, incorporated by Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge in 1988, experienced shoreline erosion that considerably reduced the 28-acre island footprint over time. Dressing Point serves as a critical nesting ground for multiple colonial waterbird species and is surrounded by coastal marsh habitat in East Matagorda Bay used for foraging. In late 2025, activities will begin to increase the island size, followed by planting of native shrubs, trees, and vegetation to enhance the island for use by colonial waterbirds.



Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2025	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
 Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats	\$100,000,000	\$60,714,425	61% 	39%
 Nutrient Reduction	\$22,500,000	\$5,106,163	23% 	77%
 Oysters	\$22,500,000	\$9,915,607	44% 	56%
 Sea Turtles	\$27,465,000	\$24,796,362	90% 	10%
 Birds	\$40,603,770	\$30,381,432	75% 	25%
 Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities	\$18,582,688	\$17,155,272	92% 	8%
 Monitoring and Adaptive Management	\$2,500,000	\$0	0% 	100%
 Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning	\$4,000,000	\$2,117,295	53% 	47%
Total	\$238,151,458	\$150,186,556	63% 	37%

FUTURE RESTORATION PLANNING

The Texas Trustee Implementation Group published the Draft Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (RP/EA #3) in January 2025 and is expected to finalize this plan during the summer of 2025. This plan focuses on evaluating construction associated with the Dredged Material Planning for Wetland Restoration project, which was previously approved in the RP/EA #1.

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/texas

