

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Matrix — Department of the Treasury										OMB Approval No. 1505-0250	
Applicant Name:		Toby Baker, Commissioner, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality									
1. MULTIYEAR PLAN VERSION (INITIAL OR AMENDMENT NUMBER):			Initial		2a. DATE OF INITIAL MULTIYEAR PLAN ACCEPTANCE (mm/dd/yyyy):			N/A			
3. CUMULATIVE DIRECT COMPONENT ALLOCATION AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICANT:				\$85,575,652.71		4. TOTAL ALLOCATIONS PLUS KNOWN FUNDS NOT YET DEPOSITED IN TRUST FUND FOR DIRCT COMPONENT:				\$371,995,127.20	
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			8a. Direct Component Contribution	8b. Other RESTORE Act Contribution	8c. Other Third Party Contribution	8d. Total Contribution					
Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region	1. Lower San Bernard River Eco System 2. Shamrock Island Restoration 3. Salt Bayou Watershed 4. Galveston Beneficial Dredge	1. Brazoria County  2. Nueces County 3. Jefferson County 4. Galveston County	1. \$10,834,441  2. \$1,571,281 3. \$10,068,441 4. \$9,098,441  \$31,572,604	1. \$0  2. \$0 3. \$350,000 4. \$0  \$350,000	1. \$433,000  2. \$1,416,349 3. \$15,000,000 4. \$38,800,000  \$55,649,349	1. \$11,267,441  2. \$2,987,630 3. \$25,418,441 4. \$47,898,441  \$87,571,953	04/01/2019	03/31/2023	Initial MIP		
Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources	1. Texas Reef Initiative 2. Lavaca River Abandoned Oil Wells 3. Port Lavaca Shoreline Clean-Up and Sediment 4. Removal of Unauthorized Oil and Gas Well Stubs and Associated Material	1. Calhoun and Jefferson counties 2. Jackson County  3. Calhoun County  4. Nueces and Galveston counties	1. \$2,376,021 2. \$868,441  3. \$568,441 4.\$7,018,441  \$10,831,344	\$0     \$0	1. \$0 2. \$0  3. \$0  4. \$4,480,000  \$4,480,000	1. \$2,376,021 2. \$868,441  3. \$568,441 4.\$11,498,441  \$15,311,344	04/01/2019	03/31/2023	Initial MIP		
Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region	1. Protecting and Restoring: Shrimp Fishery Recovery and Improvement Program 2. Gulf Shrimp Consumption, Tourism and Marketing Proposal	1. Coastwide   2. Coastwide	1. \$368,441   2. \$2,345,715  \$2,714,156	\$0     \$0	1. \$0   2. \$855,000  \$855,000	1. \$368,441   2. \$3,200,715  \$3,569,156	04/01/2019	03/31/2023	Initial MIP		
Planning assistance	1. Texas Master Plan for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material	1. Coastwide	1. \$1,568,441   \$1,568,441	1. \$0   \$0	1. \$0   \$0	1. \$1,568,441   \$1,568,441	04/01/2019	03/31/2023	Initial MIP		

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Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including promotion of recreational fishing	1. Sea Turtle Education Complex	1. Cameron County	1. \$727,441	1. \$0	1. \$1,879,000	1. \$2,606,441	04/01/2019	03/31/2023	Initial MIP	
	2. E.K. Atwood Park Pavilion Improvements	2. Cameron County	2. \$3,568,441	2. \$0	2. \$3,835,151	2. \$7,403,592				
	3. Padre Balli and Magee Beach Parks	3. Nueces County	3. \$7,568,441	3. \$0	3. \$5,000,000	3. \$12,568,441				
	4. Upper Coast Tourism Marketing & Mobile Wayfinding	4. Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda and Jefferson counties	4. \$417,141	4. \$0	4. \$20,000	4. \$437,141				
	5. Quintana Beach Public Fishing Pier	5. Brazoria County	5. \$1,970,841	5. \$0	5. \$116,304	5. \$2,087,145				
	6. Laguna Madre Boat Ramp & Education, Conservation and Tourism	6. Cameron County	6. \$1,937,731	6. \$0	6. \$533,631	6. \$2,471,362				
	7. Bolivar Peninsula Nature Trail	7. Galveston County	7. \$6,319,444	7. \$0	7. \$1,533,374	7. \$7,852,818				
	8. East End Lagoon Phase I-A	8. Galveston County	8. \$1,479,411	8. \$0	8. \$88,025	8. \$1,567,436				
			\$23,988,891	\$0	\$13,005,485	\$36,994,376				
Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure	1. Town Resaca	1. Cameron County	1. \$4,749,380	1. \$0	1. \$730,000	1. \$5,479,380	04/01/2019	03/31/2023	Initial MIP	
	2. Raymondville Drain Project-Phase 2 Restoration and Flood Control	2. Willacy County	2. \$7,068,441	2. \$0	2. \$23,000,000	2. \$30,068,441				
	3. Texas City Hurricane Protection Levee Repair Phase I	3. Galveston County	3. \$6,597,401	3. \$0	3. \$0	3. \$6,597,401				
	4. Village of Surfside Beach Groin	4. Brazoria County	4. \$6,268,441	4. \$0	4. \$200,000	4. \$6,468,441				
	5. Bay Shore Drive Erosion Mitigation and Shoreline Stabilization	5. Aransas County	5. \$2,468,441	5. \$0	5. \$0	5. \$2,468,441				
			\$27,152,104	\$0	\$23,930,000	\$51,082,104				
Workforce development and job creation	1. Oyster Resource & Recovery	1. Matagorda County	1. \$8,318,441	1. \$0	1. \$0	1. \$8,318,441	04/01/2019	03/31/2023	Initial MIP	
	2. Workforce/Economic Development to Enhance Offshore Energy Systems	2. Harris County	2. \$8,019,839	2. \$0	2. \$0	2. \$8,019,839				
			\$16,338,280	\$0	\$0	\$16,338,280				
	12. ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTIVITY(IES) (refer to Instructions)		\$114,165,820	\$350,000	\$97,919,834	\$212,435,654	Please note: Grant awards may reflect non-material changes in proposed dates and estimated funding.			
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# RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Narrative

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**Directions: Use this form for the Initial Multiyear Plan and any subsequent amendments to an accepted Multiyear Plan. For amendments, include only new and/or materially modified activities.**

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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

1. A description of each activity, including the need, purpose, objective(s), milestones and location. Include map showing the location of each activity.

