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Sea Rim State Park Coastal Dune Restoration

This project restored 5.3 miles of dune habitat by planting native dune vegetation to accelerate natural dune recovery. Planting dune grass provided immediate benefits to wildlife often seen using dune habitat at the park, including mottled ducks, marsh hawks and merlins. The project included post-construction monitoring to determine project effectiveness. A similar project has been successfully completed at Galveston Island State Park. Sea Rim State Park is located in Jefferson County approximately 20 miles south of Port Arthur. The dune system along this stretch of the Upper Coast of Texas has been severely eroded due to the passage of several severe storms. The lack of an effective dune system increases the frequency of salt water intrusion into the coastal marsh behind the beach and has accelerated its erosion.

Restoring the integrity of the dune system is a major objective of the recently published Salt Bayou Watershed Plan, which was prepared by an inter-agency working group and includes Sea Rim State Park, McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge and the J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area, the largest contiguous expanse of coastal marsh in Texas. This work is complementary to a large-scale beach and dune restoration project planned for the adjoining 20 miles of coast line in McFadden National Wildlife Refuge This complex coastal system provides high quality habitat for several bird species affected by the spill, and also provides critical storm buffering for the Port Arthur area.



Restoration work at Sea Rim State Park restored nearly 13 acres of barrier shoreline habitat, prevented continued erosion, and preserved critical coastal marsh habitat from salt water intrusion.

AT A GLANCE

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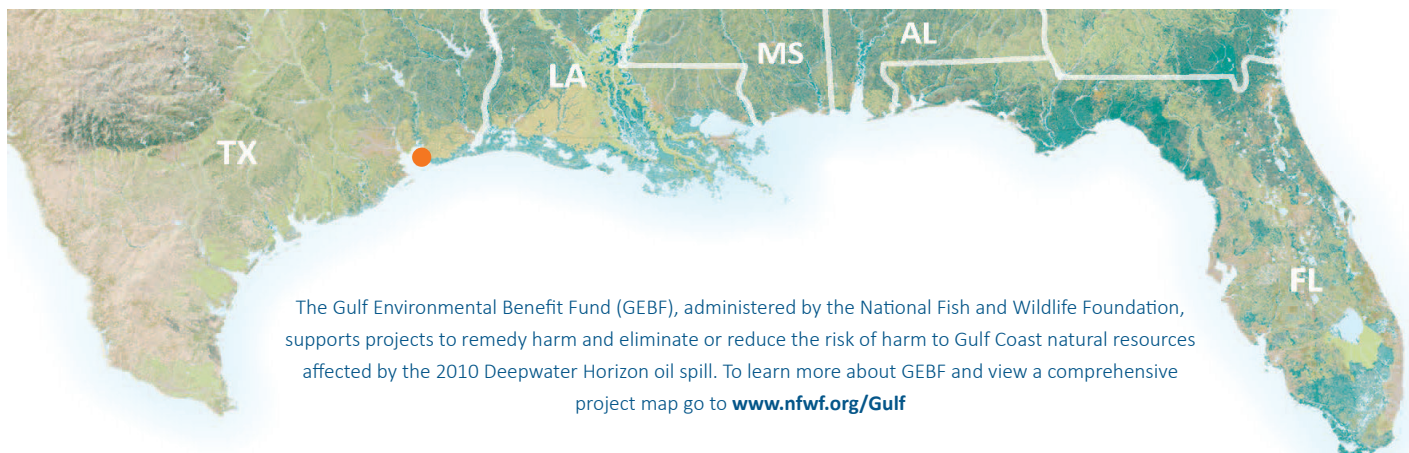
AWARD AMOUNT: \$71,415

LOCATION: Jefferson County

AWARD DATE: November 2013

STATUS: Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE: Project closed July 2020.



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