



Draft 2026 FUNDED PRIORITIES LIST

Texas Managing Wetlands Migration Corridors and Natural Floodways Program

The *Texas Managing Wetlands Migration Corridors and Natural Floodways Program* aims to combat the loss of estuarine wetlands by protecting pathways for wetlands to shift inland. With a proposed budget of \$46.8M, the program will fund project activities such as land acquisition, habitat management, hydrologic restoration, agricultural and forest management, stormwater management, erosion control, sediment placement and shoreline protection. It will also fund planning, implementation and monitoring to measure success. Coastal wetlands are vital for supporting wildlife, recreational activities, commercial fisheries, flood control and water quality. In Texas, coastal habitats and communities face risks from storm surges, especially when combined with heavy rainfall. Periodic and long-term inundation of estuarine habitats can profoundly alter the hydrology of these systems, undermining their resilience and ability to support diverse wildlife and ecosystem functions. This program supports the RESTORE Council's primary goal of habitat restoration and conservation, with secondary benefits including improved water quality and quantity, and community resilience.

Priority will be given to well-developed, scalable projects that offer lasting benefits such as habitat conservation, improved flood protection, enhanced wildlife habitat and water quality improvement. The program duration is 7 years.

Program at a Glance

The *Texas Managing Wetlands Migration Corridors and Natural Floodways Program* applies Planning Framework approaches and techniques to support Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives. In support of the primary objective, to *Restore, enhance, and protect habitats*, stressors such as hydrologic modifications, wetland loss, and erosion will be addressed using the *Protect natural shorelines, Sediment placement, Land acquisition and Habitat management and Stewardship* techniques. In support of the secondary objective, to *Restore and improve water resources*, agricultural runoff, urban stormwater runoff, and nutrient loading will be



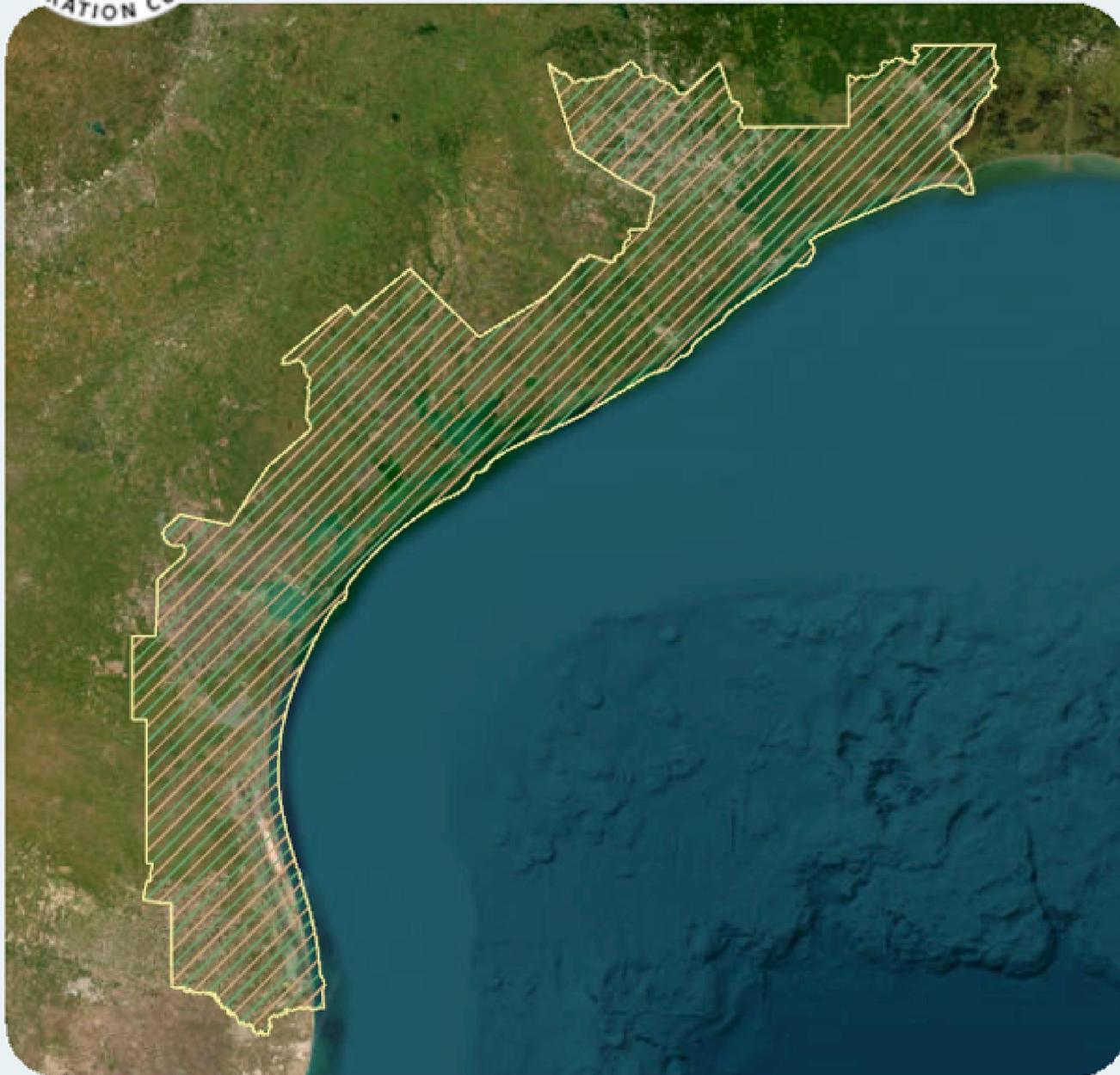
addressed using the *Agriculture and forest management, Stormwater management, and Erosion and sediment control* techniques. Success using protection of natural shorelines, sediment placement, land acquisition and habitat management and stewardship may be tracked using wetland and riparian acres restored, acres protected under easements or acquired in fee, miles of shoreline stabilized, and miles of shoreline acquired. Success using restoration of hydrologic connectivity to *Restore, improve, and protect water resources* may be tracked using acres with restored hydrology as a metric, while success using the other techniques such as agricultural, forest, and stormwater management may be tracked using pounds of nitrogen (N) and phosphorous (P) avoided or removed. The numbers of residential, commercial, and public facilities benefitting may also be used as a metric to track benefits.

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