This plan includes 26 activities grouped by eligible activities. Activities may also include, but are not limited to, program oversight and management, development, coordination, and execution of the grant award between TCEQ and Treasury and awards between TCEQ and any sub-recipients. Other than the management of all the grant funded activities, the scope of work will be conducted by sub-recipients through a grant contract with the TCEQ.

Please see "Detailed Response" for the remainder of the information on each activity.

2. How the applicant made the multiyear plan available for 45 days for public review and comment, in a manner calculated to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations, such as through public meetings, presentations in languages other than English, and postings on the Internet. The applicant will need to submit documentation (e.g., a copy of public notices) to demonstrate that it made its multiyear plan available to the public for at least 45 days. In addition, describe how each activity in the multiyear plan was approved after consideration of all meaningful input from the public and submit documentation (e.g., a letter from the applicant's leadership approving submission of the multiyear plan to Treasury or a resolution approving the applicant's multiyear plan).

The public review and comment process is described in the "Detailed Response".

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3. How each activity included in the applicant's multiyear plan narrative meets all the requirements under the RESTORE Act, including a description of how each activity is eligible for funding based on the geographic location of each activity and how each activity qualifies for at least one of the eligible activities under the RESTORE Act.

Please see the "Detailed Response" for information on how each activity meets criteria of the requirements in the RESTORE Act.

4. Criteria the applicant will use to measure the success of the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative in helping to restore and protect the Gulf Coast Region impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Please see the "Detailed Response" for how the success of each activity will be measured.

5. How the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative were prioritized and list the criteria used to establish the priorities.

An overview of the "Priorities Document" and use of the Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) process is described in the "Detailed Response".

6. If applicable, describe the amount and current status of funding from other sources (e.g., other RESTORE Act contribution, other third party contribution) and provide a description of the specific portion of the project to be funded by the RESTORE Act Direct Component.

The amount and status of funding from sources other than the Direct Component is listed in the "Detailed Response" for each activity, as applicable.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

### RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Narrative

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#### RESTORATION AND PROTECTION

The Lower San Bernard River Eco System in Brazoria County proposes to restore the historical flow of the San Bernard River to the Gulf of Mexico by dredging the mouth of the San Bernard River that is currently silted in. The objective is to restore and protect the natural resources by allowing the historical flow. This will benefit the threatened and endangered species habitat, essential fish habitat, as well as improve the overall environmental and economic health of the Texas coastal estuary system.





## DETAILED RESPONSE

### Milestones

- Final design & bid documents
- Construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located in the coastal zone and is eligible under the restoration and protection criteria. The activity will restore the historical flow to the river and improve regional drainage and water quality. The dredged material will also mitigate coastal erosion.

### Performance Measures

- Improved water quality in the Lower San Bernard River
- Addressed erosion through the beneficial use of dredge material in the beach area
- Benefited to threatened and endangered species and essential fish habitat

Leveraging is anticipated to be distributed across the total cost of the activity. Final determinations on the allocation of these and Direct Component funds will be included in the federal application and will follow compliance with the eligible activity.

- \$433,000: Brazoria County

Shamrock Island Restoration Phase II, located in Nueces County, is a 150-acre island critically important to colonial nesting waterfowl site in Corpus Christi Bay. The island is being reduced in size and function due to shoreline erosion from damaging waves. This erosion further exacerbates the loss of habitat-building sand sources. The objective in Phase II, the final phase, is to provide fill to the north beach site and install a living shoreline to further reduce wave energy and to protect the natural resources and wildlife habitats on the island.

### Milestones

- Approved permit
- Installation of additional fill material and reef balls or gabion baskets at the north breach site
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the restoration and protection criteria. This activity is critically important as support to colonial nesting waterfowl site, as well as protecting the site from further erosion.

### Performance Measures

- Reduced erosion on the western side of Shamrock Island
- Closed north and south breach sites
- Protected natural resources and wildlife habitat on the island

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- \$1,416,349: Texas General Land Office, Shell Oil Company, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program



## DETAILED RESPONSE

Salt Bayou Watershed, located in Jefferson County, will construct clay berms to create, protect and restore beach/dune, salty prairie, intermediate marsh and submerged aquatic vegetation, as well as limit salt water intrusion into the Texas Chenier Coastal Plain. The objective is to create berms to protect the natural resources, wildlife habitat, beaches, wetlands and the ecosystem in the area.

### Milestones

- Engineering and design
- Procure construction contractor
- Complete construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is within the coastal zone and is eligible under the restoration and protection criteria. The activity will restore the area and protect the critical natural resource areas from erosion and salt water intrusion.

### Performance Measures

- Miles of restored beach ridge
- Acres of marsh protected from frequent sea water inundation
- Acres of beach/dune habitat restored/enhanced/created

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- \$15,350,000: RESTORE Act Council Selected Restoration Component (Bucket 2), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Jefferson County, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Golden Pass, Sempra Energy and Ducks Unlimited.

Galveston Beneficial Dredge, located in Galveston County, proposes to minimize erosion caused by city storm drains that discharge onto Seawall beaches. The objective is to dredge sand from the ship channel and place it on the beach along Galveston's Seawall, allowing the material to replenish the island's beaches and protect the coast. This activity will restore and protect the natural resources and beaches.

