

Year 2006 Projects

Project Name	Activity	Project Description	Habitat Type	Acreage	Linear Miles
Brays Bayou Riparian Habitat Protection Project	Protection/Maintenance	This project involved the acquisition of a riparian forested area along Bray's Bayou within a densely urban area of Houston. The project will help to establish a greenway, adding acreage to a recently acquired flood control project. The site will be publicly accessible, and trails will be developed which will connect the site with other area parks. The site has considerable historical and cultural value as well, as it was part of the original settlement of Harrisburg, which would eventually become the City of Houston.	Freshwater Marsh	2.10	0
Buffalo Bend Preserve	Protection/Maintenance	This project involves the acquisition and preservation of 10 acres of mixed habitats along Buffalo Bayou. The site will be restored, and will be developed as a nature park with public access, canoe launches, interpretive signage in a later phase.	Riparian	10.00	0
Freshwater Wetland Creation Project at Mason Park	Establishment	This pilot project created 4 acres of freshwater tidally influenced wetlands in the City of Houston Mason Park adjacent to Brays Bayou. The project will improve water quality by reducing storm water runoff pollutant load; improve natural habitat by providing a mix of native vegetation desirable to wildlife and aquatic life, assist in developing stormwater best management practices, and increase awareness on both the impacts of storm water runoff and benefits of NPS projects. Numerous local volunteers were involved in the development of the project, and in planting the created wetlands. The project is located in an ethnically diverse area, and an event specifically targeting area minority residents was held.	Freshwater Marsh	4.00	0
Japhet Creek Riparian Habitat Protection Project	Protection/Maintenance	This project involves the acquisition of a heavily forested area along Japhet Creek, creating an isolated wilderness within a heavily urbanized area, this will be the future site of interpretive trails, and will connect with existing trail systems to enhance regional recreational and education opportunities. Project partners are seeking to acquire additional parcels to enlarge the preserve.	Riparian	1.20	0
Jarboe Bayou Park Acquisition and Restoration	Protection/Maintenance	This project involved the acquisition of tidal wetlands and associated uplands along Jarboe Bayou within a residential area in Clear Lake Shores. The area is designated as a community nature park, complete with interpretive signage, park benches, wildlife observation areas, trail, canoe/kayak launch, and fishing pier. The City of Shoreacres took the lead in project development, and contributed the majority of the funds for the project. The City also restored one acre of intertidal and high marsh in subsided areas in Jarboe Bayou adjacent to the park, and involved local citizen volunteers in planting smooth cordgrass and mangroves in restore areas.	Tidal Wetland	3.50	0
Pierce Marsh Wetland Restoration Project	Reestablishment	This project involved a partnership between a local real estate developer and natural resource agencies to beneficially utilizedredged material to restore intertidal marsh within a local preserve adjacent to a residential development. This project did not constitute mitigation. This constitutes additional work completed since that reported last fiscal year.	Tidal Wetland	70.00	0
Starvation Cove Wetland Protection and Restoration Project	Reestablishment	This project involved the placement of 3200 feet of geotextile tube breakwater to protect rapidly eroding intertidal marshes, high marshes, and barrier island interdunal swale wetland/upland complexes along the north shoreline of Galveston Island in West Bay. The project also involves the restoration of intertidal wetlands and seagrass meadows lost to subsidence and erosion in previous decades.	Tidal Wetland	324.00	0
Swan Lake March Restoration Project	Reestablishment	This project involved the placement of dredged material to restore intertidal marsh lost to subsidence and erosion in Swan Lake, a small tertiary bay within the Galveston Bay system. Crushed concrete was placed along the outer berms of the project to protect restored marsh from erosion, and to protect shoreline areas adjacent to the site. The project was funded through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment program.	Tidal Wetland	70.00	0

Total	484.8	0
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