



# Texas Restoration Area

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McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration

The Trustee representatives 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

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

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.





# 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 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.



Least tern nest photo by DESCO Environmental Consultants

## 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 Allocation | Funds Committed Through May 2023 | Percent Funds |            |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|
|  |                       |                                  | Committed     | Remaining  |
| <b>Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats</b>           | \$100,000,000         | \$58,982,971                     | 59%           | 41%        |
| <b>Nutrient Reduction</b>                                  | \$22,500,000          | \$5,109,500                      | 23%           | 77%        |
| <b>Sea Turtles</b>   | \$27,465,000          | \$24,795,000                     | 90%           | 10%        |
| <b>Birds</b>   | \$40,603,770          | \$28,513,770                     | 70%           | 30%        |
| <b>Oysters</b>   | \$22,500,000          | \$9,919,000                      | 44%           | 56%        |
| <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>\$147,407,275</b>             | <b>62%</b>    | <b>38%</b> |

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

