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Powderhorn West Conservation Easement

The project proposes to purchase a conservation easement on approximately 10,000 acres known as the Powderhorn West Ranch. The Powderhorn West Ranch is immediately adjacent to the 17,000-acre Powderhorn State Park and Wildlife Management Area purchased through the GEBF in 2014. The property is made up of substantial tidal marshes and flats, intermediate and brackish wetlands, wet prairies, and shorelines on Powderhorn Lake, which is part of the Matagorda Bay system, one of the most productive nurseries on the Texas Gulf Coast. This project will protect in perpetuity those habitats from the risk of development, sustaining the ecological benefits provided by these sensitive habitats as well as broad connectivity between protected lands in this project's vicinity.

The Texas Mid-Coast is experiencing significant growth pressures, and large blocks of land like Powderhorn and Powderhorn West ranches are particularly vulnerable. By securing protection for the unique habitats on the Powderhorn West property, this project will nearly complete protection of the shores of Powderhorn Lake, ensuring its ecological productivity into the future.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT: The Nature Conservancy

AWARD AMOUNT: \$5,379,000

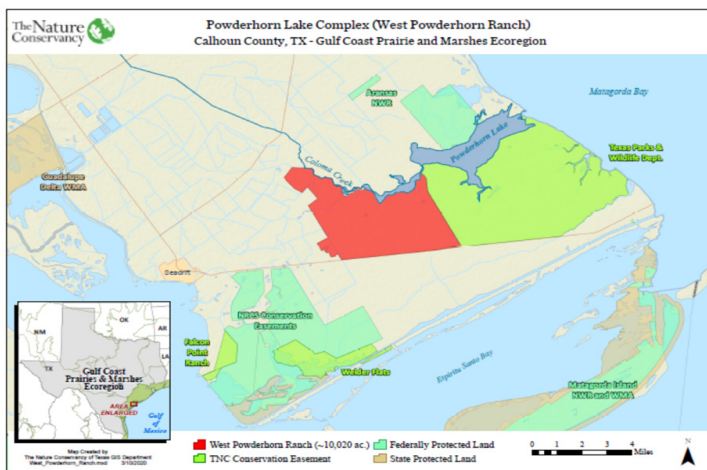
PARTNERS: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

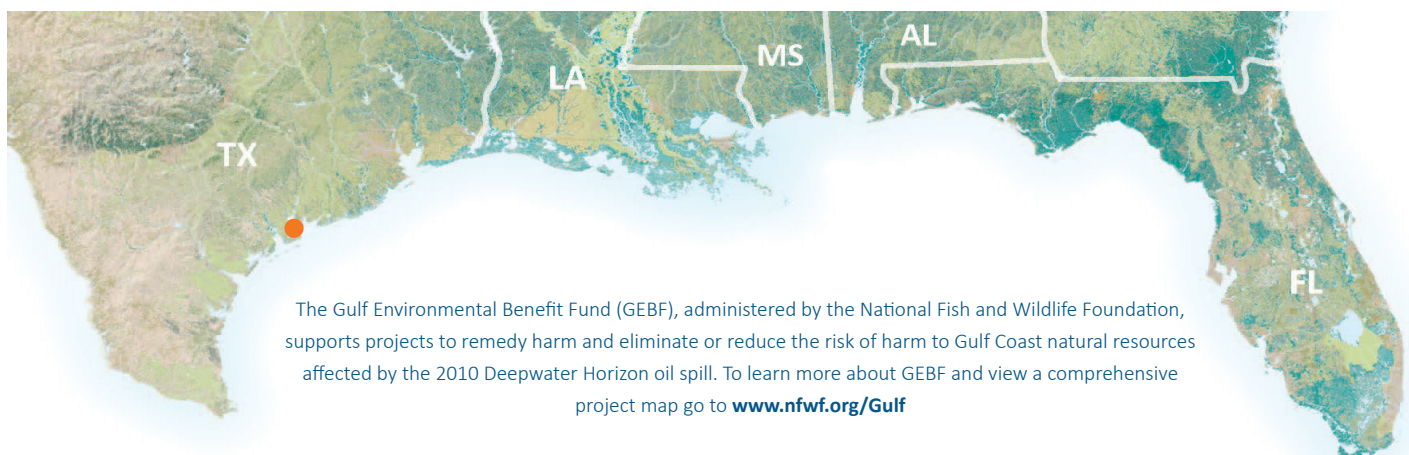
LOCATION: Calhoun County

AWARD DATE: November 2020

STATUS: Awarded



Above is a map of Powderhorn West (red) and surrounding project locations.



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