

STATE OF THE BAY SYMPOSIUM

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RESTORE

THE TEXAS COAST

RESOURCES AND ECOSYSTEMS
SUSTAINABILITY, TOURIST OPPORTUNITIES,
AND REVIVED ECONOMIES OF THE GULF
STATES (RESTORE)

- Fund Purposes: ecosystem restoration; economic recovery; and tourism promotion in Gulf Coast region.

RESTORE GRANT FUNDING AVAILABILITY

- RESTORE grant funding is available only for projects where the activity is primarily designed to restore and/or protect the Gulf Coast region.

RESTORE Act Eligible Counties



RESTORE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO TEXAS

Amount of federal Trust Fund money that is expected to be available to Texas through 2032

- Direct Component/Bucket 1 - \$375 million
- Council-Selected/Bucket 2 – \$1.6 billion available on competitive basis to the five Gulf states
- Spill Impact/Bucket 3 - \$121.5 million
- Centers of Excellence/Bucket 5 - \$26 million



Bucket 1: Direct Component



TCEQ submits projects to Treasury through a Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MIP) that Treasury must accept before grant funds can be awarded



Our initial MIP totaled \$97.7 million



Galveston Bay

Quintana Beach Fishing Pier



East End Lagoon Nature Preserve



Bucket 2: Council- Selected Restoration

Projects must address eco system restoration

Amount available is competitive with the other four Gulf States (Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida)

Projects to be funded are included in a Funded Priorities List (FPL) developed by the RESTORE Council members



Bahia Grande

- Land Acquisition of 2,087 acres



Bayou Greenways

- Land Acquisition of 80 to 100 acres in Clear Creek Greenway



Matagorda Bay

Land Acquisition of approximately 6,500 acres



By Philip Smith
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Beneficial Use

- Planning Grant for the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material



Bucket 3: Spill Impact

TCEQ must submit a State Expenditure Plan (SEP) to the RESTORE Council for approval

Texas' initial SEP submission was for \$32 million and focuses on addressing Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts





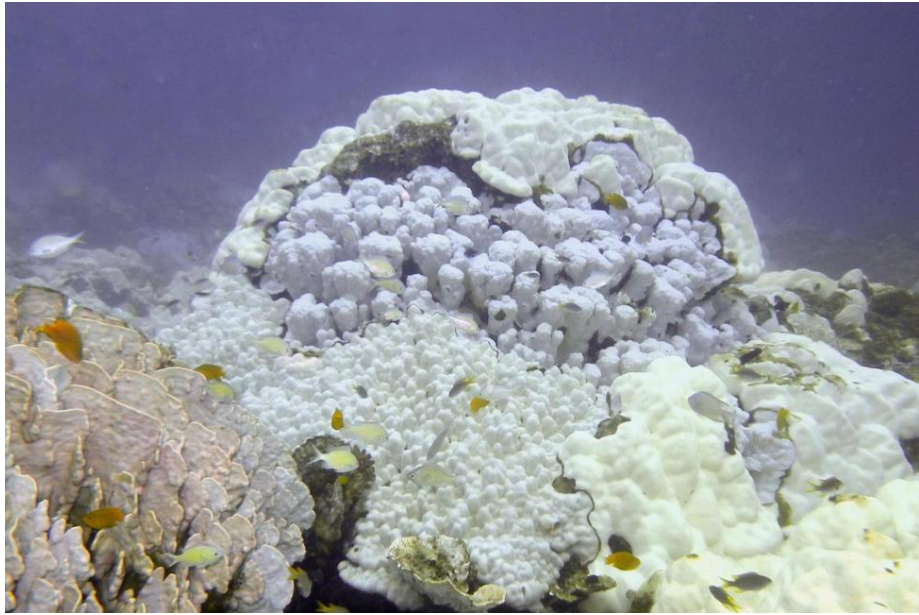


Bucket 5: Centers of Excellence

- Through a competitive process we selected two Centers of Excellence.
 - OneGulf at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi
 - Subsea Institute at the University of Houston





