

State of Texas

Texas Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Project Design Fund Phase 1

Texas proposes the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material (BUDM) Project Design Phase I to provide funding for advance planning for three proposed BUDM projects: (1) Marsh Restoration in the Nelda Stark Unit of TPWD's Lower Neches Wildlife Management Area (WMA) within the Sabine Lake-Neches River Watershed; (2) Marsh Restoration in the Salt Bayou Unit of the J.D. Murphree WMA in the Salt Bayou Watershed; and (3) Marsh Restoration in Pierce Marsh on West Bay in the Galveston Bay Estuary. Texas has a history of successful BUDM projects. Cooperative agreements among Texas natural resource agencies and the USACE are in place through the Texas Coastal Management Program. Good working relationships exist between those agencies, federal natural resource agencies, local governments and the nongovernmental organization (NGO) community. The funding of project design to generate shovel-ready projects will greatly enhance the ongoing shared goal of a thriving and resilient Gulf coastal shoreline. Requested funding amount: \$968,000.