



Oceans &
Wildlife
Institute

Advancing Wildlife Resiliency.

Building the Future of North Beach

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Tourism

**Policy
Advancement**

**Workforce
Development**

**Translational
Research**

Wildlife Rescue



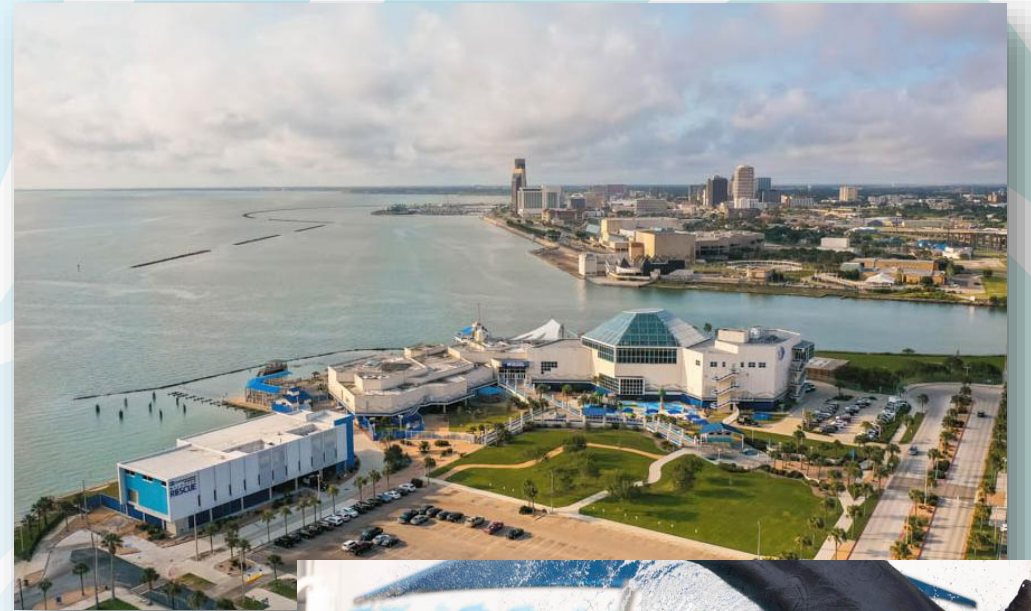
**Professional
Development**

01.

Texas State
Aquarium

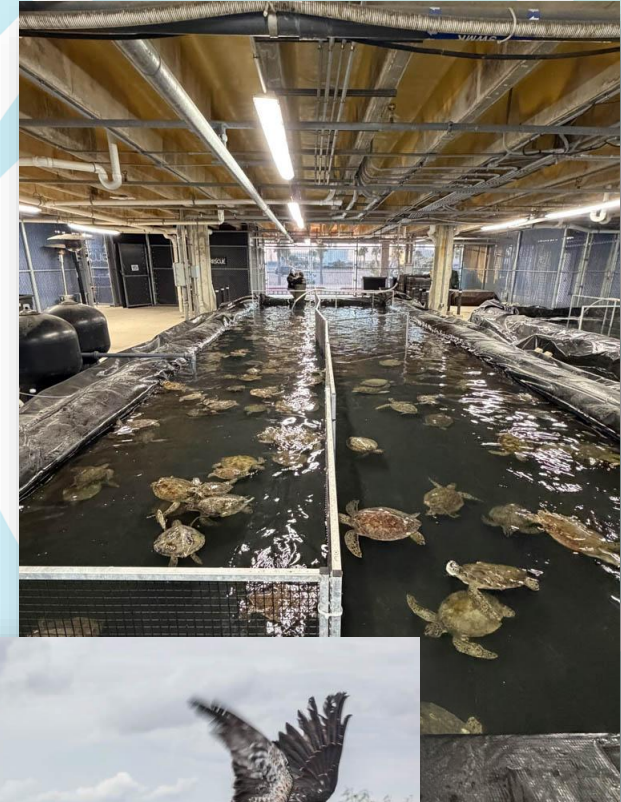
TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM.

