



Texas Chenier Plain Restoration

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STRETCHING MORE THAN 200 MILES ALONG THE GULF COAST FROM GALVESTON, TEXAS, TO VERMILION BAY, LOUISIANA, AND EXTENDING INLAND AS FAR AS 70 MILES, THE CHENIER PLAIN ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN 6.5 MILLION ACRES OF FORMER COASTAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE AND MARSH.

The prairies of the Chenier Plain today produce rice and crawfish, and they are also the heart of the Gulf Coast energy industry. The Chenier Plain:

- serves as the first line of defense for coastal communities against storm surges, creating a resilient coastline;
- is a nursery for recreationally and commercially important fisheries;
- and provides habitat for millions of migrating birds, among a suite of wildlife species.

In Texas, the heart of the Chenier Plain is the Salt Bayou Watershed, a coastal wetland complex stretching 30 miles from Sabine Pass to High Island. The area is one of the largest contiguous wetland areas in the entire state. However, human-induced and natural changes have degraded and altered the Chenier Plain over the last two decades. Local, state, and federal leaders collaborated with Ducks Unlimited (DU) and numerous partners to address the area's decline and develop the Salt Bayou Watershed Restoration Plan. This long-term plan outlines a path for unified action to protect and restore this crucial ecosystem for the communities and wildlife that call the area home. Restoration of this vast area is a multifaceted effort, and DU is one of many partners that lead the restoration of the coastal marshes and the broader Chenier Plain.

MISSION

Ducks Unlimited and partners of the Texas Chenier Plain Restoration effort, aim to highlight the ecological and economic importance of the Salt Bayou Marsh by championing and securing funding for wetland restoration and enhancement projects.



360+ SPECIES

OF BIRDS AND FISH BENEFIT FROM RESTORATION WORK



380,000 PEOPLE

LIVE AND RELY ON A HEALTHY CHENIER PLAIN ECOSYSTEM



~90,000 ACRES

IMPROVED WITHIN THE SALT BAYOU WATERSHED

PARTNERS

Texas Chenier Plain Restoration would not be possible without the support of these partners:

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Texas Department of Transportation
Texas General Land Office
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Texas Water Development Board
The Conservation Fund
The Nature Conservancy
US Army Corps of Engineers
US Fish and Wildlife Service
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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NEEDS

Ducks Unlimited was selected as a Texan by Nature Conservation Wrangler based on the project's positive impact to people, prosperity, and natural resources. Through the program, Texan by Nature is working with DU to address the following needs:

- **Media visibility** to bring awareness to Texas Chenier Plain Restoration and its importance to local communities and industry, coastal resiliency, and critical habitat.
- **Diverse partnerships** with industry, landowners, and conservation organizations to get more individuals involved in and passionate about Texas Chenier Plain Restoration.
- **Impact reporting** to incentivize the value of ecosystem restoration to people, natural resources, and the economy.

