

Region 2 Coastal Program



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Strategy

- Are we getting more critters on the ground?
- What else can WE do to help make that happen?



A Plan

- Regional plan revision for 2011-2016
- Set new 5-year priorities and targets
- Stakeholder input beginning Spring 2011



Challenges

- Population and development pressures
 - People need space, water, waste disposal
- Landscape changes
 - Land use and ownership changes
- Erosion
 - up to 10ft/yr in bay and Gulf shorelines
- Hydrologic changes
 - freshwater diversions, climate changes (sea level and rainfall), subsidence
- Invasive species



Coastal Habitat Priorities



- Coastal tallgrass prairie
- Bottomland hardwood forests
- Freshwater wetlands
- Tamaulipan thornscrub
- Bays and Estuaries
 - Estuarine wetlands
 - Seagrasses
 - Rookery islands



Accomplishments in Texas



	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Acres uplands	4,159	7,467	7,291	3,330
Acres wetlands	3,064	1,930	5,157	3,155
Other funds (In-millions)	\$3.32	\$7.25	\$1.82	\$2.09

Recent Cooperators



Aransas National Wildlife Refuge
City of Port Aransas
Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries
Program
Coastal Conservation Association
ConocoPhillips
Environmental Institute of Houston
Fish America Foundation
Friends of Aransas and Matagorda
Island NWR
Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists
Galveston Bay Estuary Program -
TCEQ
Galveston Bay Foundation
Guadalupe - Blanco River Authority
Guadalupe Blanco River Trust
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Gulf of Mexico Foundation - GEMS
Houston Advanced Research Center

Houston-Galveston Area School Districts
Isla del Sol Homeowner's Association
Mercer Arboretum
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
Natural Resources Conservation Service
NOAA - Community Based Restoration
Program
NOAA Fisheries-Habitat Conservation
Division
NRG Texas
Private Landowners
Sportsman Road Homeowner's Association
Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Texas General Land Office
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Tivoli Independent School District
Trust for Public Land
University of Houston Clear Lake
U.S. Geological Survey
Valley Nature Center

