

**TEXAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION GUIDANCE
GRANT CYCLE 27**

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) is to improve the management of the state's coastal resources and ensure the long-term ecological and economic productivity of the coast. The CMP is a "networked" program linking the regulations, programs, and expertise of eight state agencies and four local government and citizens representatives; collectively known as the Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee (CCAC). The CCAC is comprised of representatives from the Texas General Land Office (GLO), Railroad Commission of Texas, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Texas Water Development Board, and Texas Sea Grant College Program. The Land Commissioner-appointed citizen members represent agriculture, coastal businesses, coastal governments, and coastal residents (See Appendix B).

CMP Grant Cycle 27 involves a competitive pre-proposal process followed by an invitation-only final application submission. The Land Commissioner, through consultation with the CCAC, is accepting applications under the following funding categories:

- Public Access Enhancement
- Data Collection
- Coastal Hazard and Resiliency Planning
- Coastal Resource Protection and Enhancements

Projects in these categories will be funded under three project types; §306 projects that involve non-construction activities (data collection, planning, mapping, aerial photography, research), §306A projects that involve construction or earth moving activities (preservation, restoration, land acquisition), and Projects of Special Merit (PSM). PSM can be funded as either §306 or §306A projects.

Projects selected for funding must comply with administrative and budgetary requirements set forth in the subrecipient grant agreement. **Applicants are highly encouraged to review the contract and financial requirements prior to applying for funding.** The financial requirements are available for download at <http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/grant-projects/funding/index.html>.

FUNDING CATEGORIES

Projects must fit under one of the funding categories listed below and directly address at least one of the category's priority topics. These priorities reflect the current goals and initiatives of the CCAC. Applicants should be prepared to provide a detailed explanation on how their project fulfills the priority in both the pre-proposal and, if invited, the final application. Projects that directly address a CCAC priority are likely to score and rank high during the project selection process.

Public Access Enhancement

The CMP encourages the enhancement of public access to beaches, bays, and other coastal natural resource areas through both improvements to existing public access and creation of new public access points through either construction or land acquisition. Projects must support public use and enjoyment of the coastal zone while protecting and preserving coastal natural resource areas. Public access projects must comply with federal accessibility requirements pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the goals and objectives of Clean Coast Texas, formally known as the Texas Coastal Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Control Program. See the “Consistency with Clean Coast Texas” for requirement details.

Additionally, applicants should utilize “green” or sustainable construction methods, materials, and designs to minimize environmental impacts during and post-construction, to the extent possible. Projects should include construction and design strategies that enhance resilience to coastal hazards and minimize impacts to wildlife, air, water, soil, landfills, and public safety.

Projects in this category will likely be classified as §306A (construction).

Current CCAC public access priorities include:

- Creation of new public access points to beaches, parks, and other public land through the creation of infrastructure or land acquisition
- Construction of ADA compliant dune walkovers and pathways to the public beach, or the improvement of existing dune walkovers and pathways to meet ADA compliance
- Creation of dedicated public beach parking areas using low impact development techniques
- Construction of public amenities such as restrooms and water/rinse stations
- Implementation of a project listed in the Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan (TCRMP) found at: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/coastal-management/hurricane-preparedness/index.html>

Data Collection

The CMP encourages data collection that moves a field of research forward or directly supports one or more of the CCAC priorities listed below. Data collection efforts should not be solely investigative unless required by the CCAC priority prompt.

Data intended for regulatory purposes must be collected or acquired in accordance with the agency’s standards and preferably under an existing Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). For pilot projects, data must be collected following protocols established in the agency’s data collection standards. Research methods, data, procedures, and findings must be disseminated to the scientific research community and coastal managers, ensuring the content is visible, accessible, and independently understandable to general users.

Applicants under this category are highly encouraged to develop their project scopes and anticipated outcomes in consultation with a CCAC agency to ensure the project results in information that is needed and usable to that agency. Applicants that describe how their project results will be used by the CCAC member typically score higher during the selection process.

Projects in this category will likely be classified as §306 (non-construction).

Current CCAC data collection priorities include:

- Data that improves understanding of water quality and NPS pollution trends, causative factors, or emerging issues
- Pre- and post-construction impacts of living shoreline and other restoration projects
- Data for coastal monitoring and modeling (e.g., characterizing NPS pollution, freshwater inflows and estuarine water quality, indicator species of ecosystem health, circulation, bathymetry, storm surge, sediment and nutrient transport, groundwater-surface water interactions)
- Data to support Watershed Protection Plans, Implementation Plans and other watershed initiatives
- Research on dune hydrology, impervious cover impacts and uses in the area seaward of 1,000 feet from mean high tide, dune restoration and dune planting
- Research on subsidence, sediment management, bay erosion and sand/sediment sources
- Research initiatives that focus on site suitability for mariculture and the impact of oyster farming (positive and negative) on the marine environment
- Implementation of a project listed in the TCRMP found at:
<http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/coastal-management/hurricane-preparedness/index.html>

Non-point source pollution projects under this category must provide total project acreage, impervious and non-impervious area, and estimated pollution loads reductions for total nitrogen, phosphorus, total suspended solids, and bacteria. Methodology for pollution load reductions must be provided.

Coastal Hazards and Resiliency Planning

Projects under this category should help coastal communities plan, prepare, and mitigate for risks associated with coastal hazards, including impacts from storms, flooding, erosion and harmful NPS pollution conditions. Projects should address land use, environmental, NPS and hazard mitigation concerns to reduce a community's vulnerability to coastal hazards. Projects should also strive to strengthen local capacity to provide effective coastal management in preparing for and responding to hazard events. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with regional partners to develop comprehensive plans and projects that will provide widespread benefits instead of site-specific enhancements.

Projects in this category will likely be classified as §306 (non-construction).

Current CCAC coastal hazard and resiliency planning priorities include:

- Implementation of Clean Coast Texas, formally known as the Texas Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Program. See the "Consistency with Clean Coast Texas" section for requirement details.
- Watershed-scale hazard and flood mitigation strategies related to government planning or technical assistance to communities

- Resiliency stakeholder outreach and engagement
- Risk, exposure, and vulnerability assessments
- Planning that abates or mitigates NPS pollutants
- Developing and delivering workshops that share technical expertise about methods used to reduce water resource impacts
- Implementation of a project listed in the TCRMP found at:
<http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/coastal-management/hurricane-preparedness/index.html>

Coastal Resource Protection and Enhancements

This category is specific to §306A projects that protect, stabilize and/or restore coastal natural resource areas. The CMP encourages projects that will restore and enhance the state’s coastal resources and mitigate the impacts of storm surge, flooding, erosion, habitat loss and degradation of water quality and quantity. If the proposed project is part of a larger effort, applicant must describe the entire scope of the project beyond the phase that CMP would fund.

Applicants should use sustainable construction methods, materials, and designs to minimize environmental impacts during and post-construction. Projects should include construction and design strategies that enhance resilience to coastal hazards and minimize impacts to wildlife, air, water, soil, landfills, and public safety. Projects should meet the goals and objectives of Clean Coast Texas. See the “Consistency with the Clean Coast Texas Program” for requirement details.

Projects in this category will be classified as §306A (construction).

Current CCAC improvement/enhancement priorities include:

- Freshwater inflow enhancement or hydrologic restoration
- Utilizing oyster shells for restoration
- Creating living shorelines for shoreline stabilization
- Land acquisition to facilitate public access and/or preservation
- Habitat creation and restoration
- Derelict structure and debris removal
- NPS pollution loading reduction and retrofit projects or techniques that enhance management of NPS pollution
- Implementation of a project listed in the TCRMP found at:
<http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/coastal-management/hurricane-preparedness/index.html>

PROJECTS OF SPECIAL MERIT

The CMP is prioritizing large-scale, innovative projects that comprehensively address a current CMP priority. The goal of a PSM is to address, to the extent possible, a specific coastal issue in its entirety instead of in a phased approach. A PSM should be large enough in scope of work or physical scale to have regional or coastwide economic or ecological benefits.

The CMP acknowledges that some PSM will be site-specific by nature (restoration, preservation, land acquisition); however, the applicant must demonstrate how the project will benefit the broader coastal community and its ecosystem. PSM must protect, preserve, restore, and enhance coastal natural resource areas, fill an essential data gap, or advance a field of study in a manner

that will help influence decision-making along the Texas coast. When practicable, applicants should establish nontraditional collaborations such as coordination between officials from multiple counties, between state and federal partners and across academic and NGO fields.

Applications under the PSM category that meet one or more of the following criteria are likely to rank high during the scoring process:

- Large-scale, collaborative projects that fulfill a current CMP priority as listed under “Funding Categories”
- Large-scale projects that could not be completed using traditional CMP funding
- Large-scale, “shovel-ready” projects that have all applicable permits in place
- Priority projects listed in the Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan

Examples of PSM

- A large-scale project that maps or collects data on a regional scale or for the entire Texas coast
- A large-scale research project comprised of team members from different academic institutes or NGOs that holistically work to address a coastal issue
- A large-scale restoration or land acquisition effort that will have beneficial impacts beyond its physical location

Due to the large-scale nature and complexity of a PSM, applicants must submit a full final application by the **June 9, 2021 deadline**. When applying under the PSM category, applicants should apply for the entire scope and budget of the project. Do not apply for separate, phased, or fragmented projects. If the applicant knows similar work is being contemplated by others in their field, make every effort to coordinate and apply for a joint PSM. PSM will be selected in August 2021, based on information contained in the final application. Once selected, PSM applicants will immediately begin working with the GLO to develop a project scope of work, budget, and deliverables. **Please note, funding is not guaranteed for a PSM until the applicant and the GLO come to a mutually agreed upon scope of work.** If a project cannot be agreed upon by December 31, 2021, the PSM invitation will be withdrawn.

The PSM can fall under any CMP funding category, be either a §306 or §306A project, and have a cost ranging from \$200,000 to \$5,000,000. **PSM will be entirely funded with Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) monies, which do not require match.** PSM are not held to the same start date of October 1st as traditional CMP projects and can begin upon mutual agreement of the scope of work and subsequent contract execution. Contracts will be issued for a two-year timeframe with the option to extend for a third year.

Projects must comply with GOMESA authorized uses. The list of GOMESA authorized uses can be found in Appendix I. All §306A PSM must have an environmental assessment. The cost of an

environmental assessment must be built into a §306A PSM budget. The GOMESA Guidance can be found here: <https://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/grant-projects/funding/index.html>.

FUND AVAILABILITY

The Land Commissioner administers the CMP Grants Program, awarding up to \$1.8 million (90%) of the federal §306/§306A coastal management grant funds received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to local governments and other entities along the coast. Projects are selected based on CMP priorities and CCAC member initiatives. The Land Commissioner is not obligated to award all available funding.

The Land Commissioner may contribute up to \$100,000 in CMP funding for a §306 (non-construction) project and up to \$200,000 for a §306A (construction) project. The Land Commissioner may contribute up to \$5,000,000 for a PSM.

Matching Funds

Applicants must provide a local and/or third-party match of **40% of the total project cost** to comply with federal matching requirements. For example, if an applicant has a total project cost of \$100,000, the applicant may request a maximum of \$60,000 in CMP funding (or 60% of the total project cost) and provide \$40,000 (or 40% of the total project cost) in local match. **PSM do not require match.**

Federal funds received directly or passed through by a state agency cannot be used as match. For assistance in determining project match, please use TXDOT's Grant Match Calculator located here:

<https://www.txdot.gov/apps/eGrants/eGrantsHelp/ToolBox/GrantMatchingCalculator.html>

Match may be in the form of a "cash" match, "in-kind" match, or a combination thereof. A cash match includes outlays for staff salaries, travel costs, third-party contracts, and purchases of equipment, supplies, and other items (during the project duration) that are reasonable and associated with the project. An in-kind match includes volunteer time, the value of land or leases, use of existing equipment, supplies, and other commodities, and donations from a third-party for the proposed project. **Letters of commitment from third-party donors must be submitted with the final application.** The third-party must identify the donation or service to be provided and the monetary value of the donation or service. **The application may be disqualified if letters of commitment are not provided.**

Land may be used as match if the property is purchased or the title is transferred during the effective CMP contract period. If land in a proposed project has been used as match in a previous CMP project or any other federally funded grant, it cannot be used again.

