

BUCKET 2 PROJECTS - \$18.47 MILLION

Bahia Grande

\$4,378,500

Approximately 1,852 acres of land would be added to a 105,000-acre corridor of conservation lands that includes the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Boca Chica State Park and the Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR. This corridor also connects over 2 million acres of private ranchland located north of Laguna Atascosa NWR with the 1.3 million acre Rio Bravo Protected Area, managed by the Commission Nacional De Areas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP) in Mexico.

Grantee: Nature Conservancy

Bayou Greenways

\$7,109,000

The Bayou Greenways project aims to acquire nearly 4,000 acres of riparian buffer corridors along major waterways, (bayous and creeks) running predominately through Harris County and the City of Houston.

Grantee: Houston Parks Board

Beneficial Use

\$968,000

Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Project, located in Orange, Jefferson and Galveston Counties Texas, would facilitate the beneficial use of dredge materials through careful site selection, preparation of engineering and design plans, environmental compliance and permitting. The primary goal is to create shovel-ready placement areas that would transform areas that have subsided into open waters back to tidally influenced coastal wetlands. In addition, the project proponent would coordinate with USACE and private dredging operations to identify potential source materials and timelines for placement of dredge materials.

Grantee: Texas General Land Office

Matagorda Bay

\$6,012,000

The Matagorda Bay System Priority Landscape Conservation project would conserve strategic lands adjacent to the Matagorda Bay/San Antonio Bay complex to help ensure long-term native diversity, productivity and resiliency of the entire bay estuary complex. The project would acquire approximately 6,554 acres of high-quality coastal habitats from a willing seller. The property being proposed for acquisition includes emergent marshes, tidal flats, lagoons and coastal prairie with several miles of frontage on the Matagorda Bay system.

Grantee: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department