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Virginia Point Shoreline Protection and Estuarine Restoration

This project protected over 10,000 feet of fragile shoreline within the 3,000-acre Scenic Galveston Coastal Preserve, one of the largest privately owned contiguous nature preserves on the upper Texas coast. Virginia Point includes important coastal bay habitat along the northern shore of West Galveston Bay but has been eroding at an estimated rate of 7 to 10 feet per year since the 1960s. The investment protects this fragile shoreline by installing rock breakwaters to protect the fragmented shoreline and planting native vegetation which facilitates increased accretion of sediment behind the breakwaters.

Overall, the protection of this fragile shoreline contributes to the larger landscape-scale conservation efforts in West Galveston Bay. The Galveston Bay system has lost over 35,000 acres of intertidal wetlands since the 1950s, affecting critical habitat and feeding grounds for dozens of species of birds and estuarine-dependent species including shrimp, red drum, and blue crab.



This project protected and restored coastal wetlands, prairies, and other important habitats within the Virginia Point Preserve.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:

Texas General Land Office

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$1,903,103

PARTNERS:

Scenic Galveston, Inc., USFWS, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, NOAA

LOCATION:

West Galveston Bay

AWARD DATE:

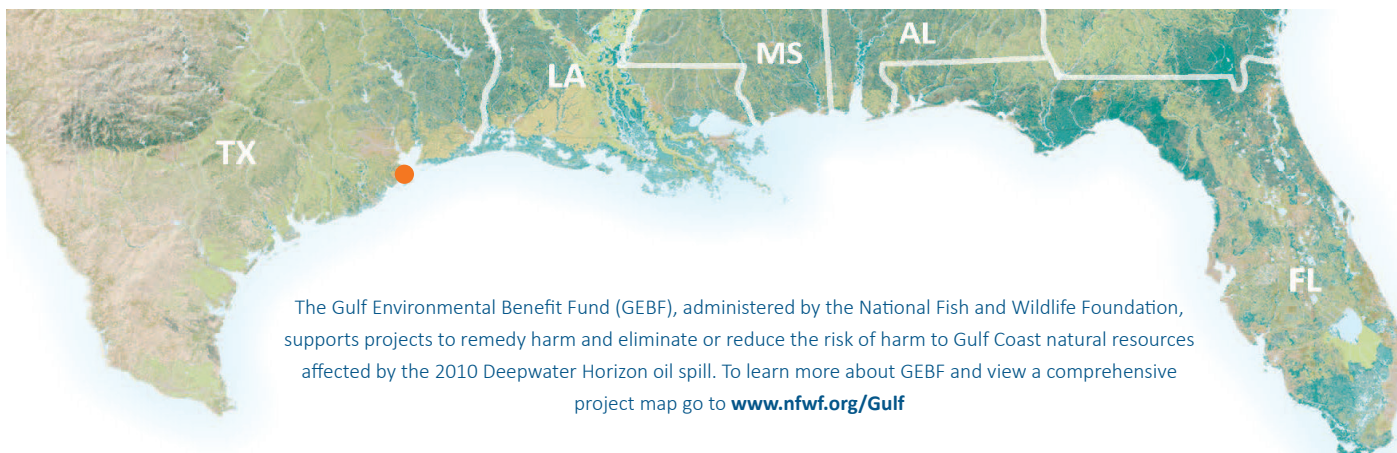
November 2014

STATUS:

Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE:

Project closed March 2021.



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