- Official aquarium of Texas
- 3rd Best Aquarium in North America
- South Texas' most visited attraction
- Over 500,000 visitors annually



02. Oceans & Wildlife Institute

- Intensive care facilities for dolphins, manatees, mountain lions, black bears, ocelots, sea turtles, and birds
- Can house over 3,000 aquatic animals simultaneously
- Since 2005, more than 5,200 animals returned to Texas habitats

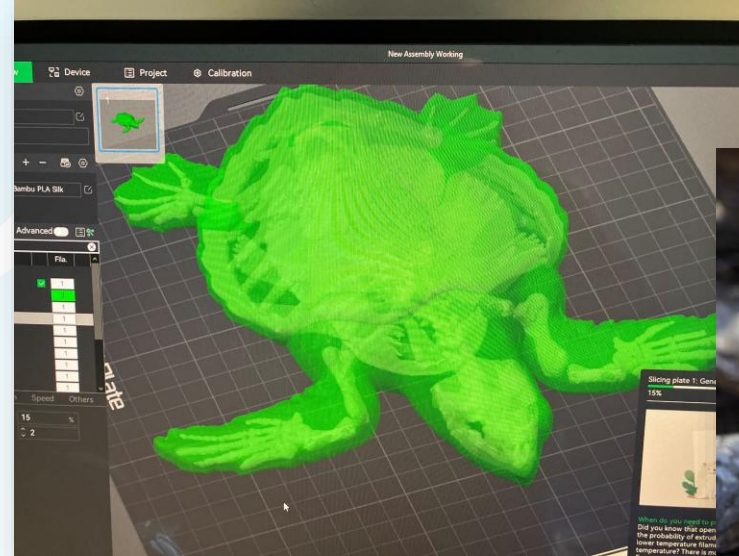




Wildlife Research Center

- **Collaboration with state & federal agencies, academia, NGOs, and industry**
- **Science-based actionable and innovative solutions**
- **Natural seawater laboratory facilities**

Uniting Texas' leading wildlife experts and institutions to develop actionable strategies that conserve wildlife, build resilient communities, and sustain economic vitality





Office of Emergency Management

Supports wildlife emergency preparedness and response activities

- **Wildlife Response Operations Center**
- **Coordinates emergency wildlife response across Texas and the Nation's coasts**
- **Cooperative initiative with Federal and State partners**



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Workforce Development Center

*Educating the next generation of science, technology,
engineering, math, and medical professionals through
immersive, hands-on learning*

- High school through terminal degrees
- Connects students to peers, industry leaders, and organizations
- Since 2023, over 5,000 students





Wildlife Training Center

Specialized training programs designed to close critical skill gaps in wildlife and environmental disciplines

- **Emergency planning/response and wildlife professionals**
- **Equips professionals with expertise needed to respond to environmental emergencies**
- **Since 2024, over 700 professionals through program**



03. Wildlife Resiliency Campus

 **TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM.**



- **Charting New Waters - Ground Floor Promenade**
- **New manatee, otter, and stingray exhibits**



