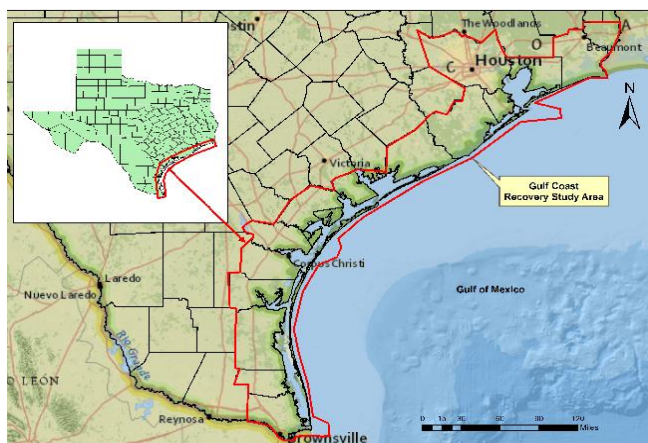


Texas Coastal Studies

Overview

The Southwestern Division (SWD) Ecosystem Restoration program encompasses an array of habitats that extend from freshwater wetlands from upper Texas panhandle, Oklahoma, portions of Kansas, Missouri and down to the Texas Gulf Coast. There is currently a proposal to develop a series of projects, the “Coastal Texas Ecosystem Protection and Restoration” that would extend from Brownsville up to Beaumont along the coast. This project would cover an 18 county region home to 26% of the state’s 25 million which includes, four of the Nation’s top ten deep draft ports, two-thirds of the Nation’s petrochemical industry, and seven major estuaries. These will be multifunctional not only enhancing ecosystem restoration but also reducing hurricane, flood, and other types of storm damages. Studies for these projects are estimated at \$3,000,000 entailing a comprehensive study to identify a long-term plan to reduce significant risk and damages to public safety, property, and environmental resources from storms and erosion.



Mission

Since 1986, the Corps has received increased authority to implement ecosystem restoration projects and the number of implemented projects have increased dramatically in the last decade.

These projects range in size from a few acres to several thousand acres, such as the Everglades. A wide variety of ecosystems and habitat types are involved and Ecosystem Restoration techniques are used as the problems are addressed. For more information, please contact the Ecosystem Business Line manager at 469-487-7104. Useful web-link: <http://cw.environment.usace.army.mil/restoration.cfm>, <http://www.restorethegulf.gov/task-force/about-task-force/about-task-force>.