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TEXAS

Follets Island Land Acquisition and Conservation Program- Phase I

This project acquired and permanently conserved 227 acres of pristine coastal dune and wetland landscape on Follets Island, a Texas barrier island southeast of the densely populated Galveston Island. These three tracts have expanded the existing 441-acre "Follets Island Conservation Initiative" tract, acquired by Texas Parks and Wildlife in 2014. Additionally, protective measures have been taken to limit human vehicular activity from negatively impacting the critical habitat.

Follets Island is a barrier island on the upper coast of Texas that borders Christmas Bay. Described as a bay of uniquely high quality with minimal alteration by human activity, it is located at the southern end of the West Galveston Bay. The land north of and adjacent to the bay is the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge. The project's coastal strand prairie and associated palustrine wetlands provides habitat to a wide range of migratory species such as shorebirds, waterfowl, butterflies, neo-tropical song birds, grassland birds, and raptors. The island's beaches have also seen an increased number of nesting endangered sea turtles in recent years.



Pictured above is a map of the project location outlining the Pauls Tracts (task 1) and the Stellar Tracts (task 2).

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:

The Trust for Public Land

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$1,199,125

PARTNERS:

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

LOCATION:

Brazoria County

AWARD DATE:

November 2016

STATUS:

Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE:

Project closed January 2019.



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