Applicants should review budgetary requirements prior to developing the project budget. **When developing the project budget, always round category amounts to the dollar.** Contract and financial requirements are available for download at <http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/grant-projects/funding/index.html>.

AWARD PERIOD

Projects must be planned for no more than an 18-month period, commencing on October 1, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants

The following entities are eligible to receive grants under the CMP.

- Incorporated cities within the coastal zone boundary
- County governments within the coastal zone boundary
- Texas state agencies
- Texas public colleges/universities
- Subdivisions of the state with jurisdiction within the coastal zone boundary (e.g., navigation districts, port authorities, river authorities, and soil and water conservation districts)
- Councils of governments and other regional governmental entities within the coastal zone boundary
- The Galveston Bay Estuary Program
- The Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program
- Nonprofit Organizations*

*Nonprofit organizations applying for funding **must** be registered as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) and have an office located in Texas. Nonprofit organizations must be nominated by one of the eligible entities listed above. A nomination must take the form of a resolution or letter from an official representative of the entity. The nominating entity is not expected to contribute financially or administratively to the management and implementation of the proposed project.

Project Location

Projects must be located within the Coastal Zone Boundary established by the Texas Legislature in 1995. A map of the coastal zone boundary is included as Appendix F.

Consistency with CMP Goals and Policies

The proposed project must be consistent with the CMP goals and policies to be eligible for funding. The goals and policies are listed in Appendix E. Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project will not cause adverse effects to coastal natural resource areas.

Consistency with the Clean Coast Texas Program

Any NPS related project should demonstrate implementation of best management practices (BMP) and low impact development (LID) techniques that conform to the goals and objectives of the Clean Coast Texas Program. NPS related projects should include a description of how the project will lead to direct (via BMPs or LID techniques) or indirect (plans, policies, rules) reductions in NPS pollutant loading. Additionally, NPS related projects will need to quantify the amount of pollution the project successfully reduces in the final report. Please refer to NPS guidance documents available at cleancoast.texas.gov.

Additionally, projects reducing NPS pollution loads should provide total project acreage, impervious and non-impervious area, and estimated pollution loads reductions for total nitrogen, phosphorus, TSS, and bacteria. Methodology for pollution load reductions should also be provided.

§306A Coastal Resource Improvement Funds

Applicants proposing construction, restoration, land acquisition, or any earth-moving activities are subject to the Coastal Zone Management Act §306A requirements which are provided in Appendix A. These documents are mandatory for all §306A projects and must be submitted with the final application. The documents will be used by NOAA and the GLO to complete an environmental assessment if the project is recommended for funding.

If proposing a phased project, the applicant must describe the entire scope of the larger scale project and how the phase to receive CMP funds fits into the bigger picture. NOAA will need this information and will complete their environmental assessment on the entire scope of the project, not just the phased portion receiving CMP funds.

Data Sharing Plan

NOAA's data sharing policy, effective January 1, 2013, requires all environmental data and information collected and/or created with NOAA funding to be visible, accessible, and independently understandable to general users. The policy was established to ensure geospatial data produced with federal funds are easily available and discoverable for public benefit and to provide notice of intent to collect geospatial data to facilitate collaboration and avoid duplication of effort.

Applicants must submit a data sharing plan with the final application. The data sharing plan form can be found in the final application portal. The applicant should be prepared to provide the following information:

- The types of environmental data and information to be created during the project,
- The type of collection method (e.g., aircraft, ship, satellite, etc.),
- The tentative date by which data/metadata will be shared/stored,
- The standards to be used for data/metadata format and content,
- The program's policies addressing data stewardship and preservation,
- The program's procedures for providing access, data, and security, and
- The program's prior experience with publishing such data.

Metadata for geospatial data must be compliant with the Federal Geographic Data Committee's [Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata](#). The data sharing plan, metadata production, and posting of metadata can be easily accomplished using the Geographic Information System Inventory at <http://gisinventory.net>. While non-federal data is not displayed, the site automatically exposes the metadata to <http://geo.data.gov> and passes the information to the Geospatial Platform as required in the policy. Geo.data.gov is a geospatial data portal intended to increase awareness of and access to federal geospatial data and services.

If an applicant has a process in place to provide notice of intent to collect data, create Federal Geographic Data Committee metadata, and export data to Geo.data.gov, the use of the Geographic Information System Inventory is not required.

An example of a data sharing plan is provided in Appendix G.

Permitting

Applicants must be aware of all permitting requirements prior to the submission of the pre-proposal or final application. If the project requires permits, applicants are advised to include necessary tasks and an appropriate budget for obtaining the permits. **If permits and/or environmental clearances have been acquired, copies of the documents should be submitted with the pre-proposal and final application.**

The GLO's Permit Service Center is available to assist applicants with the permitting process. Early coordination is encouraged. Contact information for Permit Service Center staff is provided on page 17.

A CCAC agency may have regulatory or other management responsibility over permits necessary to undertake a project. A CCAC member agency's support or recommendation to fund a project in no way indicates future approval or denial of the permit application.

Public Education and Outreach

Applicants are strongly encouraged to include a proactive public education and/or outreach component that raises the target audience's awareness of coastal resources as a project task. Applicants submitting research projects are encouraged to include a proactive plan to disseminate information to interested parties. Applicants submitting §306A (construction) projects are encouraged to include a press release to notify the public of newly constructed facilities. Applicants developing a web site to convey information are encouraged to include a strategy to inform the public of the availability of the web site.

GRANT WORKSHOPS

Grant workshops provide an opportunity for potential applicants to learn about the grant program and discuss specific project ideas with GLO staff. For Cycle 27, the GLO will sponsor two virtual grant workshops for local, regional, and state governments, nonprofit organizations, and public universities. Attendance is highly recommended and will be held in partnership with the Coastal Erosion Planning Response Act (CEPRA) program this year.

Workshop details will be posted on the GLO's Funding Opportunity website:
<https://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/grant-projects/funding/index.html>.

Workshop Dates:

- **March 24, 2021 – 9:00am – 12:00pm**
- **March 31, 2021 – 9:00am – 12:00pm**

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION

Applicants must submit all pre-proposal and final application materials through the GLO's Coastal Resources Application Portal (<https://txglo.smapply.us/>). The GLO recommends applicants begin the submission process early in case issues arise. Applicants submitting more than one project must register and submit each project individually. All pre-proposal and final application materials must be submitted electronically to be considered for funding.

Pre-Proposal

Pre-proposals are mandatory for all projects seeking NOAA funds. Pre-proposals are not required for PSM. Pre-proposals are due by **5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2021**. The CMP Grant Review Team (Review Team) will review pre-proposals to determine which projects to invite to submit final applications. Pre-proposals will be assessed to determine which projects best align with CMP goals and policies and implement CCAC priorities. Written comments will be provided to enhance the quality of the project for the final application or better align the project with CCAC needs in future cycles. Applicants will receive comments regardless of final application invitation status.

Materials required for a pre-proposal submission are listed below. This list can also be found within the Application Portal (<https://txglo.smapply.us/>). Additional attachments should be limited to the minimum necessary to fully describe the project. Incomplete pre-proposals may not be considered for funding.

Pre-Proposal Materials

**** Mandatory for all projects seeking NOAA funds**

1. Pre-proposal
2. Map showing proposed project location, if applicable
3. If available, project site plan and photos
 - a. Only for §306A projects

Final Application

Upon invitation, applicants seeking NOAA funds must submit final applications with supporting documentation by **5:00 p.m. on October 6, 2021**. **PSM are required to submit final applications by the June 9, 2021 deadline.** A list of required materials is included below and is available in the Application Portal (<https://txglo.smapply.us/>). Additional attachments should be limited to the minimum necessary to fully describe the project. Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding.

These materials are required for all final applications, regardless of funding source (NOAA or PSM).

Final Application Materials

1. Final application
2. Location Map
3. 1-3 Letters of Support
 - a. Letters should describe the project's relevance/ impact within the project area

- b. Be signed by an executive of the entity
- c. Be dated within one year of the final application submission deadline
- d. Letters of support should be distinct in their messaging and not contain “canned” language.**
- 4. Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
 - a. Only required for applicants budgeting indirect costs
- 5. Nomination Letter
 - a. Only required for nonprofit organizations
 - b. Letters should be signed by an executive of the entity and be dated within one year of the submission deadline.
- 6. Data Sharing Plan
 - a. Only required for projects collecting data

Only for §306A projects

- 1. USGS Map
 - a. 1:24,000-scale quadrangle map, 7.5 minute series with latitude and longitude coordinates identifying the project location
- 2. Project Site Plan
 - a. Includes drawings of the project site that depicts property and/or easement lines and other facilities on the site, identifies CNRAs on the site, and includes a legend that describes existing and proposed components of the project
- 3. Photos of the Proposed Project Site
- 4. §306A Questionnaire
 - a. This form contains information essential to completing the NOAA or GLO environmental review of the proposed project.
- 5. Attorney Title Opinion (ATO)
 - a. New ATO required each grant cycle, past ATO cannot be reused
 - b. ATOs on PSM are not required by the June 9th final application deadline. ATOs must be provided within 30 days after the PSM is selected for funding and the project location is approved by GLO staff**
- 6. Certificate of Consistency

PROJECT SELECTION

The CMP Review Team is comprised of four Commissioner-appointed representatives and representatives from each of the eight CCAC member agencies (See Appendix C). The Review Team will review, score, and rank final applications using the numeric criteria provided in the score sheet below.

The Land Commissioner will review the Review Team’s recommendation. The Land Commissioner may consider extenuating circumstances affecting the coast and revise project rankings, as needed, based on the following factors:

- Availability of funding
- Balance/distribution of funds: a) by geographic area, b) by type of institutions, c) by type of partners, d) by project category; or e) by project types
- Duplication of other projects funded
- CCAC and CMP priorities and policy factors and
- An applicant's prior award performance

If an applicant has a previous or current CMP contract in a state of non-compliance based on quarterly performance evaluation and annual risk assessment criteria, the GLO reserves the right to deny a project funding regardless of its overall score and rank.

Scoring

Final applications are scored on a 0-55 range, with 0 constituting the lowest possible score and 55 reflecting the highest possible score, based on the applicant’s response questions in the following score criteria sections.