### Milestones

- Environmental compliance
- Engineering and design
- Construction
- Planning activities
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the restoration and protection criteria. The activity will restore public beaches and protect the coastal erosion and loss of sand.

### Performance Measures

- Increased linear footage of the restored beach
- Decreased erosion



## DETAILED RESPONSE

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- \$38,800,000: Local/State contribution; and U.S. Corps of Engineers

### MITIGATION

Texas Reef Initiative, located in Jefferson and Calhoun counties proposes to deploy two additional modules to reef sites (Pass Cavallo, near Port O'Connor and outside of Sabine Pass) for a total of 100 additional acres of new reef habitat. The objective is to improve Texas's tremendously productive marine habitats by constructing reefs to mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife from the structures that were removed.

#### Milestones

- Construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources criteria. The newly constructed reefs will restore habitat in areas where structures have been removed and allow for better recreational fishing opportunities will increase tourism.

#### Performance Measures

- Constructed acres of reef habitat

#### Leveraging

- \$0

Lavaca River Abandoned Oil Wells in Jackson County proposes to remove two abandoned oil well heads located in the Lavaca River and along its banks immediately adjacent to sensitive environmental marsh lands. This action will remove dangerous navigation obstructions and mitigate environmental damage from the abandoned oil well heads. The objective is to mitigate the damage and improve marine habitat and provide restoration to natural resources in the area.

#### Milestones

- Approved permits
- Sub-award to Texas Railroad Commission
- Bidding
- Select contractor
- Conduct well plugging and abandonment procedures
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located in the coastal zone and is eligible under the mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources criteria. The proposed removals will protect ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, while lessening an impact on these resources.





## DETAILED RESPONSE

### Performance Measures

- Removed abandoned oil & wells
- Improved affected area to a more natural state
- Addressed threat to public safety

### Leveraging

- \$0

City of Port Lavaca Shoreline Clean up, Debris and Submerged Structures Removal and Sediment Investigations, located in Calhoun County, proposes to mitigate the damage from debris to restore shorelines and bay bottom. The objective is to remove abandoned debris such as old sunken barges and boats, maritime equipment, broken pipelines, navigation markers, and industrial equipment. The removals will provide clean resources for marine habitat and improved water quality of the bay.

### Milestones

- Bidding
- Permits
- Plans and specs
- Debris removal
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources criteria. These activities will enhance the natural resources in the area.

### Performance Measures

- Bay shorelines improved to a natural state
- Amount of debris removed

### Leveraging

- \$0

In Nueces and Galveston counties, Unauthorized Oil & Gas Well Stubs & Associated Material will be removed from Galveston Bay, Bolivar and Corpus Christi Bay. The objective of this action is to eliminate the pollution and navigational threat to critical habitat and mitigate the damages that have negatively impacted the marine environment.

### Milestones

- Site inspection and environmental compliance/review
- Engineering design, scope of work and bid preparation
- Construction award
- Construction and mobilization
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located in the coastal zone and is eligible under the mitigation criteria. It will protect ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, by lessening an impact on these resources.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

### Performance Measures

- Removal of abandoned oil & wells
- Improved affected area to a more natural state
- Addressed threat to public safety

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- \$4,480,000: Texas General Land Office Surface Damage Fund

## SEAFOOD CONSUMPTION

Coastwide outreach and specific programming regarding the public perception of the safe consumption of Texas Gulf shrimp for the purpose of Shrimp Fishery Recovery & Improvement. Efforts and objectives include: expanding the recently developed "Direct to the Consumer" marketing campaign via social media; enhancing existing collaboration with Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and other affiliated organizations through participation in marketing events; enhancing education and marketing of locally produced shrimp; developing an educational and marketing shrimp program; and developing a resilience training program for members of the shrimp industry. Efforts are aimed at promoting the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region.

### Milestones

- Expand marketing campaign on social media
- Develop training program for marketers
- Participate in related coastal events
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located in the coastal zone and is eligible under the promotion of the consumption of seafood criteria. This activity will promote seafood consumption through educational and marketing activities.

### Performance Measures

- Participate in a number of marketing events
- Trained a percentage of industry members

### Leveraging

- \$0

Texas Gulf Shrimp Consumption, Tourism and Marketing Proposal, located coastwide, proposes to develop marketing and tourism strategies that will educate consumers about Texas Gulf shrimp and coastal tourism. The objective is to develop strategies that will promote the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region.

### Milestones

- Request for proposals
- Marketing strategy



## DETAILED RESPONSE

- Website
- Increase education and tourism efforts
- Conduct benchmark studies
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the promotion of the consumption of seafood criteria. This activity will promote seafood consumption through the development and implementation of shrimp marketing strategies.

### Performance Measures

- Increased opportunities in the direct sales of Gulf shrimp
- Increased opportunities in the awareness of the shrimp industry in Texas

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- \$855,000: Texas Department of Agriculture

## PLANNING

Texas Master Plan for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material, located coast wide, creates a Master Plan for the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material (BU) along the entire Texas Coast and is eligible under the planning assistance for natural resource restoration and protection criteria. Recurrent dredging is required to develop and maintain ship channels that support the Texas economy. The objective is to create a plan that will identify placement area locations where the dredge materials can be deposited.

### Milestones

- Establish beneficial use groups and complete four meetings
- Completion of 60% design and cost estimates and permit applications for eight sites
- Completion of Master Plan and Implementation Guides (one for each of the four coastal regions)
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the planning assistance for natural resource restoration and protection criteria. The activity will establish a Master Plan for beneficial dredged material.