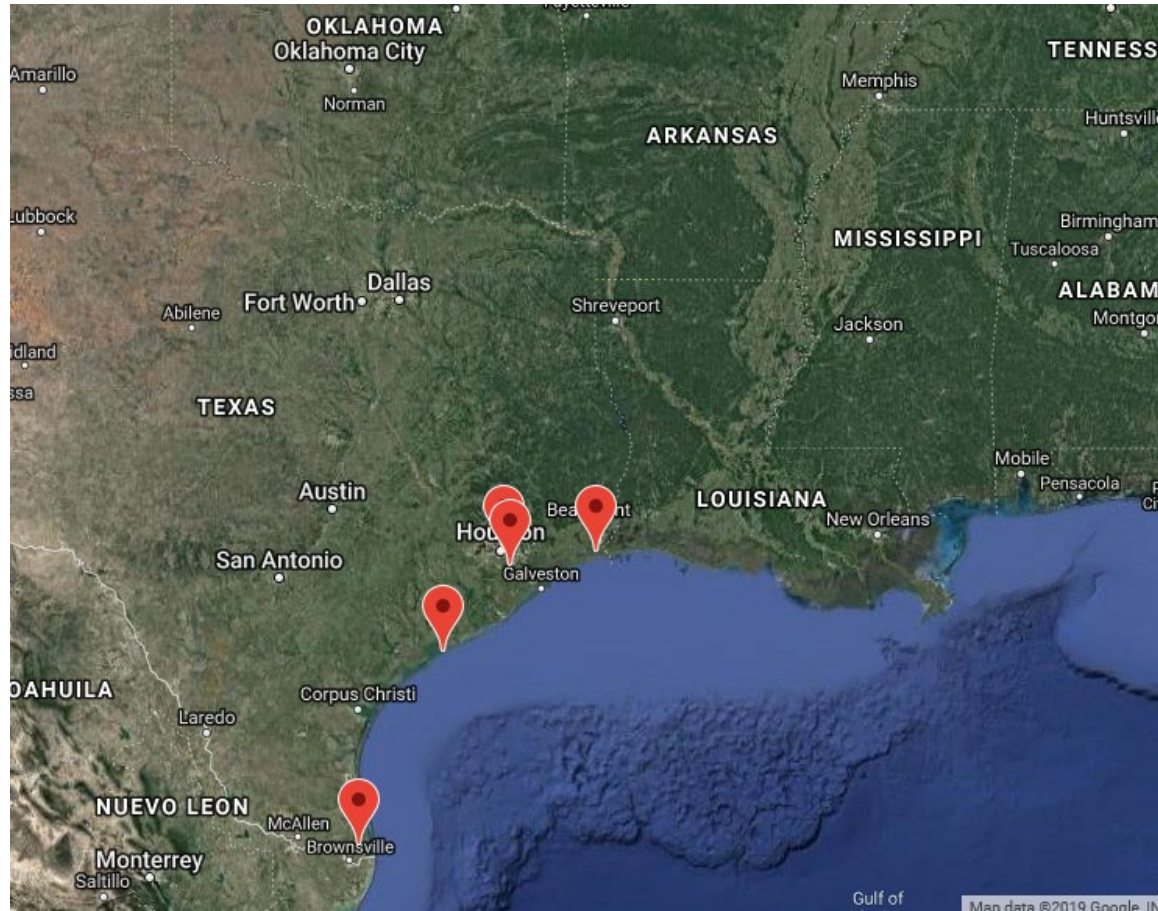




Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary



RESTORE THE TEXAS COAST WEBSITE



- Project is automatically mapped when funded



For Additional Information

- The Texas RESTORE Website:
<https://www.restorethetexascoast.org/>
- The RESTORE Council Website:
<https://www.restorethegulf.gov/>



THANK YOU

