



RECIPIENT

The Conservation Fund

AMOUNT

\$4,343,572

LEVERAGE AMOUNT

\$5,200,000

PARTNERS

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

USFWS

LOCATION

Bolivar Peninsula, Galveston County, Texas

AWARD DATE

November 2014

STATUS

Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE

The Conservation Fund acquired 1,011 acres, containing estuarine emergent wetlands, tidal flats, subtidal ponds and beachfront, which were conveyed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as part of Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge in March 2015. Final reports have been submitted and the project is now closed. (January 2019)

The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about NFWF, go to www.nfwf.org.

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Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Marsh Acquisition

This project will protect nearly 2,000 acres of estuarine emergent wetlands, tidal flats and coastal habitat in East Galveston Bay through a combination of acquisition and donated easement. Located on the Bolivar Peninsula near the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, this area is internationally recognized for its importance for shorebirds and other migratory bird species. This investment will conserve and protect these essential habitats for a strategic location along the upper Texas coast.

The property to be conserved through this investment will join a strategic mosaic of coastal and near-shore habitats. Over 100,000 acres of this is already protected in the Texas Chenier Plain National Wildlife Refuge Complex which includes Anahuac, McFaddin, Texas Point and Moody National Wildlife Refuges. This complex of refuges includes some of the most important bird habitat on the Gulf Coast, suitable for a wide range of migratory birds, including waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds, colonial waterbirds and song birds. This project will continue efforts to make these critical conservation areas more contiguous and ecologically interdependent.



This project will expand the Anahuac refuge by acquiring valuable wetlands and coastal habitat.