### Performance Measures

- Completed Master Plan to facilitate the implementation of BUDM projects on the Texas coast
- Completed four regional Implementation Guides
- Completed 60% engineering and design and permitting packages for eight sites

### Leveraging

- \$0



## DETAILED RESPONSE

### TOURISM

A state-of-the-art Sea Turtle Education Complex, including a veterinary clinic, will be constructed in Cameron County. The complex will be the premier sea turtle destination for Texas and create more public support for Kemp's ridley conservation and other Gulf of Mexico sea turtle species. The objective is to construct a facility to increase and promote tourism and to assist in the rehabilitation of sea turtles.

#### Milestones

- Completion of architectural plans for vet clinic
- Bidding and selecting contractor
- Construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located in the coastal zone and is eligible under the promotion of tourism and mitigation of damage to fish and wildlife criteria. The Complex will draw tourists to its facility, as well as support conservation of endangered sea turtles and rehabilitate injured turtles.

#### Performance Measures

- Increased attendance at Sea Turtle, Inc. complex
- Increased workforce at complex
- Recovered of endangered sea turtle populations
- Completed construction

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- \$1,879,000: Hunt Foundation; Meadows Foundation; Sea Turtle, Inc. Capital Campaign; and City of South Padre Island, Economic Development Corporation

E.K. Atwood Park Pavilion, located in Cameron County at Beach Access No. 5, caters to approximately 500,000 guests per year, out of which, 100,000 use the pavilion. Renovations to the park will create additional parking, improve the facilities and update the pavilion and amenities. The objective is to improve the park to promote and serve the tourism in the area.

#### Milestones

- Planning
- Permitting
- Land acquisition
- Construction of park improvements
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the tourism criteria. The park expansion and improvements will permit an increase in tourists using the facility.

#### Performance Measures

- Increased visitor numbers



## DETAILED RESPONSE

- Completed construction

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- \$3,835,151: Cameron County Parks System

Padre Balli & Magee Beach Parks activities in Nueces County will enhance opportunities for public access and enjoyment of the barrier island natural resources and overall nature tourism to the region. Enhancements include: conservation & restoration of freshwater wetland habitat; multi-use campsites; beach access dune walkovers (board walks); restroom and shower facilities; and a 19-mile hike/bike trail.

### Milestones

- Environmental compliance
- Engineering & design
- Construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located in the coastal zone and is eligible under the tourism criteria. Through enhancements to the facility the activity will address the restoration of beaches and coastal wetlands and provide for recreational activities, including fishing which will increase tourism.

### Performance Measures

- Enhanced habitats through wetlands restoration
- Increased accessibility & use of park facilities
- Completed construction

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- \$5,000,000: Nueces County Coastal Parks Department; and Certificates of Obligation (municipal bonds)

Upper Coast Tourism Marketing & Mobile Wayfinding proposes to develop and deploy a strategic brand and marketing plan for select tourist destinations in Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda and Jefferson counties. The objectives include a mobile web app that will serve as a guide to potential visitors by developing and deploying activity-specific GPS-based location, wayfinding information and event schedules. The "web app" format will allow for performance measures based on web-based analytics. Digital marketing is important in the tourism marketplace. This project will use that modality to promote tourism in the Texas upper coast.

### Milestones

- Complete marketing research & discovery report
- Complete visual preliminary design presentation of marketing plan & campaign
- Rollout marketing plan implementation



## DETAILED RESPONSE

- Launch mobile app
- Maintain and update mobile app
- Produce annual reports on app's usage
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located in the coastal zone and is eligible under the promotion of tourism criteria. It will provide relevant tourism-related information through a mobile app.

### Performance Measures

- Increased public awareness of the value and attractiveness of the Upper Texas Coast tourist venues
- Increased usage of the mobile web app

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- \$20,000: Lone Star Coastal Alliance

Quintana Beach Public Fishing Pier Restoration, located in Brazoria County, proposes to increase tourism through the objectives such as restoring the public fishing pier making it more ADA compliant and more accessible to visitors, students, fisherman, and birdwatchers and enhancing recreational, educational and environmental stewardship/resiliency activities. The restoration will extend the pier 200 feet and construct an additional 150-foot T-head at the end to accommodate more people for a year-round recreational and educational attraction.

### Milestones

- Permitting
- Final Design and Bidding
- Construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the promotion of tourism criteria. This activity will provide additional access to the facility and the extension of the fishing pier will support an increase in the number of people who can participate in recreational fishing.

### Performance Measures

- Increased recreational use
- Increased educational activities and events
- Increased bird, fish, aquatic wildlife activities

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- \$116,304: Brazoria County





## DETAILED RESPONSE

Through the acquisition of land, the construction of a new public boat ramp and dedicated public parking at the Laguna Madre Boat Ramp & Education Conservation and Tourism in Cameron County will guarantee public access to the site and assist in the promotion of tourism in South Padre Island. The objective is to upgrade the site to promote tourism and education. The boat ramp will serve as one of three new kayak launch sites and allow for the creation of the integrated "Discover the Laguna Kayak Trail" to further promote public access and tourism to the Laguna Madre. The education component will help reduce boater impacts to sensitive habitats, especially seagrasses, and thereby even help endangered Green Sea Turtles, birds, fish and other species by reducing impacts to ecologically important seagrass habitat.

### Milestones

- Land acquisition
- Permitting and regulatory compliance
- Engineering and design
- Construction
- Implement educational program
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located in the coastal zone and is eligible under the promotion of tourism criteria. This activity will support an increase in both recreational fishing, as well as boating and kayaking.

### Performance Measures

- Increased public access to recreational area & activities
- Increased users of the facilities
- Completed construction

Leveraging is anticipated to be distributed across the total cost of the activity. Final determinations on the allocation of these and Direct Component funds will be included in the federal application and will comply with the eligible activity.

- \$533,631: City of South Padre Island

Located in Galveston, the objective of Bolivar Peninsula Nature Trail is to promote tourism and to connect 13 nature recreation sites. The activity will create, protect and restore habitat, develop visitor facilities, and design and implement a cohesive way-finding system with the goal of promoting tourism in the area.