Score Sheet		
Project Description	The project description should provide a clear overview of the project requesting CMP funding. It should state the purpose of the project; provide brief background information to help the reader understand why the project is needed; list the project components, such as tasks or steps that will be undertaken; explain how the project is innovative and/or moves the specific field of study forward; describes the anticipated benefits and outcome(s); and identifies any additional information pertinent to the reviewers’ understanding of the proposal.	(0 – 10)
Plan Development or Implementation	Describe how the project implements a component(s) of a previously approved plan(s) or explain how the project leads to the development of a new plan or management practice(s). The applicant should list the specific plan and describe how the project would implement the component(s) of the plan(s).	(0 – 10)
Project Need	Why is this project needed? Describe the economic or ecological need for the work proposed. Describe who needs the project, why they need it, and what they will do with the outcomes and results. Most importantly, explain how the project addresses a current CMP priority listed in the Cycle 27 Guidance. State which CMP priority is being addressed, elaborate on how the priority goal(s) are being accomplished and identify which CCAC member agency will utilize project outcomes.	(0 – 10)
Project Benefit	Describe how the project provides ecological or economic benefits. Describe how the project would directly and/or indirectly result in the stated benefit(s). When discussion ecological benefits, specifically describe which coastal nature resource areas will benefit and how. Also describe the economic benefits the project will have on the local or regional community (i.e., direct, indirect, temporary, permanent, and/or cumulative).	(0 – 10)
Timeline	It is critical that the work proposed can be completed within an 18-month timeframe. Describe how the project will be structured to ensure it is completed within 18-months.	(0 – 5)
Budget	Budget should be complete, contain reasonable requests appropriate to the project description, and be accurate. The budget should reflect proposed expenses (with supporting information) for each applicable budget category. Fringe benefit rates exceeding 35% are prohibited and indirect costs can only be used as match.	(0 – 5)
Score Penalization		

Application Completeness	Applications missing required application material (detailed above and in the Application Portal) will have points deducted at the discretion of the Review Team.	(0 – 10)
Project Innovation	CMP strives to fund new and innovative projects. Previously funded projects that have not attempted to evolve the projects goals and/or scope of work may have points deducted at the discretion of the Review Team. Points may be deducted for not incorporating new activities and/or events or failing to expand the overall concept of the project.	(0 – 5)
Past Project Performance (GLO Staff Only)	GLO, as the administering agency of the CMP, may deduct a total of five points per grant cycle from a project(s) based on past and current performance. Documentation from annual risk assessments and quarterly performance evaluations will be used to validate these deductions.	(0 – 5)
Discretionary Points		
Agency Mission	The project meets or further implements one or more goal(s) of a CCAC agency’s mission. Each CCAC agency on the Review Team will have a total of five points per grant cycle to award to a project(s). A CCAC agency may allocate points to one project or multiple projects provided the total number of points allocated does not exceed five. CCAC agencies may allocate points to a project regardless of whether the agency plans to contribute to the management or implementation of the project.	(0 – 5)
Total Possible Score		55
Disclaimer: If a CCAC agency or Commissioner-appointed representative is directly involved (e.g., plans to contribute to the project’s implementation or management) financially or administratively, the agency or representative is not permitted to score or vote on the project. The agency or representative may provide comments or clarification to the Review Team, as needed.		

SUBRECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS

The GLO strives to provide a clear overview of the post project selection processes and grant award subrecipient expectations. GLO CMP staff are available to provide additional information on any of these topics.

Contracting

Cycle 27 contracts using NOAA funds will have an October 1, 2022 effective date and a PSM's effective date will be based on when a mutually agreed upon scope of work is established with the GLO. While effective dates will be honored, a CMP grant contract is not fully executed until all GLO and subrecipient signatures are secured. Technically, subrecipients can begin work on their project's effective date but should proceed with the full understanding that, until the contract is completely signed, they run a risk of not having their work reimbursed if, for any reason, the CMP contract is ultimately not signed. The GLO recommends waiting until full contract execution to begin reimbursable work.

Applicants are highly encouraged to review the contract and financial requirements prior to applying for funding. The GLO strives to maintain uniformity and fairness in its treatment of all subrecipients. Using standard and unvarying language in contracts ensures each subrecipient is treated equitably and makes management of contracts streamlined and consistent. **Therefore, the GLO will not accept revisions to the contract or its attachments, except as necessary to correct errors or accurately reflect legal requirements and limitations.**

Project Advisor

All funded "Data Collection" and "Coastal Hazard and Resiliency Planning" projects will be assigned a CCAC agency project advisor. If necessary, more than one CCAC member may participate. The advisor(s) will have a vested interest in the project results and may participate in the project's work plan development to ensure it is crafted to provide mutually beneficial end results. The CCAC advisor may receive project deliverables and provide input and guidance throughout the duration of the project, as needed.

Reporting Frequency

During the 18-month contact period, the subrecipient will submit progress reports, deliverables and reimbursement requests to the GLO via the CMPreceipts@glo.texas.gov mailbox on either a monthly or quarterly basis. Reporting frequency is determined by project and entity type. Generally, §306A projects and nonprofit organizations report monthly and all other entities and project types (i.e. §306 projects, universities, local and regional governments) report quarterly, unless specified. Reporting frequency requirements are denoted in the project work plan which will be contained in Attachment A of the subrecipient grant contract. Progress reports should thoroughly describe the status of each project task. If a task has not started, this should be noted

in the progress report. Reimbursement requests must be submitted every month or quarter, even if they contain a \$0 reimbursement request.

Work Plan Development

Upon notification of project selection in late January/early February 2022, GLO staff will begin drafting the project work plan based on information contained in the project application. The GLO will make edits to the work plan to ensure the project produces deliverables consistent with both the CCAC and subrecipient's needs. GLO staff will send the first draft of the work plan to the subrecipient for initial review in late March 2022. The final draft of the work plan will be provided again in July 2022 for review before incorporation into the grant contract. **For PSM, GLO staff will begin drafting the project work plan in early August 2021.**

Kick-Off Call

The GLO will host a kick-off call with the subrecipient in August 2022 to go over the project work plan, budget, deliverables, due dates, and project expectations one last time before contract execution. Subrecipients are highly encouraged to ask questions, as needed. Subrecipient kick-off call attendees should include the project manager, the financial reporter and anyone else pertinent to the success of the project.

Project Management Expectations

The GLO always expects the subrecipient project manager to maintain clear and open communication with the GLO. Adhering to the project's 18-month timeframe is paramount. Progress reports, deliverables and reimbursement requests should be submitted on or ahead of the date specified in the work plan. If a delay is anticipated, the subrecipient should email the GLO project manager notifying them of the impending delay.

To ensure compliance with expectations, GLO staff will provide the subrecipient with a "Project Monitoring and Review Timeline" at the beginning of the grant contract. The timeline will detail how CMP staff will review, audit, and assess a project's compliance during the 18-month grant and provide information on consequences of non-compliance. Please note, adherence to this schedule can play a role in securing future grant funding.

Performance Evaluations and Risk Assessment

The GLO will perform quarterly project evaluations and annual risk assessments. These mechanisms will be used by GLO staff to identify contracts that may need additional monitoring and/or oversight and identify areas of risk. Additional monitoring activities may include telephone calls, meetings, desk reviews and site visits. Subrecipients will be notified in writing if non-compliance issues are identified during either the quarterly or annual reviews.

GRANT CYCLE 27 SCHEDULE

2021

March Announce new grant cycle and workshop dates in the *Texas Register* and on the GLO Funding Opportunity website and open application portal

Hold two virtual CMP workshops

***June 9 Pre-proposals are due (Mandatory) for projects seeking NOAA funds
Final applications are due for PSM***

Jul/Aug CMP Review Team reviews pre-proposals, selects PSM and conducts site visits, if necessary (See Appendix C for the Review Team’s contact information)

August Notification letters and comments sent to applicants

Aug/Oct Applicants seeking NOAA funds prepare final applications, if invited
PSM recipients begin to draft work plan and budget with the GLO

October 6 Final applications due (Invitation-only)

December Review Team meets to score and rank final applications
All PSM must have a mutually agreed on scope of work

2022

Jan/Feb Land Commissioner approves selected projects
Upon approval, GLO staff send notification letters to the applicants alerting them to their funding status.

March Draft application submitted to NOAA

May Final application submitted to NOAA

October Cycle 27 projects start

2024

March 30 Cycle 27 projects completed

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APPENDIX A

§306A COASTAL RESOURCES IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

INTRODUCTION

§306A coastal resource improvement funds may be used to support projects that include earth-moving activities that meet one or more of the following objectives:

- Preservation or restoration of coastal natural resource areas (see Appendix D), or restoration and enhancement of shellfish production through the purchase and distribution of cultch material on publicly-owned reef tracts;
- Redevelopment of deteriorating and underutilized urban waterfronts and ports;
- Provision of access to public beaches and other coastal areas and to coastal waters; and
- The development of a coordinated process among state agencies to regulate and issue permits for aquaculture facilities within the coastal zone boundary.

PROJECT TYPES

Land Acquisition

§306A funding may be used to acquire fee simple or other interest in land (e.g., purchasing an easement for a public right-of-way to the beach or purchasing an ecologically important area to preserve). If selected for funding, a land survey must be obtained as well as an appraisal that conforms to “Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.” The type of land survey required is dependent on the conditions of the property. Applicants should anticipate associated costs and budget accordingly. Non-profit organizations cannot acquire interests in land with §306A funds. A state coastal management program may enter into a partnership with a non-profit organization to purchase property, for preservation purposes only, so long as the federal §306A funds are directly transferred to the title company and the public entity retains ownership (title).

Habitat Restoration

§306A funding may be used for habitat restoration, including eradication or reduction of invasive species, the construction of a living shoreline project, and the enhancement and restoration of coastal wetlands, coastal floodplains, estuaries, sand dunes, and other critical coastal areas. Information on constructed wetlands may be found at <http://www.itrcweb.org> or <https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/constructed-wetlands>. With very limited exceptions, all proposed wetlands and living shorelines projects should be designed to qualify for a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit (NWP 27 for wetlands and 54 for living shorelines).

Public Access

§306A funding may be used for low-cost construction projects that enhance eco-tourism sites or public access to coastal resources in accordance with the purposes of the Coastal Zone Management Act §306A. Low-cost construction projects may include the construction of dune walkovers, trails, paths, and walkways, improvements to public parks, and the rehabilitation of historic buildings and structures. All construction and resulting services and activities must comply with federal accessibility requirements pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act. If selected for funding, a Registered Accessibility Specialist must certify the completed

construction as compliant with State of Texas Accessibility Standards. Applicants should anticipate associated costs and budget accordingly. Additional information on the State of Texas Architectural Barriers Act is available at <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/ab/abtas.htm>.

Waterfront Revitalization

§306A funding may be used to rehabilitate piers for public use and to remove debris and derelict structures to increase recreational use of urban waterfront areas.

Engineering and Design

§306A funding may be used for engineering designs, specifications, and other appropriate reports related to construction projects that comply with the purposes of the Coastal Zone Management Act §306A.

Education and Outreach

§306A funding may be used for education and outreach if the project is consistent with the purposes of the Coastal Zone Management Act and includes construction, installation of signage, or any other ground-moving activity. Education and outreach that does not include ground-moving activity will be considered under §306 funding.

PROJECT SCALE

§306A projects implemented as part of or to complement a larger project must be low-cost, non-capital-intensive construction. These contributions should be discrete and separable from the broader, longer-range efforts. For example, the purchase of plant material costing \$40,000 for a mile-long shoreline restoration project costing \$2,000,000 that relies heavily on capital equipment is not an eligible for §306A funds, because the size and scale of the overall project would be inconsistent with §306A objectives. However, signage or site improvements to a completed large-scale project or the installation of a public access boat launch within a broader urban waterfront redevelopment project, could be eligible.

PROHIBITED PROJECTS

The following projects are not eligible for funding:

- Engineering and construction of shoreline stabilization projects and hard structures for erosion response unless associated with a living shoreline or similar project;
- Mandatory or compensatory mitigation projects for recent or pending habitat losses resulting from the actions of agencies, organizations, companies, or individuals;
- Improvements to private property, including property owned by nonprofit organizations; and
- Projects on federally owned land.

§306A FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Public Benefit

Applicants must clearly document and explain how the proposed project will provide a public benefit. Projects must comply with the following eligibility requirements:

- §306A funds shall only be used for projects on lands that are publicly owned, leased, or otherwise protected through an easement. Publicly owned land does not include property owned by non-profit organizations.
- Leases or easements should be in perpetuity. However, a lease or easement must, at a minimum, be for 20 years.
- §306A funds are for public benefit and may not be used to improve private property or other private enterprises.
- A §306A public access facility must be open to the public and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- In general, user fees should not be charged to access §306A projects.

