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Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

**RECIPIENTS**

Ducks Unlimited

**AWARD AMOUNT**

\$82,500

**PARTNERS**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

**LOCATION**

JD Murphree Wildlife Management Area

**AWARD DATE**

November 2017

**PROGRESS UPDATE**

Project was recently activated. (February 2018)

**TEXAS**

## Restoration of J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area Water Management Infrastructure

This project will remove floatant marsh and other debris that has settled in interior compartment ditches in the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) as a result of extreme flooding from Hurricane Harvey. These ditches are critical for moving water for waterfowl and habitat management activities within the WMA. Funding for this project will help reduce the time that marsh is flooded and therefore reduce the risk of creating floating marsh which would be susceptible to additional storm damage.

The J.D. Murphree WMA encompasses diverse wetland habitat home to marsh birds, shorebirds and wading birds that were affected by the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill.

Protection and restoration of the marsh habitat flooded by Hurricane Harvey will directly benefit the species that rely on this habitat such as numerous heron species, Glossy and White Ibis as well as migratory waterfowl



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](http://www.nfwf.org).

This project will enhance marsh habitat for wading birds such as the white ibis pictured above.