### Milestones

- Acquire land
- Execute construction, restoration and renovation contract
- Launch Bolivar Nature Trail website
- Construction complete
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located within the coastal zone and is eligible under the promotion of tourism criteria. This activity will increase the opportunities for tourists to enjoy the nature trail.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

### Performance Measures

- Number of acres acquired
- Linear feet of trails and boardwalk created
- Number of visitors at project sites
- Number of hits on the website

Leveraging is anticipated to be distributed across the total cost of the activity. Final determinations on the allocation of these and Direct Component funds will be included in the federal application and will comply with the eligible activity.

- \$1,533,374: TX General Land Office; National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; Wortham Foundation; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and private donors.

East End Lagoon Phase I-A, located in Galveston County, proposes to continue the five-phase master plan to develop the site while protecting and restoring natural resources and enhancing the visitor experience. The objective of this activity includes the development of an elevated 2,987 square foot open-air pavilion with tables and benches, restrooms, a 1,374-square foot ADA compliant ramp, parking, signage and interpretive nature trails for the promotion of tourism in the area.

### Milestones

- Planning and procurement
- Construction complete
- Activities communication plan completed
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located within the coastal zone and is eligible under the promotion of tourism criteria. The site development activities will further an increase in tourism.

### Performance Measures

- Increased opportunity in the number of visitors
- Increased opportunity in the number of school groups visiting the park and preserve
- Increased concessions

Leveraging is anticipated to be distributed across the total cost of the activity. Final determinations on the allocation of these and Direct Component funds will be included in the federal application and will comply with the eligible activity.

- \$88,025: Galveston Park Board of Trustees.

## COASTAL FLOOD PROTECTION

Town Resaca Watershed Restoration Project, Phase 1 in Cameron County, proposes to restore wetland, aquatic and riparian habitat in over 86 acres through the removal of over 400,000 cubic yards of sediment that has accumulated due to erosion and urban run-off. The objective is to improve water quality all the way to the Lower Laguna Madre and to improve community resiliency by increasing capacities in the water drainage systems.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

### Milestones

- Environmental compliance
- Engineering & design
- Construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the coastal flood protection criteria. It will improve water quality and protect the economic vitality of the region.

### Performance Measures

- Increased capacity of storm water runoff
- Reduced flooding
- Increased opportunity to restore economic vitality
- Completed construction

Leveraging is anticipated to be distributed across the total cost of the activity. Final determinations on the allocation of these and Direct Component funds will be included in the federal application and will comply with the eligible activity.

- \$730,000: Brownsville Public Utilities Board

Raymondville Drain Project Phase 2 - Restoring Drainage and Flood Control, located in Willacy County, proposes to provide a permanent solution to regional flooding. As such, this project is critical (1) to provide the community resiliency the region needs, (2) to produce economic growth, and (3) to safeguard the environment. The objectives of Phase 2 involve removing obstructions from and cleaning the existing Raymondville Drain. Storm water will be efficiently captured and managed by the drain, thus providing substantive flood control and flood protection to the region.

### Milestones

- Permitting
- Engineering and design
- Bidding
- Construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the coastal flood protection criteria. This activity will improve and increase the water column and create additional water storage capacity.

### Performance Measures

- Reduced damage caused by flooding and surface water
- Reduced damage caused by a storm event
- Provided additional storage capacity

Leveraging is anticipated to be distributed across the total cost of the activity. Final determinations on the allocation of these and Direct Component funds will be included in the federal application and will comply with the eligible activity.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

- \$23,000,000: Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1

Texas City Hurricane Protection Levee Repair, Phase I, located in Galveston County, will address the most critical deficiency items in the U.S. Corps of Engineers latest inspection report (2012) such as reducing erosion and repairing and completing the tie to the Tide-Gate Stone with riprap. To address the need for this coastal flood protection, the objectives in this Phase 1 is to decrease the risk of hurricane damage to the communities and industries protected by the levee.

### Milestones

- Environmental compliance
- Engineering and design
- Construction activities
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the coastal flood protection criteria. This activity addresses erosion along the levee.

### Performance Measures

- Corrected identified deficiencies from the 2012 inspection
- Minimize flooding and erosion
- Completed construction

### Leveraging

- \$0

The proposed Village of Surfside Beach Groin, located in Brazoria County, will implement long-term stabilization measures identified through the Surfside Feasibility Study and Groin Alternatives Analysis. This will include the construction of a terminal groin and an angled groin. The groins will stabilize the beach and restore its historical recreational and natural resource value and will protect public infrastructure, utilities and private property as well as provide much needed habitat for fish, shorebirds, nesting turtles, and other wildlife. Construction of the groins, as the main objective, will provide coastal flooding protection to existing infrastructure, private properties and roads.

### Milestones

- Engineering and design
- Construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the coastal flood protection criteria. The public infrastructure and property-related measures will assist in the protection from storm surge flooding and provide for a continued recreational beach.

### Performance Measures

- Reduced erosion using surveys to measure shoreline positions.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

Leveraging is anticipated to be distributed across the total cost of the activity. Final determinations on the allocation of these and Direct Component funds will be included in the federal application and will comply with the eligible activity.

- \$200,000: Texas General Land Office

Bay Shore Drive Erosion Mitigation & Shoreline in Aransas County proposes to construct and repair rock revetments and groins along the Aransas Bay shoreline to protect the public roadway while enhancing marine life habitat and public recreational activities. The objective of the construction of the rock revetments and groins is to provide flood protection to the infrastructure and reduce storm surge damage to properties and roadways.

### Milestones

- Engineering & bid package presentation
- Bidding & contractor selection
- Construction
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under coastal flood protection criteria. The infrastructure will protect against damage from storm surges and maintain a more robust ecosystem.

