This project will acquire and permanently protect 1,100 acres along 1.4 miles of critical barrier island habitat on Matagorda Peninsula for inclusion in the newly established Matagorda Peninsula Coastal Management Area, owned and managed by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The Matagorda Peninsula is a barrier island system that separates East Matagorda Bay from the Gulf of Mexico. The barrier island habitat on Matagorda Peninsula provides sea turtle nesting sites and foraging and nesting habitat for many species of wading birds and shorebirds. The peninsula also serves as critical storm surge mitigation for the bay and the mainland. Acquisition and permanent protection of this critical tract would ensure preservation of important coastal habitat on Matagorda Peninsula for wildlife in perpetuity.

In 2017, funds from RESTORE allowed TPWD to acquire 5,402 acres of the peninsula, representing 11 miles of the barrier island system. Acquisition and permanent protection of this critical habitat on Matagorda Peninsula would leverage previous conservation efforts on surrounding land and would protect important habitat on the peninsula from the increased threat of development.