

## **US Department of Agriculture**

### **Texas Coast Migratory and Shore Bird Habitat Restoration**

This USDA proposal seeks \$15,213,200.00 million from Restore Act funds to support a highly coordinated and leveraged effort with partners to restore and enhance migratory and shore bird habitat restoration along the 621 miles of Texas Coast through habitat restoration on private lands. Requested funds will be leveraged with \$17,781,522.00 million from agency and partner funds to provide for a \$32,994,722.00 million total project cost over 5 years. The expanse of area empties into 8 major significant bays and estuaries along the Gulf of Mexico coastline. It is anticipated that implementing an initiative on this scale will benefit Coastal Texas by providing landowner education, practice implementation, and direct on farm and ranch results and ecotourism that will have a positive impact on habitat restoration and enhancement for migratory and shore birds with added benefit to resident bird species, community resilience, improved water quality and quantity and overall ecosystem health. The Primary Goal will be to Restore/Enhance and Conserve Habitat along the Texas Gulf Coast through a leveraged, partnership effort with private landowners, local organizations, as well as state and federal agencies. Secondary positive effects will be in water quality and economic avenues involving recreational activities. These actions will also assist in providing habitat for several federal and state listed threatened and endangered species and resident bird species. Requested funding amount: \$15,213,200.