### Performance Measures

- Reduced threat of erosion and storm surge
- Improved opportunity for a more robust ecosystem
- Completed construction

### Leveraging

- \$0

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION

Oyster Resource & Recovery Center in Matagorda County will be constructed and operated for the purposes outlined below.

- Provide larvae and spat reef restoration and aquaculture
- Partner with academic and research institutions, fisheries agencies, and the commercial industry to create jobs to assist in the restoration and development of new critical oyster reef habitat for promotion of environmental health and sustainability of estuaries
- Bolster economic resilience of coastal communities by long-term improvement of oyster stocks
- The objective is to restore and protect the ecosystem, fisheries and marine habitat and to have a direct and indirect workforce development and job creation impact. It will provide many direct and indirect jobs in areas such as seafood related employment at the wholesale and retail levels, recreational and commercial fishing and various aquaculture possibilities.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

### Milestones

- Hatchery construction
- Hatchery operation
- Restoration initiation
- Aquaculture training program initiation
- Outreach curriculum development and adoption
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is in the coastal zone and is eligible under the workforce development/job creation and the restoration and protection criteria. The activity will employ personnel at the Center that support oyster reef restoration, develop research initiatives and construct a hatchery.

### Performance Measures

- Achieved production of 200 million/year oyster hatchery larval by end of Year 3
- Integrated Center with one new oyster reef restoration project per year
- Provided oyster aquaculture training to at least 100 individuals to potentially increase jobs
- Presented numerous outreach and education programs.
- Initiated an oyster growers' association for Texas with links across the U.S encouraging interest in the industry
- Involved at least five commercial oyster fishing companies in activities to show an increase in production and opportunities to related workforce
- Developed a public-private partnership for the opportunity to increase the management of a commercial oyster hatchery
- Completed hatchery construction

### Leveraging

- \$0

Workforce/Economic Development to Enhance Offshore Energy Systems located in Harris County proposes to assist in workforce development and job creation through technology development and workforce training programs that support safety and environmental risk mitigation for offshore oil and gas operations. The objectives of the program will provide early industry-driven direction and will include: training and certification for new and existing technologies and offshore operations; systems integration and new technologies that advance safe and efficient offshore operations; and risk management and assessment to support improved safety for offshore operations.

### Milestones

- Establish training advisory committee
- Develop training program
- Commence training program
- Develop certification program
- Commence continuing education certificate
- Commence risk management program





## DETAILED RESPONSE

- Prepare technology development reports
- Project oversight

Meets Criteria: This activity is located in the coastal zone and is eligible under the workforce development/job creation criteria. The activity will establish training programs to support the employment needs for new and existing associated jobs.

### Performance Measures

- Number of participants in the new training programs
- Succeeded in training course participates in relevant areas of employment
- Number of new jobs directly created and/or existing jobs saved through the training and certification programs
- Developed new technologies associated with offshore operations
- Improved safety operations

### Leveraging

- \$0



## DETAILED RESPONSE

2. How the applicant made the multiyear plan available for 45 days for public review and comment, in a manner calculated to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations, such as through public meetings, presentations in languages other than English, and postings on the Internet. The applicant will need to submit documentation (e.g., a copy of public notices) to demonstrate that it made its multiyear plan available to the public for at least 45 days. In addition, describe how each activity in the multiyear plan was approved after consideration of all meaningful input from the public and submit documentation (e.g., a letter from the applicant's leadership approving submission of the multiyear plan to Treasury or a resolution approving the applicant's multiyear plan).

Texas secured broad based participation in the development of the state's MIP by using a competitive process to select projects, and soliciting public input at several stages of the process.

More specifically, TCEQ and Commissioner Baker:

- solicited public input from September 2015 through December 2015 on the Priorities Document that was used to evaluate the grant applications;
- conducted Listening Sessions in several cities along the Texas coast prior to soliciting competitive applications;
  - Galveston on September 14, 2015;
  - Beaumont on September 15, 2015;
  - Brownsville on September 28, 2015; and
  - Corpus Christi on September 29, 2015;
- posted a Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) from January 15, 2016 through April 20, 2016 for the public to submit applications for grants;
- conducted grant submission workshops in several cities along the Texas coast;
  - South Padre Island on February 18, 2016;
  - Corpus Christi on February 23, 2016; and
  - Houston on March 3, 2016;
- reviewed applications using subject matter experts from four different state agencies and the Office of Economic Development and Tourism at the Office of the Governor;
- selected a draft list in consultation with staff from the Office of the Governor;
- posted the draft list beginning May 3, 2017 through June 30, 2017 for public review and input; and
- reviewed comments received and modified the draft list to create the list of projects included in this MIP.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

The public notice requesting input on the draft MIP stated that since the final list of activities was still being evaluated and developed, any comments on activities not included in the draft MIP would also be considered in developing the final MIP. Input on the draft MIP was received on 23 of the 26 projects on the draft list, and 2 projects which were submitted in response to the RFGA but not included on the draft list. Input was overwhelmingly positive for projects on the draft list. As a result of considering these input and other factors, TCEQ is adding the Town Resaca Watershed Restoration project (which received approximately 128 positive comments) to the MIP.

Additionally, TCEQ is removing the Texas State Aquarium from the MIP because the work described in the application was completed using other funds. Each of the activities listed in the MIP were included after consideration of all the input received during the public comment period.

A summary of the approximately 1,400 comments received:

- generally, the commenters provided input on a single project, with very few mentioning more than one project;
- the number of comments received in support of a specific project ranged from 426 to less than 5; and
- of the three projects that were on the draft list that did not receive public input, each included significant letters of support from various sources, including elected officials, in its application submitted in response to the RFGA.