Public entities may contract with nonprofit organizations to conduct §306A projects (excluding land acquisition) on lands that are publicly owned, leased, or otherwise protected through an easement provided (1) the lease or easement is in perpetuity or for a minimum of 20 years and (2) the project benefits the public and does not improve private property or other private enterprises. (The Coastal Zone Management Act §306A Guidance of February 1999 is available at <https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/media/guide306a.pdf>.)

<p><i>NOTE:</i> Demonstration projects must be located on lands that are publicly owned or otherwise protected through a lease or conservation easement held by a public entity.</p>
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Americans with Disabilities Act

Generally, a qualified individual with a disability may not be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity. §306A public access projects shall be accessible unless the construction of an accessible structure will damage coastal resources or the absence of the project will result in coastal damage. In these instances, the §306A project shall be accessible to the extent conditions allow. This applies to construction of a new facility and construction of improvements to an existing public access project funded wholly or in part with CMP funds or funds used to match CMP funds. Information on accessibility guidelines and standards is available at <http://www.access-board.gov>.

National Flood Insurance Program

Any coastal community listed by the Federal Insurance Administration in its most current National Flood Insurance Program Community Status Book as being a community that is not participating in the Flood Insurance Program will not be eligible for any §306A projects that include the acquisition or construction of buildings in special flood hazard areas shown on Flood Hazard Boundary and Flood Insurance Rate maps.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act

Projects proposed for funding under §306A must conform to the requirements of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA). Federal funds may only be used for a project located on undeveloped coastal barriers designated in the CBRA system if the project minimizes: (1) the loss of human life, (2) wasteful expenditure of federal revenues, and (3) damage to fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. To determine if a project site is within a designated CBRA unit, please refer to the Coastal Barrier Resource System maps at <http://www.fws.gov/cbra/Maps/index.html>.

Endangered Species Act

If a proposed project may have minor and temporary effects on threatened or endangered species or critical habitat as defined by the Endangered Species Act, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must informally consult with the relevant federal agencies, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The project may require an Endangered Species Act §7 consultation with USFWS or NMFS if the proposed project has the potential to significantly affect threatened or endangered species or critical habitat. NOAA will not approve a proposed project that the USFWS or NMFS has determined will adversely and significantly affect threatened or endangered species or critical habitat. To request assistance in determining if a project will affect threatened or endangered species or critical habitat, please contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program at (512) 912-7021.

I. National Environmental Policy Act

NOAA conducts environmental compliance reviews for §306A projects to ensure the proposed actions do not adversely impact the environment. Projects that cost more than \$100,000 (in total project cost) or that may significantly affect the environment may not be eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act. Projects that have a significant adverse affect on the environment are not eligible for a categorical exclusion.

NOTE: Any §306A project over \$100,000 is more likely to require an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Clean Coast Texas (Formally the Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program)

Best management practices (BMPs) and low impact development (LID) techniques that conform to the goals and objectives of Clean Coast Texas, formally known as the Texas Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program must be employed at §306A project sites. Information on Clean Coast Texas is available at <https://cleancoast.texas.gov>.

For construction projects, applicants are highly encouraged to use green infrastructure and LID techniques, such as bio-swales, rain harvesting, and rain gardens, to reduce the amount of runoff leaving a site. Pervious or porous paving surfaces should be considered as an alternative to conventional impervious pavement (concrete or asphalt). Information on alternative methods is available at <http://txcoastalbmp.org/> and <https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure>.

Any references to specific web sites, products, or types of products are for general informational purposes only and do not constitute an endorsement of any product or provider. Users are cautioned to conduct an independent investigation of available products and determine the suitability for project needs.

Environmental Justice

§306A projects may not have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations.

§306A REQUIRED FORMS

Applicants applying for §306A funds must complete and submit the forms listed below. **These forms are required as part of the final application and must be submitted by the application deadline.**

Attorney Title Opinion

Applicants must obtain an Attorney Title Opinion for each property proposed for construction or acquisition. The Attorney Title Opinion must be signed within the 90 days preceding the final application submission date. If easements or other encumbrances exist on the property, the Attorney Title Opinion must list and explain the easements or encumbrances and submit a copy of the deed, easement, and/or other applicable documentation with the final application.

§306A Questionnaire

Applicants must complete and submit the §306A Project Questionnaire to verify project eligibility for CMP funding. Applicants must provide information related to compliance with federal requirements, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, the National Flood Insurance Program, the CBRA, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and Clean Coast Texas. If a project is selected for funding, the Texas General Land Office will submit necessary documentation to the State Historic Preservation Office for review.

U.S. Geological Survey Map

Applicants must submit a U.S. Geological Survey 1:24,000-scale quadrangle map (7.5-minute series) with latitude and longitude coordinates (degrees/minutes/seconds). The map must specifically identify the project location and provide the project's latitude and longitude coordinates.

Project Site Plan

Applicants must submit an aerial photograph or drawing of the project site that depicts property and/or easement lines and existing and proposed components of the project.

Photos of the Proposed Project Site

If applicable, applicants should submit photos of the proposed project site that accurately depict the current conditions of the property and identify the location of the proposed construction.

Certificate of Consistency

Applicants must submit the Certificate of Consistency certifying that the proposed project is consistent with CMP goals and policies as approved by NOAA. The Certificate of Consistency must be signed by the entity's authorizing official.

APPENDIX B
COASTAL COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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APPENDIX C
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APPENDIX D
COASTAL NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS
(AS DEFINED IN THE COASTAL COORDINATION ACT)

Coastal barrier - An undeveloped area on a barrier island, peninsula, or other protected area, as designated by United States Fish and Wildlife Service maps.

Coastal historic area - A site that is specially identified in rules adopted by the Texas Historical Commission as being coastal in character and that is:

- (a) a site on the National Register of Historic Places, designated under 16 United States Code §470a and 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 63, Chapter, 1; or
- (b) a state archaeological landmark, as defined by Texas Natural Resources Code, Subchapter D, Chapter 191.

Coastal preserve - Any land, including a park or wildlife management area, that is owned by the state and that is subject to Chapter 26, Parks and Wildlife Code, because it is a park, recreation area, scientific area, wildlife refuge, or historic site; and designated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission as being coastal in character.

Coastal shore area - An area within 100 feet landward of the high water mark on submerged land.

Coastal wetlands - Wetlands, as the term is defined by Texas Water Code §1.052, located:

- (a) seaward of the Coastal Facility Designation Line, established by rules adopted under Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapter 40;
- (b) within rivers and streams to the extent of tidal influence, as shown on the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's stream segment maps and described as follows:
 - (i) Arroyo Colorado from FM Road 1847 to a point 100 meters (110 yards) downstream of Cemetery Road south of the Port of Harlingen in Cameron County;
 - (ii) Nueces River from U.S. Highway 77 to the Calallen Dam 1.7 kilometers (1.1 miles) upstream of U.S. Highway 77 in Nueces/San Patricio County;
 - (iii) Guadalupe River from State Highway 35 to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Salt Water Barrier at 0.7 kilometers (0.4 miles) downstream of the confluence with the San Antonio River in Calhoun/Refugio County;
- (iv) Lavaca River from FM Road 616 to a point 8.6 kilometers (5.3 miles) downstream of US Highway 59 in Jackson County;
- (v) Navidad River from FM Road 616 to Palmetto Bend Dam in Jackson County;

- (vi) Tres Palacios Creek from FM Road 521 to a point 0.6 kilometer (0.4 mile) upstream of the confluence with Wilson Creek in Matagorda County;
 - (vii) Colorado River from FM Road 521 to a point 2.1 kilometers (1.3 miles) downstream of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad in Matagorda County;
 - (viii) San Bernard River from FM Road 521 to a point 3.2 kilometers (2.0 miles) upstream of State Highway 35 in Brazoria County;
 - (ix) Chocolate Bayou from FM Road 2004 to a point 4.2 kilometers (2.6 miles) downstream of State Highway 35 in Brazoria County;
 - (x) Clear Creek from Interstate Highway 45 to a point 100 meters (110 yards) upstream of FM Road 528 in Galveston/Harris County;
 - (xi) Buffalo Bayou (Houston Ship Channel) from Interstate Highway 610 to a point 400 meters (440 yards) upstream of Shepherd Drive in Harris County;
 - (xii) San Jacinto River from Interstate Highway 10 upstream to the Lake Houston dam in Harris County;
 - (xiii) Cedar Bayou from Interstate Highway 10 to a point 2.2 kilometers (1.4 miles) upstream of Interstate Highway 10 in Chambers/Harris County;
 - (xiv) Trinity River from Interstate Highway 10 to a point 3.1 kilometers (1.9 miles) downstream of U.S. 90 in Liberty County;
 - (xv) Neches River from Interstate Highway 10 to a point 11.3 kilometers (7.0 miles) upstream of Interstate Highway 10 in Orange County;
 - (xvi) Sabine River from Interstate Highway 10 upstream to Morgan Bluff in Orange County; or
- (c) within one mile of the mean high tide line of the portion of rivers and streams described by subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, except for the Trinity and Neches rivers.
- (i) For the portion of the Trinity River described by subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, coastal wetlands include those wetlands located between the mean high tide line on the western shoreline of that portion of the river and FM Road 565 and FM Road 1409 or located between the mean high tide line on the eastern shoreline of that portion of the river and FM Road 563.

- (ii) For the portion of the Neches River described by subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, coastal wetlands include those wetlands located within one mile of the mean high tide line of the western shoreline of that portion of the river or located between the mean high tide line on the eastern shoreline of that portion of the river and FM Road 105.

Critical dune area - A protected sand dune complex on the Gulf shoreline within 1,000 feet of mean high tide designated by the land commissioner under Texas Natural Resources Code §63.121.

Critical erosion area - An area designated by the land commissioner under Texas Natural Resources Code §33.601(b).

Gulf beach - A beach bordering the Gulf of Mexico that is:

- (a) located inland from the mean low tide line to the natural line of vegetation bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico; or
- (b) part of a contiguous beach area to which the public has a right of use or easement:
 - (i) continuously held by the public; or
 - (ii) acquired by the public by prescription, dedication, or estoppel.

Hard substrate reef - A naturally occurring hard substrate formation, including a rock outcrop or serpulid worm reef, living or dead, in an intertidal or subtidal area.

Oyster reef - A natural or artificial formation that is:

- (a) composed of oyster shell, live oysters, and other living or dead organisms;
- (b) discrete, contiguous, and clearly distinguishable from scattered oyster shell or oysters; and
- (c) located in an intertidal or subtidal area.

Special hazard area - An area designated under 42 United States Code Annotated, §4001 et seq., as having special flood, mudslide or mudflow, or flood-related erosion hazards and shown on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map as Zone A, AO, A1-30, AE, A99, AH, VO, V1-30, VE, V, M, or E.

Submerged land - Land located under waters under tidal influence or under waters of the open Gulf of Mexico, without regard to whether the land is owned by the state or a person other than the state.

Submerged aquatic vegetation - Rooted aquatic vegetation growing in permanently inundated areas in estuarine and marine systems.

Tidal sand or mud flat - A silt, clay, or sand substrate, without regard to whether it is vegetated by algal mats, that occurs in intertidal areas and that are regularly or intermittently exposed and flooded by tides, including tides induced by weather.

Water of the open Gulf of Mexico - Water in this state, as defined by Texas Water Code §26.001(5), that is part of the open water of the Gulf of Mexico and that is within the territorial limits of the state.

Water under tidal influence - Water in this state, as defined by Texas Water Code §26.001(5), that is subject to tidal influence according to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's stream segment map. The term includes coastal wetlands.

