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# Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

**RECIPIENTS**

Texas General Land Office

**AWARD AMOUNT**

\$1,500,000

**PARTNERS**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Salt Bayou Working Group

**LOCATION**

Jefferson County, Texas

**AWARD DATE**

March 2017

**PROGRESS UPDATE**

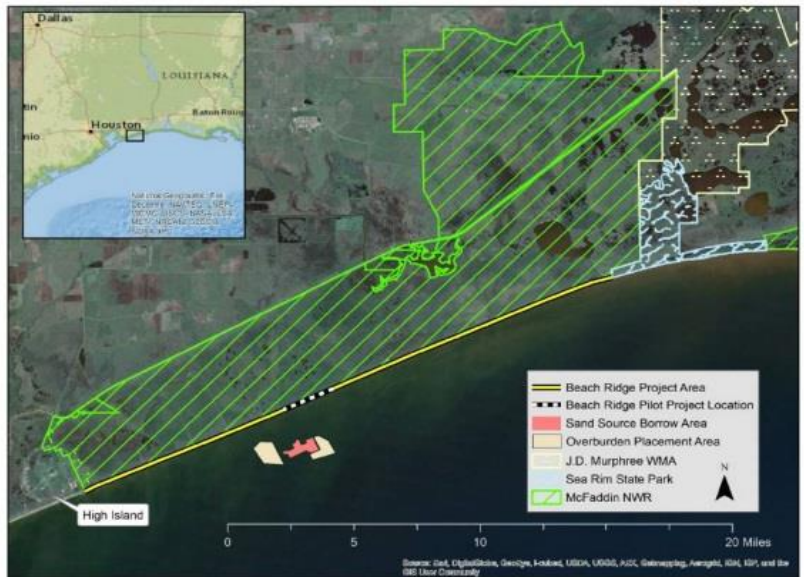
Currently seeking proposals from engineering firms to conduct the engineering and design for the final 17 miles of the project. The process of selecting a Professional Service Provider is ongoing and expected to be complete by May 2018. Other funding sources identified for this project include NRDA and RESTORE; these are in final stages of approval. (February 2018)

**TEXAS**

## Salt Bayou Beach Ridge Restoration – Engineering and Design

This project would complete engineering and design for the restoration of the beach ridge system between High Island and Sea Rim State Park on the Texas Upper Coast. The total length of the beach ridge restoration is 20 miles, of which 2 miles is currently being restored as a pilot effort that will inform the final design.

This project is located along the shoreline of McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge and Sea Rim State Park. Restoration of the coastal dunes and beaches is intended to enhance habitat for shorebirds and sea turtles while also protecting the largest contiguous estuarine marsh complex in Texas. This complex supports a significant percentage of Nation’s waterfowl and shorebirds that overwinter along the coast, as well as numerous other resident waterbirds and other wildlife. Hurricanes destroyed the dune system and frequent overwash during storms threatens the viability of the marsh due to increased salinity. Restoring the beach ridge system will increase resilience of this important coastal landscape.



The target beach ridge restoration area borders and protects the largest contiguous estuarine marsh complex in Texas.

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).