Several comments were received addressing specific issues on three of the projects. Two comments were received about the Lower San Bernard River Eco System suggesting that the project does not take into appropriate consideration the impact of the San Bernard silting on the drainage of nearby creeks. The commenters did not oppose the project and the issues presented can be considered and addressed during the application phase of this process. The issues will not affect the overall project goal.

A comment was also received on the Village of Surfside Groin project suggesting that the project as presented will not be a long-term fix for the beach erosion problems and that efforts need to be made to address the relocation of sand deposits of the Brazos River. The overall level of support received and information provided in the application outweighs the opinion of this sole commenter. Also, several of the issues presented can be examined during the application phase.

Finally, one commenter expressed their understanding that the activities associated with the E.K. Atwood Park Pavilion project had been completed. However, based on a review of the application, many activities remain to be implemented and those will be addressed as part of the application.

None of these comments outweighed the strength of the project applications, as well as the overall positive comments received from the public and several elected officials.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

At the Listening Sessions held to secure public input on the Priorities Document, translation services were offered. After considering the nature of the proposed activities and the locations in which they would be performed, TCEQ determined that it was not necessary to provide translations of the draft MIP. TCEQ continues to consider whether additional steps to reach Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons will be necessary in the process at later stages (for example, by requiring subrecipients to determine whether translations of written materials or translation services in public meetings concerning their projects should be provided). A request for a translation of the draft plan was not received during the public comment period.



## DETAILED RESPONSE

5. How the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative were prioritized and list the criteria used to establish the priorities.

Texas used a public and transparent process to develop a "Priorities Document" that has been used to evaluate grant applications received during the competitive Request of Grant Applications (RFGA) process.

A work group consisting of representatives from several Texas state agencies, as well as the Office of Governor, crafted an initial draft of the "Priorities Document" based on the eligibility requirements provided in the RESTORE Act. The document includes narrative descriptions of the criteria that will be emphasized to evaluate a grant application, as well as a quantitative value for those areas. Commissioner Baker, as the Governor's appointee to the RESTORE Council and responsible for RESTORE-related duties for Texas, reviewed the document and finalized a draft for posting for public comment.

The "Priorities Document" was posted on the web site established to convey information on RESTORE-related activities, [www.restorethetexascoast.org](http://www.restorethetexascoast.org). In addition, Commissioner Baker hosted Listening Sessions in three Texas Gulf Coast cities to both inform the public of activities associated with Texas' implementation of the RESTORE Act and to receive both verbal and written comments on the "Priorities Document." Comments received at the Listening Sessions and through the web site posting were reviewed and considered in developing the final "Priorities Document." The final version of the document was posted as a standalone document on the web site. The "Priorities Document" was included in the posted RFGA to provide guidance to those developing applications on the criteria to be used in evaluating applications to determine what activities will be considered for inclusion in the MIP and ultimately to receive grant funds. It was used to select the activities included in this MIP and will ultimately be used to select and prioritize activities from the MIP for funding.

### ***PRIORITIES FOR RESTORE FUNDED PROJECTS***

#### **A. ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

25 Points

- Job Creation and Retention
- Benefits Economy through Infrastructure Projects
- Promotes Economic Resiliency
- Beneficial Impacts to Local & Regional Economy
- Promotes Tourism, Eco-Tourism, Recreation & Wildlife Tourism
- Promotes Gulf Seafood Marketing

#### **B. ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS**

25 Points

- Restores, Conserves & Preserves Habitat
- Protects or Enhances Rare and Threatened Resources
- Replenishes & Protects Living Coastal & Marine Resources
- Restores & Protects Water Quality and Quantity
- Contributes to Landscape Level Environmental Enhancement



## DETAILED RESPONSE

### C. COMPREHENSIVE FACTORS

20 Points

- Complements Other Projects
- Promotes Community Resiliency
- Promotes Ecological Resiliency
- Part of a Federal, State or Local Coastal Plan
- Promotes Recreational, Historical, Cultural & Educational Uses

### D. PROJECT LOGISTICS

20 Points

- Project Readiness & Planning
- Likelihood of Success
- Long-term Operation & Management
- Success Criteria & Monitoring
- Based on Best Available Science
- Cost-Effectiveness

### E. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

20 Points

- Public Support & Participation
- Financial Partners & Funding

### DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY

The final project application rankings are compiled and submitted to the Governor and/or his designee for review and final approval. The Governor or his designee may make changes to the project rankings upon consideration of other discretionary factors related to protecting, preserving, restoring, or enhancing the natural and economic resources of the Texas coast.

Following a review and discussion of the public comments received in response to the posting of the draft MIP, Commissioner Baker, in conjunction with the Office of the Governor (OOG), used the Discretionary Authority described above to finalize the list of projects that are included in the MIP. In reviewing the input received, which was primarily in support of specific projects that were on the draft list, the projects were selected to ensure benefits to the Texas Gulf coast, as well as promote economic growth. The projects included in the MIP directly affect twelve of the eighteen RESTORE eligible counties. Also, three of the projects are conducting coastwide activities.

The MIP also reflects a strong desire to fund projects in this initial round of Bucket One funding that have a strong economic component in addition to ecological restoration. There is a limited amount of *Deepwater Horizon* money that can be used to improve the economic stability of coastal counties: unlike other Deepwater Horizon-related funding streams—such as NRDA, NFWF, and even Bucket Two funds under RESTORE—Bucket One funds may be used for coastal economic development. Therefore, the projects selected for the MIP have a significant economic benefit to coastal communities, while promoting ecologically friendly economic growth. Many of these projects also support ecosystem restoration that build local workforce capacity.





