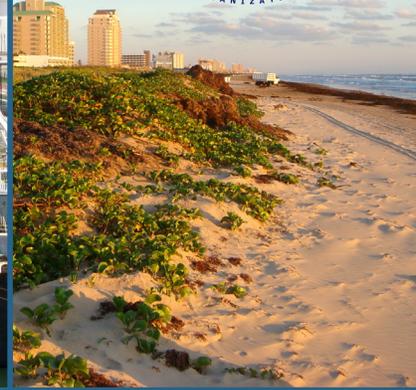


# COASTAL MANAGEMENT IN TEXAS



The Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) seeks to ensure the long-term environmental and economic health of the Texas coast through management of the state's coastal natural resource areas.

## Recent Actions in Support of the Coast

- Ten public access sites were created or enhanced with CMP funds, including dune walkovers in South Padre Island, a nature trail at Hilltop Nature Park (Nueces Co.) and enhancements to the Port Neches Riverfront.
- Since 2014, nearly 900 students have participated in beach sampling and data collection trips through the Texas High School Coastal Monitoring Program. This program gathers critical beach and dune data for program use.
- Collected 544 tons of oyster shell from restaurants for habitat restoration through the Galveston Bay and Corpus Christi Oyster Shell Recycling Programs.
- Approximately 5,046 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers collected 80,528 pounds of trash over 69 miles during the Fall 2017 beach clean up.
- Over 3,082 acres of nearshore and other coastal habitat were gained or mitigated by activities subject to CZM regulatory programs.



## Priorities Looking Ahead

- Continue working with USACE on the Texas Coastal Study to determine the feasibility of storm risk mitigation and large-scale environmental restoration projects.
- Update the Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan and integrate funding programs within Coastal Resources to fund projects identified in the Plan and manage coastal projects more efficiently.
- To avoid financial penalties, gain approval from NOAA and EPA of the Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Program by 2019.

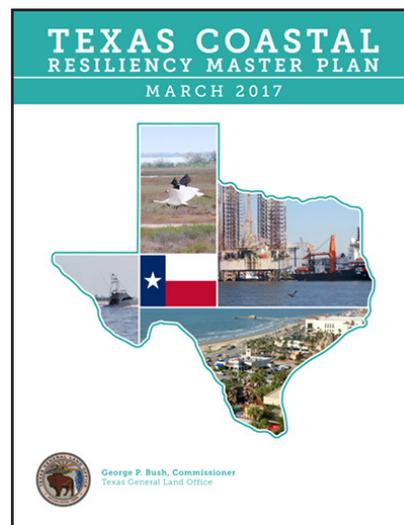
## A State-Federal Partnership

Texas has participated in the National Coastal Zone Management Program since 1996. This state-federal partnership is essential to the continued health and economic growth of the state's coastal communities, businesses, and population.

**FEDERAL FUNDS: \$2,650,000**  
**STATE AND MATCHING FUNDS: \$2,135,000**  
**TOTAL: \$4,785,000**

# ADDRESSING COASTAL HAZARDS IN TEXAS

In March 2017, the GLO released the Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan (Plan), which highlights the value of the coast, its resources, and the hazards that endanger coastal communities. The 2017 Plan also presents resiliency strategies and recommended nature-based projects to mitigate the impacts of coastal hazards. The GLO is working on the 2019 update to the Plan, which will address natural and built strategies to enhance resiliency for coastal communities. The planning process is dependent upon input from coastal experts and local officials.



The CMP has partnered with Texas A&M Corpus Christi for eight years, funding the Shell Bank Oyster Shell Recycling Program. This program reclaims and recycles oyster shells from restaurants and seafood wholesalers and uses them to create and restore oyster reefs along the Texas Coastal Bend. Last year, Shell Bank reclaimed over 721,700 pounds of oyster shell from participating restaurants, wholesalers, and festivals.



*“As a local restaurant operator, participating in the CMP oyster recycling program has resulted in significant annual cost savings for Water Street Restaurants and has provided a measurable return on our relatively minimal investment in time and equipment. The CMP’s ongoing support of this program has made it a success and our guests love learning about the program’s benefits and our employees embrace the positive and tangible impact on our local environment. It is a perfect closed loop recycling initiative in that, within a couple of years, we are reselling the results of our efforts.”*

*- Brad Lomax, Owner, Water Street Restaurants*

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