APPENDIX E
TEXAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
GOALS AND POLICIES

GOALS

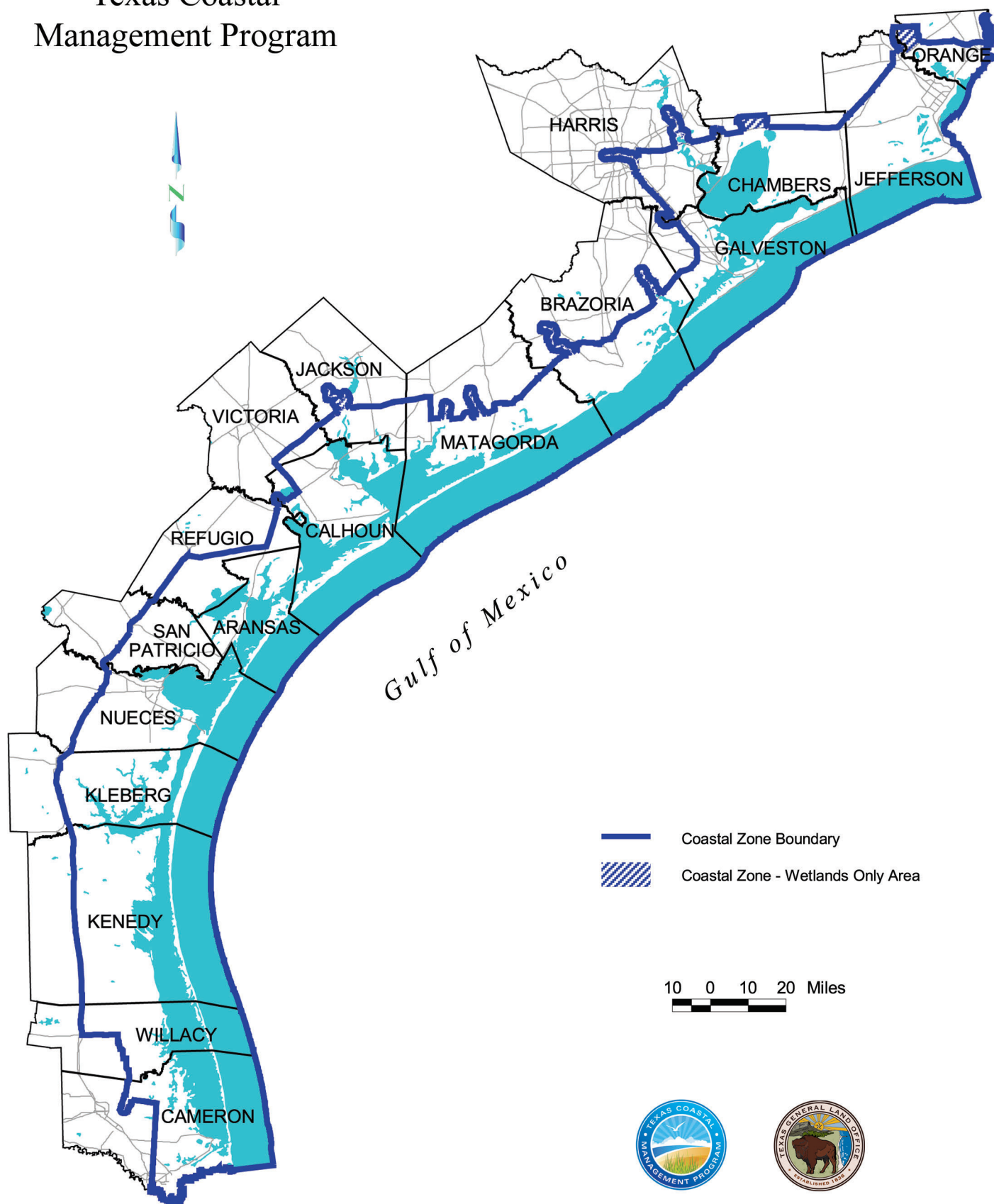
- To protect, preserve, restore, and enhance the diversity, quality, quantity, functions, and values of coastal natural resource areas;
- To ensure sound management of all coastal resources by allowing for compatible economic development and multiple human uses of the coastal zone;
- To minimize loss of human life and property due to the impairment and loss of protective features of coastal natural resource areas;
- To ensure and enhance planned public access to and enjoyment of the coastal zone in a manner that is compatible with private property rights and other uses of the coastal zone;
- To balance the benefits from economic development and multiple human uses of the coastal zone, the benefits from protecting, preserving, restoring, and enhancing coastal natural resource areas, the benefits from minimizing loss of human life and property, and the benefits from public access to and enjoyment of the coastal zone;
- To coordinate agency and subdivision decision-making affecting coastal natural resource areas by establishing clear, objective policies for the management of coastal natural resource areas;
- To make agency and subdivision decision-making affecting coastal natural resource areas efficient by identifying and addressing duplication and conflicts among local, state, and federal regulatory and other programs for the management of coastal natural resource areas;
- To make agency and subdivision decision-making affecting coastal natural resource areas more effective by employing the most comprehensive, accurate, and reliable information and scientific data available and by developing, distributing for public comment, and maintaining a coordinated, publicly accessible geographic information system of maps of the coastal zone and coastal natural resource areas at the earliest possible date;
- To make coastal management processes visible, coherent, accessible, and accountable to the people of Texas by providing for public participation in the ongoing development and implementation of the Texas Coastal Management Program; and
- To educate the public about the principal coastal problems of state concern and technology available for the protection and improved management of coastal natural resource areas.

POLICIES

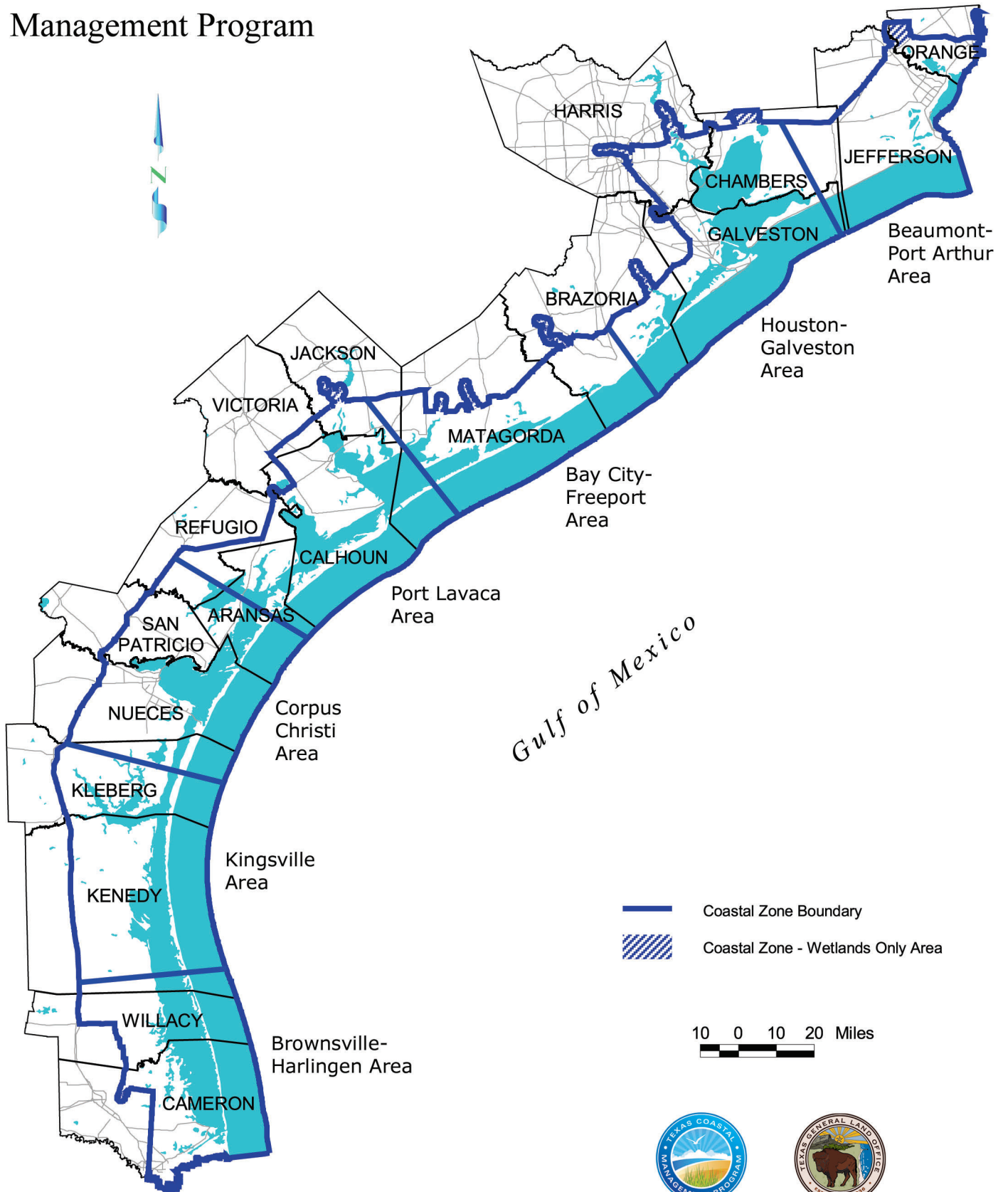
- §501.15 Policy for Major Actions
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- §501.19 Policies for Construction and Operation of Solid Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities
- §501.20 Policies for Prevention, Response and Remediation of Oil Spills
- §501.21 Policies for Discharge of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater to Coastal Waters
- §501.22 Policies for Nonpoint Source Water Pollution
- §501.23 Policies for Development in Critical Areas
- §501.24 Policies for Construction of Waterfront Facilities and Other Structures on Submerged Lands
- §501.25 Policies for Dredging and Dredged Material Disposal and Placement
- §501.26 Policies for Construction in the Beach/Dune System
- §501.27 Policies for Development in Coastal Hazard Areas
- §501.28 Policies for Development Within Coastal Barrier Resource System Units and Otherwise Protected Areas on Coastal Barriers
- §501.29 Policies for Development in State Parks, Wildlife Management Areas or Preserves
- §501.30 Policies for Alteration of Coastal Historic Areas
- §501.31 Policies for Transportation Projects
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- §501.34 Policies for Levee and Flood Control Projects