Current Property







Wildlife Training Center





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Current Property Plans



 Wildlife Training Center

 Wildlife Research Center

 Office of Emergency Management

 WILDLIFE RESCUE

 TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM





North Beach Challenges

Traffic

- **Traffic congestion**

- Road geometry
- Road capacity
- Parking capacity

- **Road conditions**

- Surface streets post HB construction & demolition



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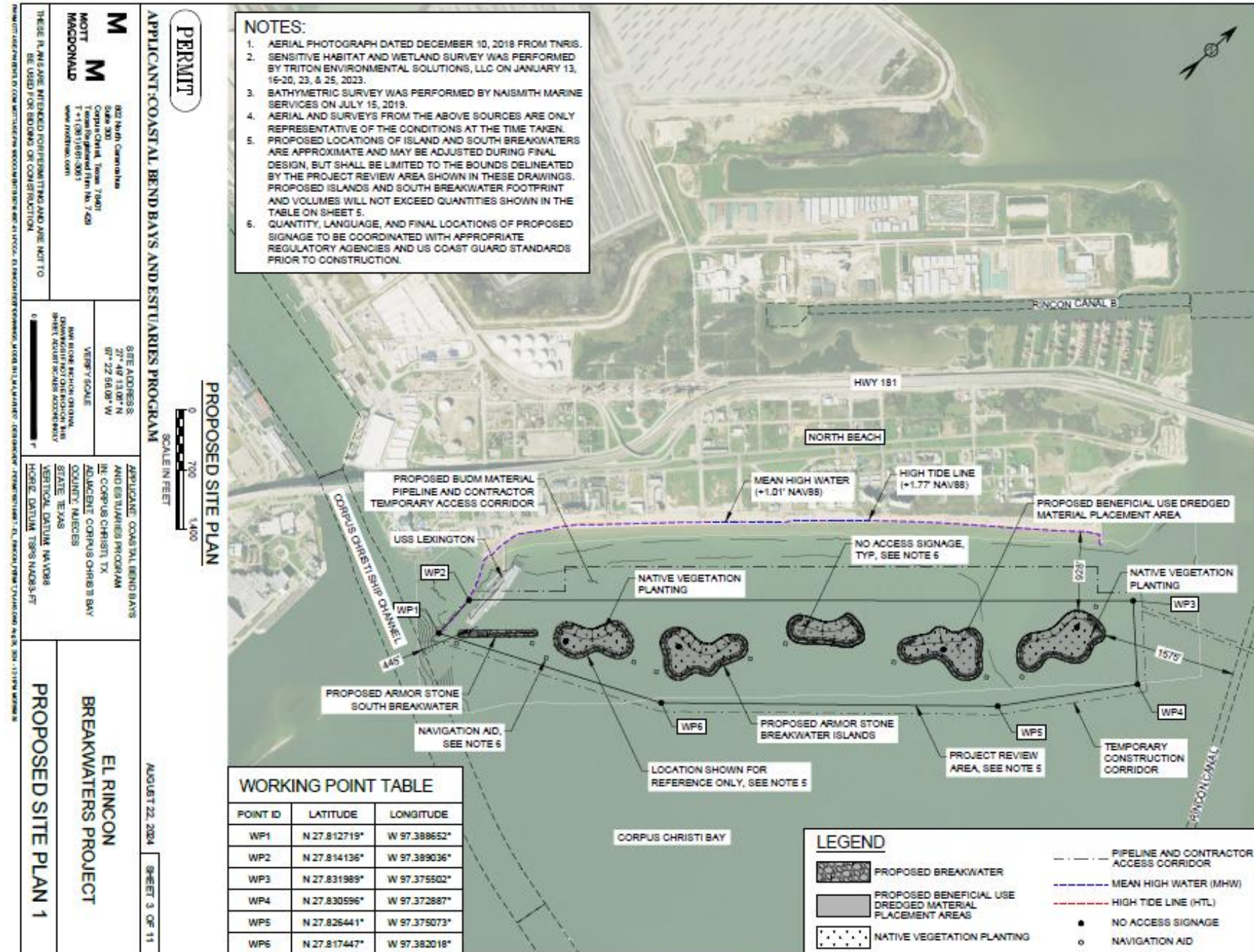
Flooding

- Tropical weather
- Seasonal



El Rincon Breakwaters

- Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program
- Shoreline protection for North Beach Corpus Christi Bay beach
- Permitted project



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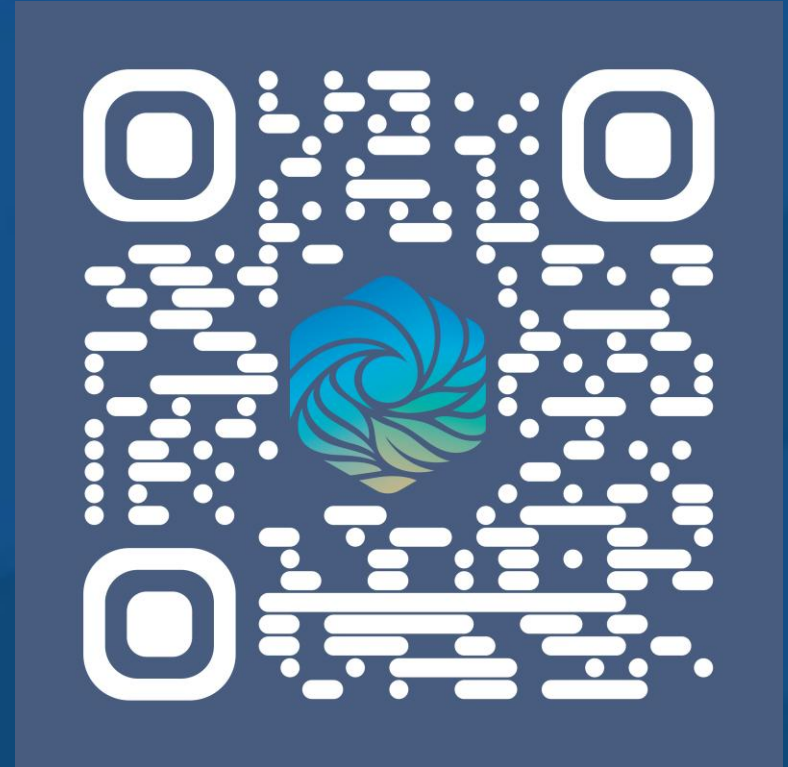
Future Wildlife Resiliency Campus





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