

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Coastal Management Program Grant



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Grant Overview

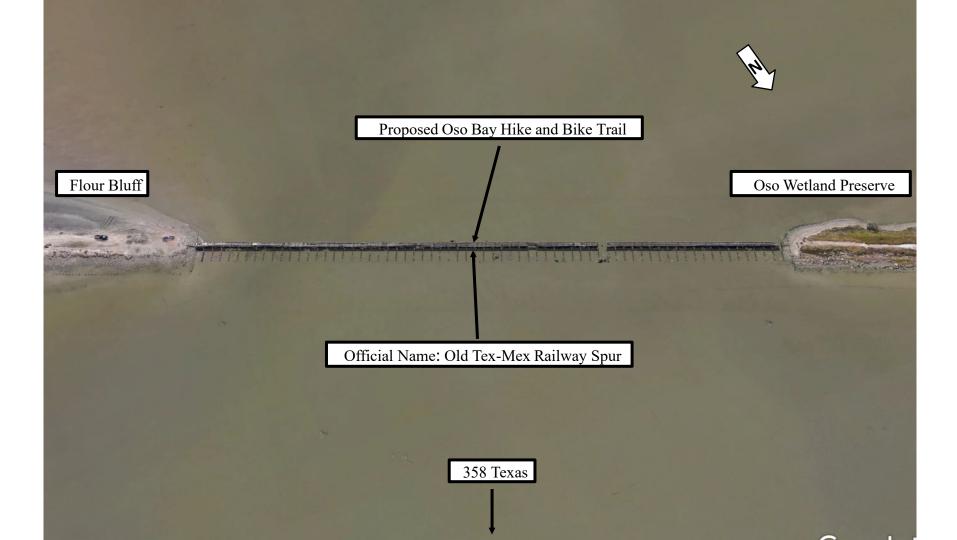
- Coastal Management Program Grant from the Texas General Land Office
- Grant Amount: \$175,000 for Phase 1 of Oso Bay Hike and Bike Trail Project
- Requires \$117,060 in-kind match from the Parks and Recreation Department

Project Overview

- Create an ADA accessible hike and bike trail from Flour Bluff to Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve
- Repurpose route along the Old Tex-Mex railway spur for hike and bike trail
- Hike and bike trail would provide non-motorized access for hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing, and kayak launching
- Currently, the area is negatively impacted by illegal dumping/illegal fires and the existing road to the trestle has not been maintained







Phase 1 of Project

- Completion of a feasibility/structural engineering assessment of the existing Old Tex-Mex railway spur
 - Confirm project can be completed over the old trestle bridge
- Develop a Master Plan
- Phase 1 estimated cost: \$175,000
- Phase 1 needs to be completed to determine total project cost

Planning Process

- Current 10-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan highlights hike and bike trails as a recreational priority for Corpus Christi residents
- Hike and bike trails and additional public access to outdoor recreation areas in Flour Bluff also a priority in survey results collected during the Master Planning process
- Useable recreational space for the public would enhance public access for recreation and reduce public safety issues
- Potential to elevate the Flour Bluff community into regionally recognized outdoor destination for recreationists and environmental stewardship

Recommendation

Staff recommends the acceptance of the Coastal Management Program Grant, as presented