



## **MATAGORDA BAY MITIGATION TRUST**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **MATAGORDA BAY MITIGATION TRUST ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR TWELVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS**

On September 1, 2021 the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust published a Request for Proposals for coastal environmental projects in five categories: habitat restoration, environmental research, public education, improving public access, and youth camps. In response to the published advertisements a total of 37 proposals, from 20 entities, totaling 11.2 million dollars were received.

Today, Steven Raabe, Trustee of the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust, announces that twelve projects, from eight entities, totaling nearly 3.3 million dollars have been approved for funding.

“It is so exciting to see the level of interest in the Matagorda and San Antonio Bay environment demonstrated by researchers, educators and others wanting to study, restore and improve this incredible part of the Texas coast,” Raabe stated. “The Award Committee worked hard in carefully evaluating the proposals and submitting their recommendations for funding. We are very pleased with this latest round of projects,” he added.

The projects being funded, by category, are:

#### **Habitat Restoration (Five projects totaling \$1,236,129)**

Restoring Oyster Reef Habitat in Tres Palacios Bay and Developing Best Practices for Future Restoration, \$399,816, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Saving the Integrity of Keller Bay and Sandpoint Peninsula, \$394,313, Texas A&M AgriLife, Texas A&M University

Coastal Aquatic Plant Nursery and Restoration Outreach, \$265,000, Matagorda Bay Foundation

Enhancing Environmental Response, Conservation, and Education Opportunities in the Matagorda Bay Ecosystem, \$62,000, Matagorda Bay Foundation

Habitat Restoration of the Hog and Schwing Bayou Preserve, Calhoun County, TX, \$115,000, Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust

**Environmental Research (Four projects totaling \$1,599,673)**

Sediment Quality Assessment Survey of Lavaca and Matagorda Bays, \$400,000, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Lavaca Bay Ecosystem Assessment: Gathering Key Baseline Data Among Nursery Habitats Spread Across a Pollution Gradient, \$399,776, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Trophic Linkages and Habitat Connectivity of Popular Sportfish in the Matagorda Bay System, \$399,932, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Assessing the Threat of Tire Leachate and Urban Runoff on Matagorda Bay Fish Populations, \$399,965, University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute

**Public Education (One project totaling \$223,650):**

Coastal Explorers Middle School Curriculum, \$223,650, Calhoun County Independent School District

**Improving Public Access (One project totaling \$141,000):**

Hog Bayou Park Improvements, \$141,000, Calhoun County

**Youth Camps (One project totaling \$91,200):**

Matagorda Mañana Floating Classroom, \$91,200, Texas Floating Classroom

The effective time frame of these projects ranges from 6 to 36 months.

“The significance of these projects to the environmental health of the bay area cannot be overstated. These projects will serve this community – and our state – well,” Raabe stated.

Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust was funded as a result of the settlement of a Clean Water Act lawsuit, San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper and S. Diane Wilson v. Formosa. The

settlement called for, among other things, the establishment of the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust with funding provided by Formosa in the amount of \$50 million over a five-year period. The mission of the Trust is to support and fund environmental mitigation projects, studies, and initiatives in the Matagorda Bay and San Antonio Bay ecosystems.

For further information visit the trust's website at [www.MBMTrust.com](http://www.MBMTrust.com).

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