APPENDIX F

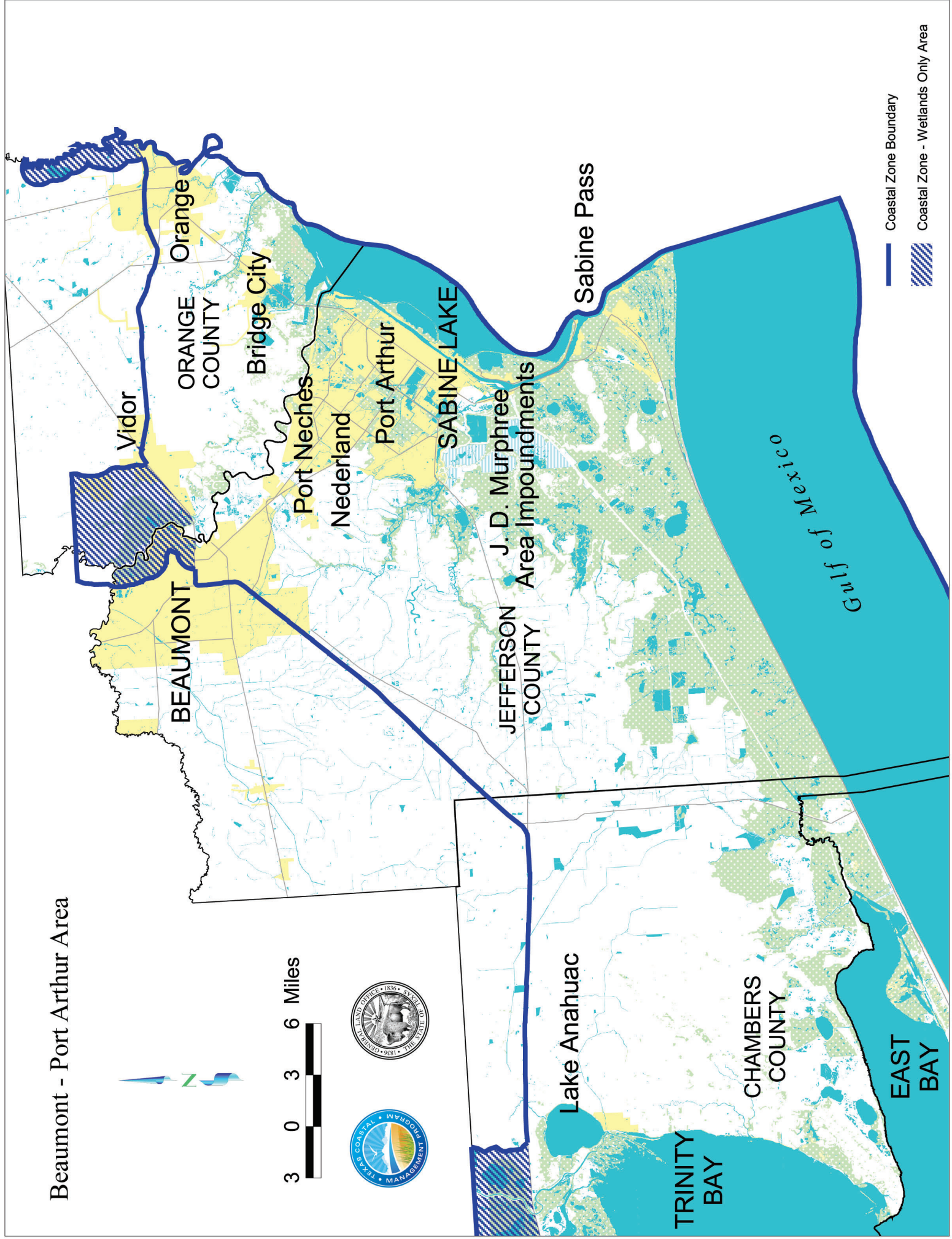
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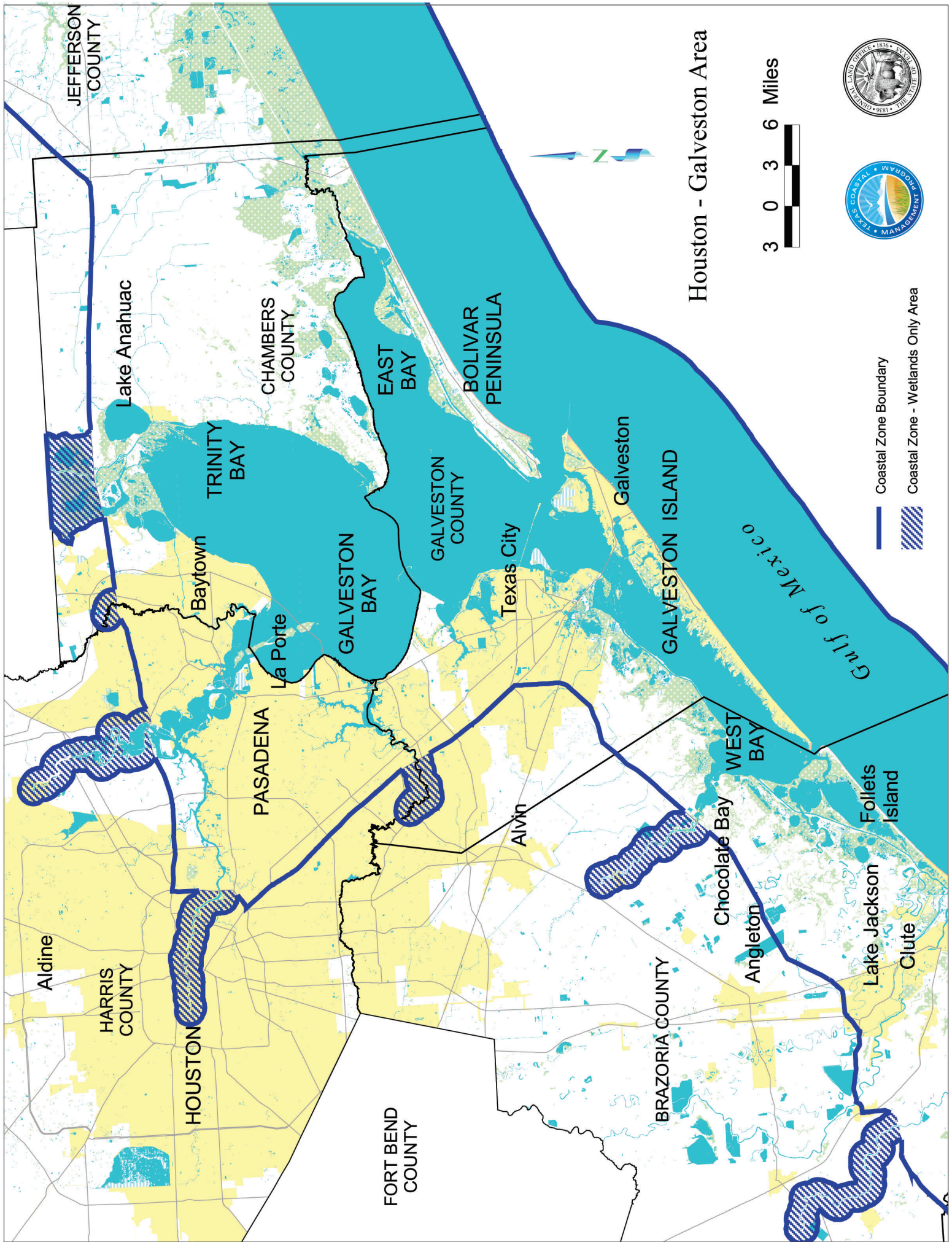


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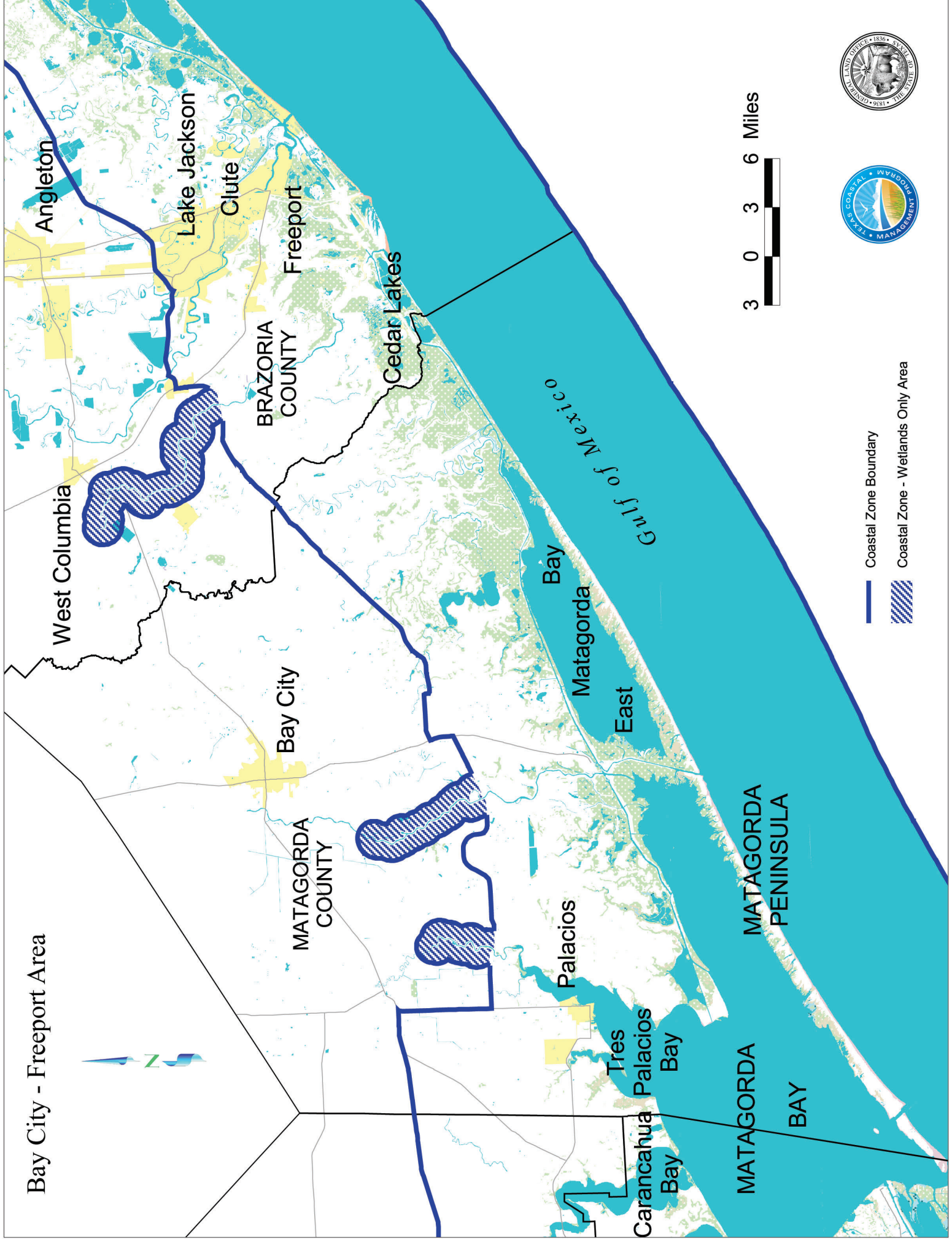




