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Bahia Grande Conservation Corridor Acquisitions- Phase I (Boswell-Jenkins Tract)

This project acquired and restored a critical 1,781 acre parcel containing coastal prairie, freshwater wetlands, bayfront and tidal saltmarsh habitat along Laguna Madre, one of seven hypersaline lagoons in the world. The diverse habitats on the Boswell-Jenkins tract support numerous shorebird, waterfowl and waterbird species. The property has since been conveyed to the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge to be managed and restored by the USFWS.

This project is a part of a larger and continuing effort to conserve and restore essential coastal and near-shore habitats in the lower coast of South Texas within the proposed Bahia Grande Coastal Conservation Corridor (BGCC). The acquisition of the Boswell-Jenkins tract provided an essential link within the BGCC, a 7,000-acre corridor that will connect the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), the Bahia Grande Unit of the NWR, units of the Lower Rio Grande NWR, and Boca Chica State Park, resulting in a contiguous 105,000-acre conservation landscape. This conservation landscape, in turn, is linked to more than 3 million acres of large ranches in south Texas and conservation lands in Mexico in the globally-significant Laguna Madre region of the South Texas and Northern Mexico Gulf Coast. Additional parcels within the BGCC are to be protected through RESTORE and other funding sources.



This 1,781 acre acquisition protects critical coastal habitat and links key parcels within the Bahia Grande Conservation Corridor.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:
The Conservation Fund

AWARD AMOUNT:
\$4,000,000

PARTNERS:
USFWS

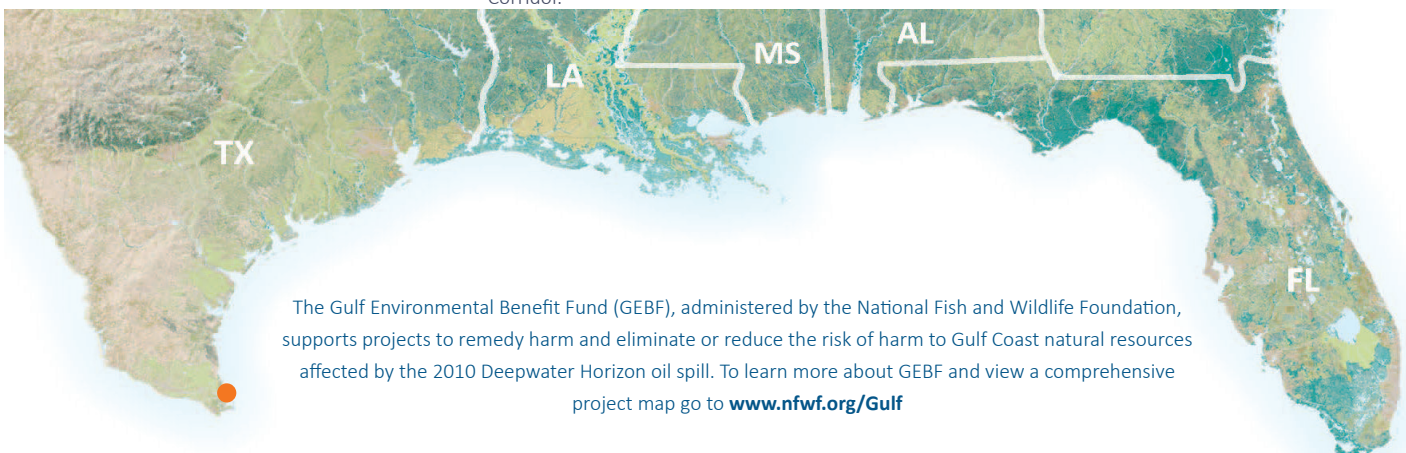
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

LOCATION:
Cameron County

AWARD DATE:
November 2015

STATUS:
Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE:
Project closed April 2017.



The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF), administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 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 GEBF and view a comprehensive project map go to www.nfwf.org/Gulf