## DETAILED RESPONSE

The use of this Discretionary Authority will also provide needed flexibility when funding MIP projects as funds become available. Flexibility is critical in part to address and respond to:

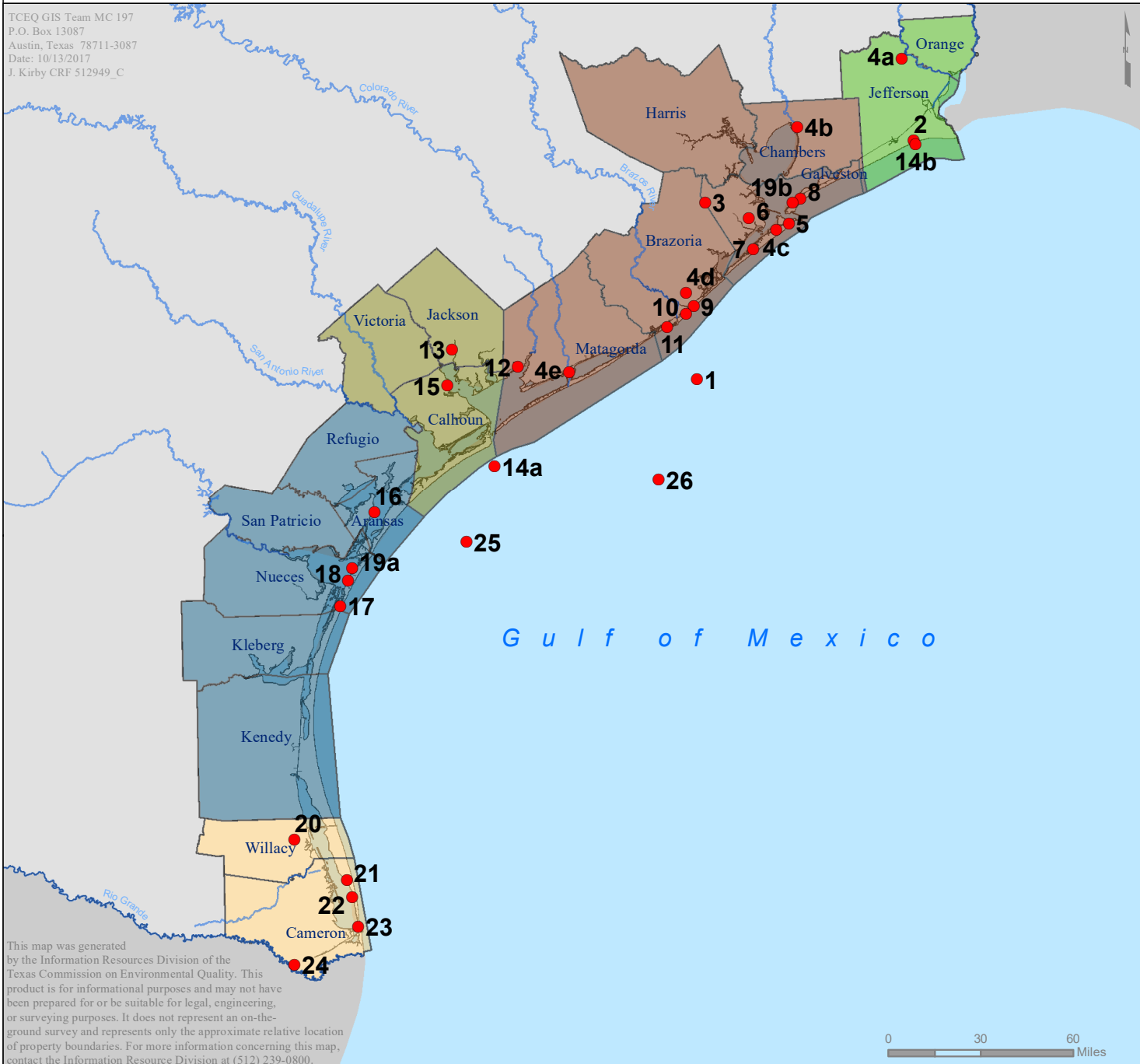
- ever changing situations;
- weather and other natural disasters that can alter the needs and demands of the coastal area;
- project schedules (need to begin or availability of other funding et.al.); and
- when these RESTORE funds become available.

This MIP invests in projects that have the support of the public and elected officials. It demonstrates the transparent and public efforts that have been taken to ensure that Bucket One of the RESTORE program is implemented in accordance with the best interests of Texas and in full compliance with the law.

# RESTORE Act Projects



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ID	Project
1	Texas Master Plan for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
2	Salt Bayou Watershed
3	Workforce and Economic Development to Enhance Offshore Energy Systems
4a-4e	Upper Texas Coast Tourism Marketing & Mobile Wayfinding App
5	East End Lagoon Phase 1-A
6	Texas City Hurricane Protection Levee Repair
7	Galveston Beneficial Dredge
8	Bolivar Peninsula Nature Trail
9	Village of Surfside Beach Groin
10	Quintana Beach Public Fishing Pier Restoration
11	Lower San Bernard Ecosystem Restoration
12	Oyster Resource and Recovery Center
13	Lavaca River Abandoned Oil Well
14a-14b	Texas Reef Initiative - Sabine and Port O'Connor Sites
15	City of Port Lavaca Shoreline Clean up, Debris and Submerged Structures Removal and Sediment Investigations
16	Bay Shore Drive Erosion Mitigation and Shoreline Stabilization
17	Padre Balli and I.B. Magee Beach Parks Restoration and Recreational Access
18	Shamrock Island Restoration Phase II
19a-19b	Removal of Unauthorized Oil and Gas Well Stubs and Associated Material
20	Raymondville Drain Phase 2 - Restoring Drainage and Flood Control
21	E.K. Atwood Park Pavilion Improvements
22	Sea Turtle Incorporated Education Complex
23	Laguna Madre Area
24	Town Resaca Watershed Restoration
25	Texas Shrimp Fishery Recovery and Improvement Program
26	Texas Gulf Shrimp Consumption, Tourism and Marketing Proposal