Houston - Galveston Area



-  Coastal Zone Boundary
-  Coastal Zone - Wetlands Only Area



Bay City - Freeport Area

Angleton

West Columbia

Lake Jackson

Clute

Freeport

BRAZORIA
COUNTY

Cedar Lakes

Bay City

MATAGORDA
COUNTY

Palacios

Tres

Carancahua
Bay

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Bay

Matagorda
Bay

Gulf of Mexico

MATAGORDA
PENINSULA

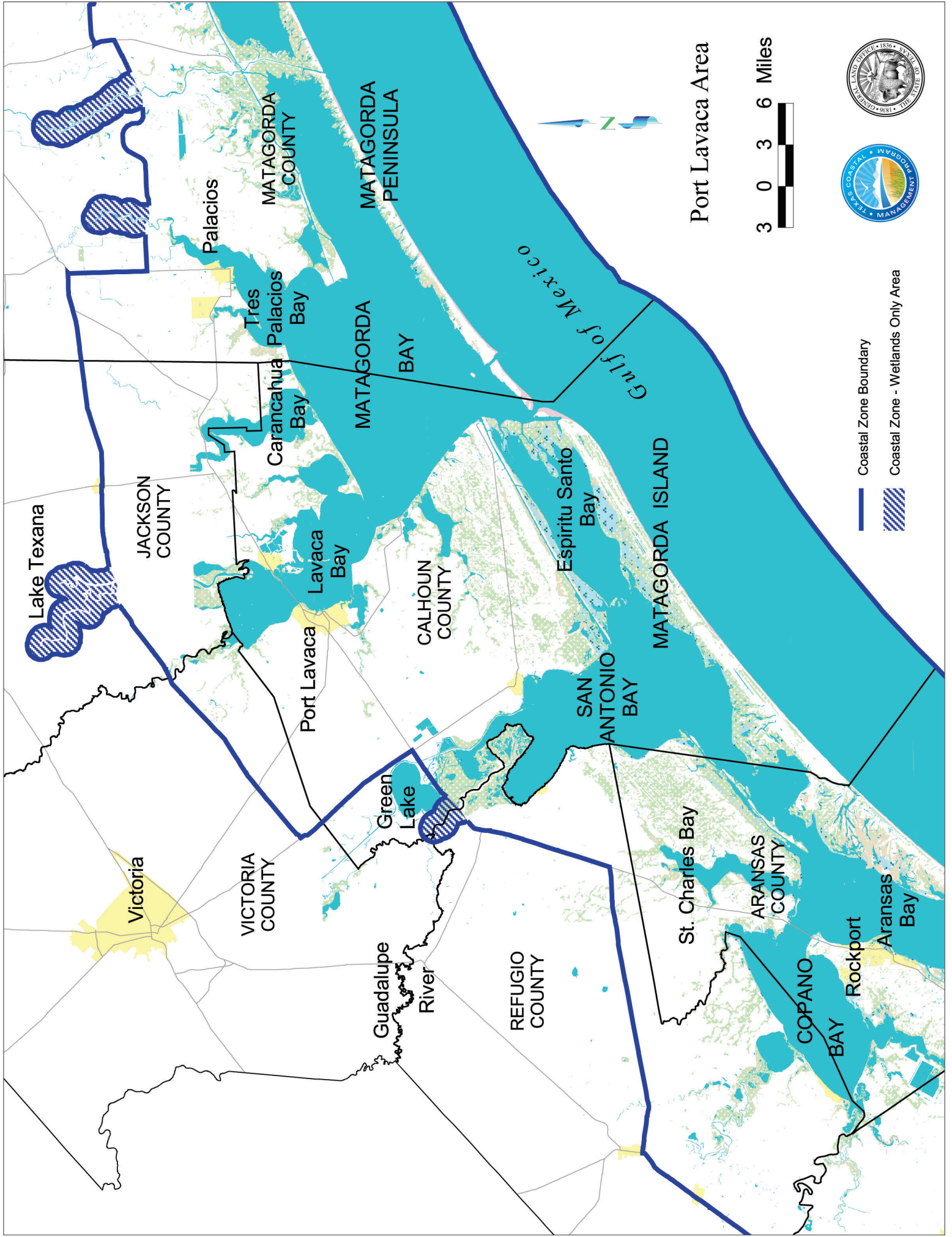
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Coastal Zone Boundary

Coastal Zone - Wetlands Only Area

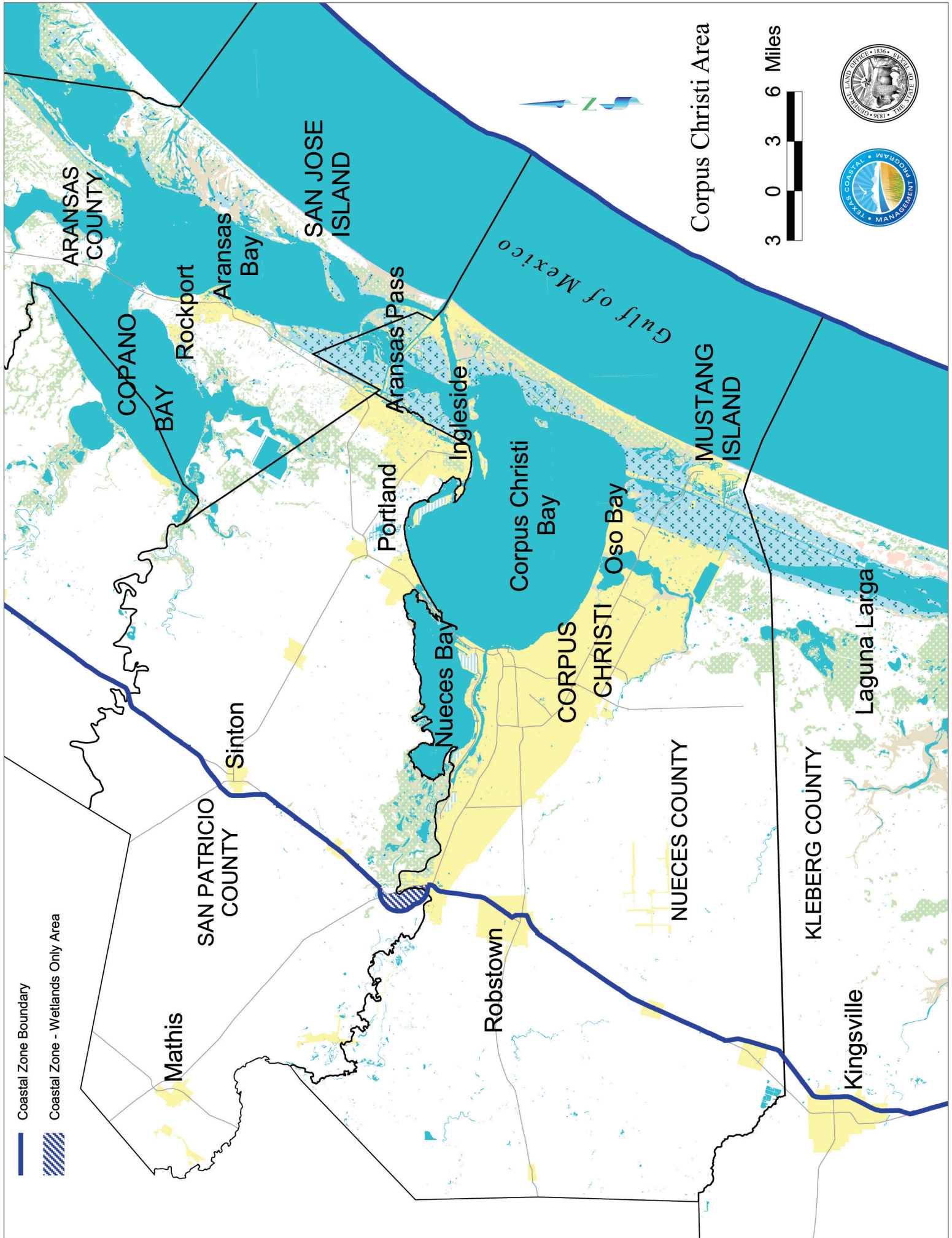


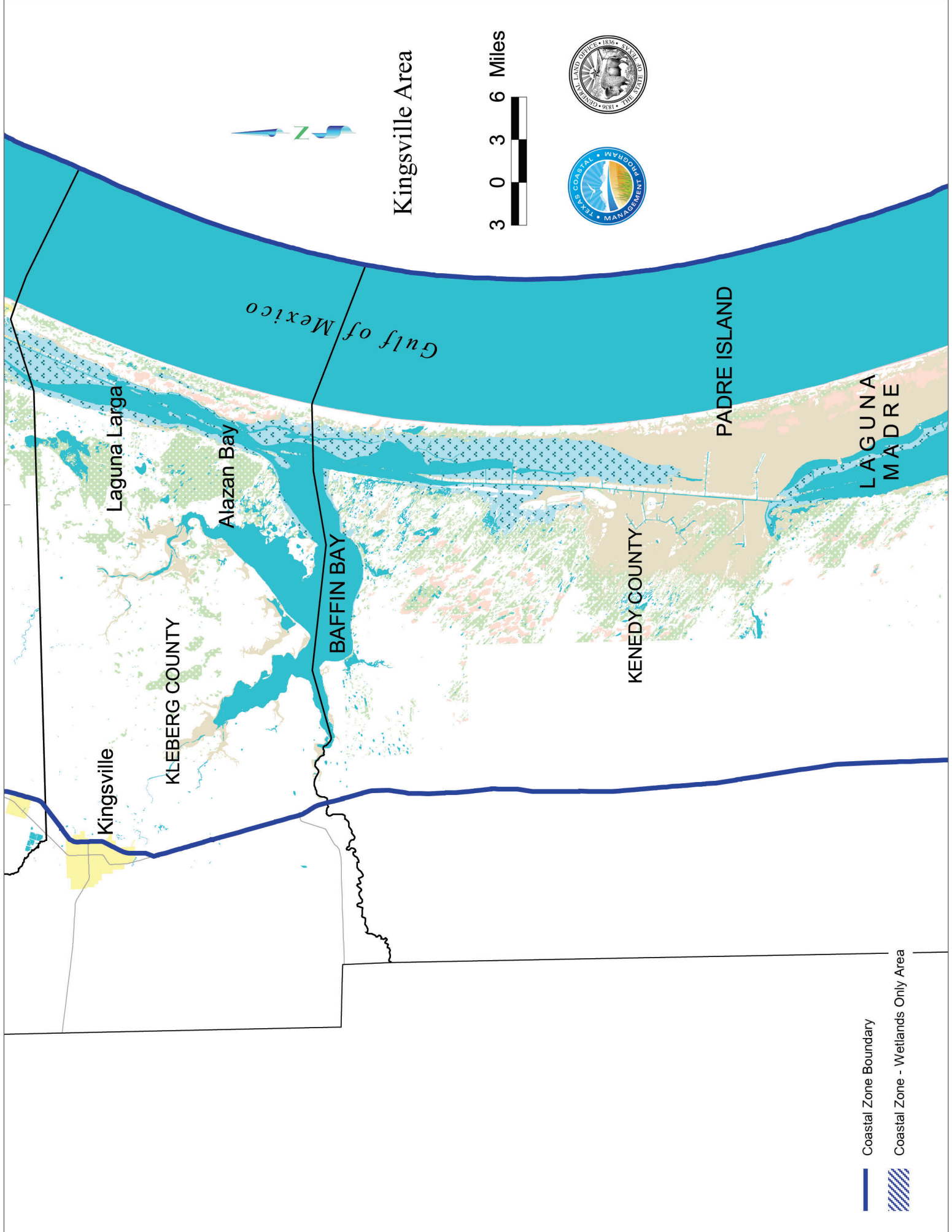


Port Lavaca Area



- Coastal Zone Boundary
- ▨ Coastal Zone - Wetlands Only Area





Coastal Zone Boundary

Coastal Zone - Wetlands Only Area

Kingsville Area

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Gulf of Mexico

Laguna Larga

Alazan Bay

BAFFIN BAY

KLEBERG COUNTY

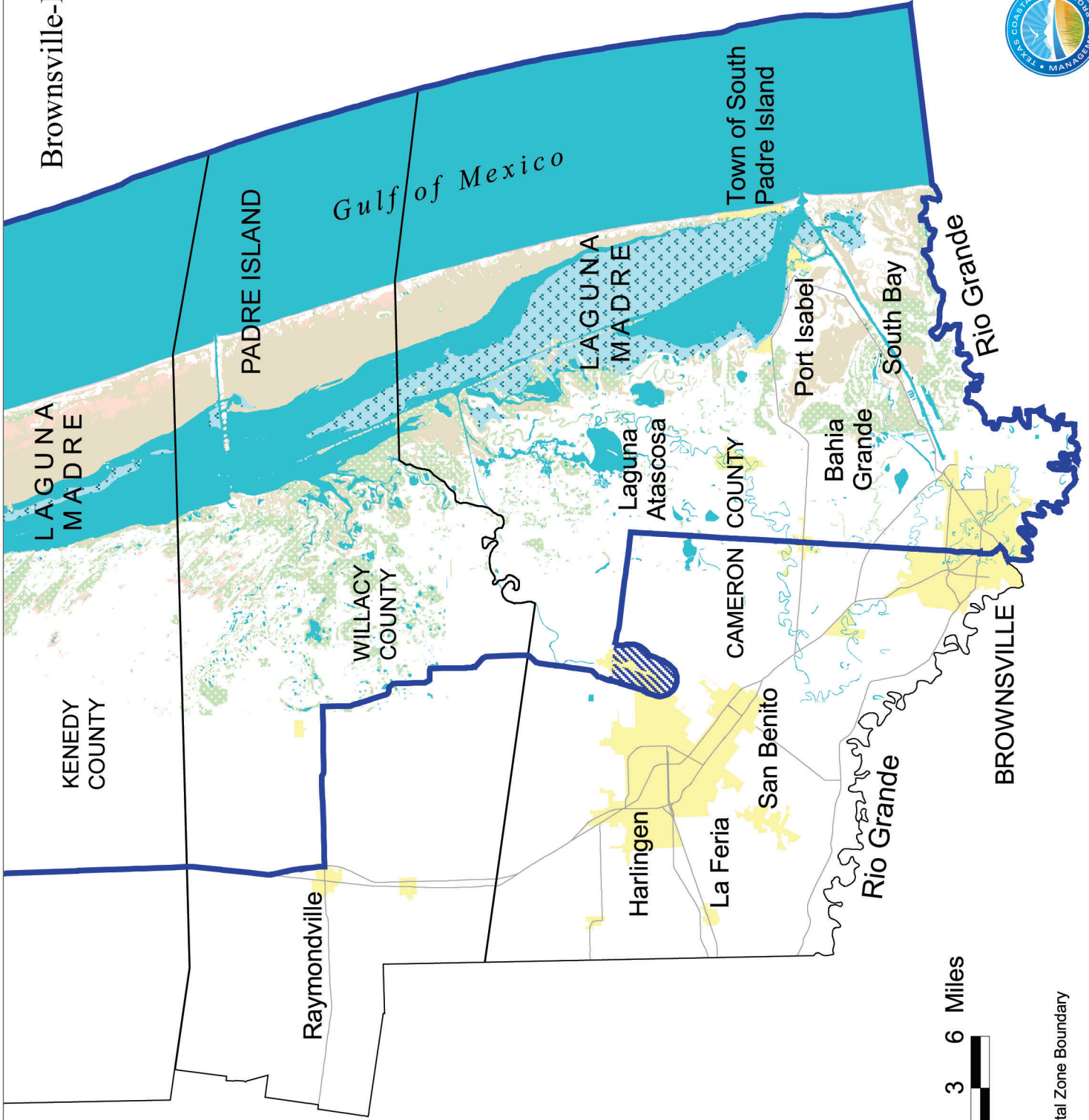
Kingsville

KENEDY COUNTY

PADRE ISLAND

L A G U N A
M A D R E

Brownsville-Harlingen Area



- Coastal Zone Boundary
- Coastal Zone - Wetlands Only Area



APPENDIX G
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
DATA SHARING PLAN

Example of Data Sharing Plan

1. Types of environmental and geospatial data and/or information to be created during the project: LiDAR data will be collected over Asateague Island to provide highly accurate and current elevation points and enable the creation of a digital elevation model (DEM). The DEM will be compared to previous models to determine changes then utilized to develop safer and more resilient park facilities.
2. Data collection method(s) (e.g., flight lines): A private photogrammetric firm will acquire airborne data over the study area.
3. Tentative date by which data will be shared: The “raw” point cloud LAS file will be shared with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Cooperative Science Center (CSC) immediately. The final DEM file will be posted to the State’s public-facing web mapping service within two months of the final acceptance of the data. Metadata that complies with the Federal Geographic Data Committee’s Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata will be posted with the data.
4. Standards to be used for data/metadata format and content: The contractor will be responsible for meeting or exceeding the latest version of the U.S. Geological Survey/National Digital Elevation Program LiDAR Standard.
5. Policies addressing data stewardship and preservation: The data will be available via (insert name) web site for at least three years. During that time, (name of entity) will contact NOAA to determine NOAA’s level of interest and available resources for archiving the data. (Name of entity) will work with NOAA, as needed. If NOAA does not have interest in archiving the data to provide for national access, (name of entity) will arrange for data preservation at the State Archives.
6. Procedures for providing access to data and prior experience in publishing such data: (Name of entity) does not have prior experience in data sharing. (Name of entity) will use ___ the State Clearinghouse or ___ the Geographic Information System Inventory to document the data. (Name of entity) will work with ___ the State Geographic Information System Coordination Office or ___ NOAA CSC to provide data access via the Digital Coast.

**APPENDIX H
TEXAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT HISTORY**

Texas Coastal Management Program Grant Dollars Awarded by County*

	Cycles 1 - 22**	Cycle 23	Cycle 24	Cycle 25	Cycle 26
Aransas	\$3,045,906.00	\$ 43,074.00	\$ 56,700.00	\$ -	\$ -
Brazoria	\$929,490.00	\$ 131,702.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Calhoun	\$1,511,875.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,280.00	\$ 193,535.00
Cameron	\$3,401,371.00	\$ 59,901.00	\$ 298,000.00	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 213,342.00
Chambers	\$927,339.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Galveston	\$5,660,293.00	\$ 255,852.00	\$ 99,818.00	\$ 539,856.00	\$ 220,000.00
Harris	\$3,016,225.00	\$ 455,373.00	\$ 199,519.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 178,000.00
Jackson	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,985.00
Jefferson	\$945,997.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Kenedy	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 99,966.00	\$ -	\$ -
Kleberg	\$757,138.00	\$ -	\$ 102,744.00	\$ -	\$ -
Matagorda	\$1,240,307.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,634.00
Nueces	\$4,999,143.00	\$ 249,542.00	\$ 298,849.00	\$ 648,307.00	\$ 62,500.00
Orange	\$409,067.00	\$ -	\$ 112,834.00	\$ -	\$ -
Refugio	\$361,979.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
San Patricio	\$730,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,981.00
Victoria	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Willacy	\$413,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Coastwide	\$3,393,164.00	\$ 459,907.00	\$ 186,816.00	\$ 327,466.00	\$ 99,713.00
Lower Coast	\$4,215,421.00	\$ 98,877.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Upper Coast	\$2,321,029.00	\$ -	\$ 299,347.00	\$ -	\$ 444,130.00
Total	\$38,279,544.00	\$ 1,754,228.00	\$ 1,754,593.00	\$ 2,075,909.00	\$ 1,676,820.00

*Amounts do not account for reductions in federal appropriations after Council/Commissioner approval, withdrawn projects, or projects funded with deobligated funds.

**Amounts for Cycles 1-22 are compiled to reflect successfully completed work.

Texas Coastal Management Program Dollars Awarded by Entity*

Entity	Cycle 1 - 22**		Cycle 23		Cycle 24		Cycle 25		Cycle 26		Total	
Local Gov'ts	\$ 13,396,331.00	35%	\$ 99,869.00	6%	\$ 397,519.00	23%	\$ 803,307.00	39%	\$ 240,000.00	14%	\$ 14,937,026.00	33%
Special Districts	\$ 2,525,648.00	7%	\$ -	0%	\$ -	0%	\$ -	0%	\$ -	0%	\$ 2,525,648.00	6%
Nonprofits	\$ 8,645,328.00	23%	\$ 395,214.00	23%	\$ 236,880.00	14%	\$ 494,202.00	24%	\$ 420,035.00	25%	\$ 10,191,659.00	22%
Universities	\$ 11,132,061.00	29%	\$ 1,067,443.00	61%	\$ 963,494.00	55%	\$ 572,120.00	28%	\$ 736,498.00	44%	\$ 14,471,616.00	32%
State Agencies	\$ 2,445,176.00	6%	\$ 60,000.00	3%	\$ -	0%	\$ -	0%	\$ 244,287.00	15%	\$ 2,749,463.00	6%
Regional Gov'ts	\$ 135,000.00	0%	\$ 131,702.00	8%	\$ 156,700.00	9%	\$ 206,280.00	10%	\$ 36,000.00	2%	\$ 665,682.00	1%
Total	\$ 38,279,544.00	100%	\$ 1,754,228.00	100%	\$ 1,754,593.00	100%	\$ 2,075,909.00	100%	\$ 1,676,820.00	100%	\$ 45,541,094.00	100%

Texas Coastal Management Program Grant Dollars Awarded by Funding Category*

Category	Cycles 1 - 22**		Cycle 23		Cycle 24		Cycle 25		Cycle 26		Total	
Data Collection	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 600,258.00		\$ 385,049.00		\$ 559,151.00		\$ 1,544,458.00	
Coastal Resource Protection & Enhancement	\$ 5,799,166.00		\$ 140,655.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 741,956.00		\$ 6,681,777.00	
Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control ****	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 312,618.00		\$ 82,273.00		\$ -		\$ 394,891.00	
Coastal Hazard and Resiliency Planning	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 543,717.00		\$ 499,000.00		\$ 99,713.00		\$ 1,142,430.00	
Critical Areas Enhancement ****	\$ 10,941,943.00		\$ 636,738.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 11,578,681.00	
Governmental Coordination / Permit Streamlining ****	\$ 260,000.00		\$ 99,969.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 359,969.00	
Public Access	\$ 5,359,955.00		\$ 100,000.00		\$ 298,000.00		\$ 1,109,587.00		\$ 276,000.00		\$ 7,143,542.00	
Water Sediment Quantity & Quality Improvements ****	\$ 2,870,524.00		\$ 776,866.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,647,390.00	
Discontinued Funding Categories ***	\$ 13,047,907.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 13,047,907.00	
Total	\$ 38,279,544.00		\$ 1,754,228.00		\$ 1,754,593.00		\$ 2,075,909.00		\$ 1,676,820.00		\$ 45,541,094.00	

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** Amounts for Cycles 1-22 are consolidated as these cycles are complete.

*** Funding categories change each grant cycle. Discontinued Funding Categories contains the following topics funded in Cycles 1 - 22: Information and Data Availability, Public Education and Outreach, Waterfront Revitalization and Ecotourism Development

**** No longer a funding category as of Cycle 25.

**APPENDIX H
TEXAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT OF SPECIAL MERIT HISTORY**

Project of Special Merit Grant Dollars Awarded by County*

	Cycle 25	Cycle 26
Aransas	\$ -	\$ -
Brazoria	\$ -	\$ -
Calhoun	\$ -	\$ -
Cameron	\$16,619.00	\$ -
Chambers	\$ -	\$ -
Galveston	\$1,650,000.00	\$ 1,792,293.00
Harris	\$ -	\$ -
Jackson	\$ -	\$ -
Jefferson	\$ -	\$ -
Kenedy	\$ -	\$ -
Kleberg	\$1,189,414.00	\$ -
Matagorda	\$ -	\$ 371,116.00
Nueces	\$253,307.00	\$ 1,911,384.00
Orange	\$ -	
Refugio	\$ -	\$ -
San Patricio	\$ -	\$ -
Victoria	\$ -	\$ -
Willacy	\$ -	\$ -
Coastwide	\$1,993,512.00	\$ 2,040,499.00
Lower Coast	\$ -	\$ 796,656.00
Upper Coast	\$ -	\$ 1,733,850.00
Total	\$5,102,852.00	\$ 8,645,798.00

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Project of Special Merit Dollars Awarded by Entity*

Entity	Cycle 25		Cycle 26		Total	
Local Gov'ts	\$ 253,307.00	4.96%	\$1,076,651.00	12.45%	\$ 1,329,958.00	9.67%
Special Districts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Nonprofits	\$ 1,650,000.00	32.33%	\$2,270,771.00	26.26%	\$ 3,920,771.00	28.52%
Universities	\$ 3,182,926.00	62.38%	\$4,583,376.00	53.01%	\$ 7,766,302.00	56.49%
State Agencies	\$ 16,619.00	0.33%	\$ 715,000.00	8.27%	\$ 731,619.00	5.32%
Regional Gov'ts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 5,102,852.00	100.00%	\$8,645,798.00	100.00%	\$13,748,650.00	100.00%

APPENDIX I
GOMESA AUTHORIZED USES

- Projects and activities for coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses;
- Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife or natural resources;
- Implementation of federal approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan;
- Mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through the funding of onshore infrastructure projects; and
- Planning assistance and administrative costs, not to exceed 3 percent of the amounts received.



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