# Beneficial Use of Dredged Material in the Galveston District

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# Galveston District Beneficial Use Project Locations





#### **Galveston District Beneficial Use Statistics**

	FY 10	FY 12	FY 13
Total Amount Dredged	24,500,000	20,000,000	20,500,000
Total Amount Used for BU	4,000,000	3,200,000	4,300,000
Percent Beneficial Use	~16%	~16%	~20%



#### Notable Galveston District Beneficial Use Projects



















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### Houston Ship Channel—Upper Galveston Bay



Aerial of Existing Atkinson Island marsh cells and new cells currently under construction (M7/8/9,&10)





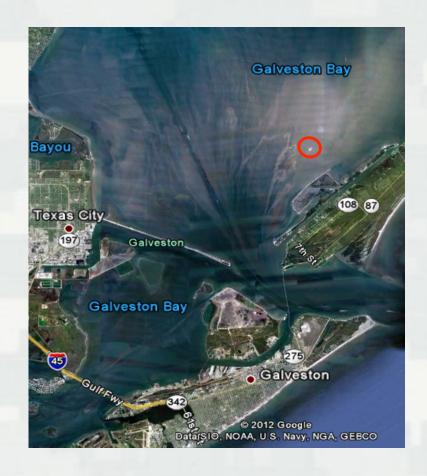
### Houston Ship Channel—Upper Galveston Bay

Atkinson Island marsh cell under construction



### Houston Ship Channel—Lower Galveston Bay

#### Evia Island--Bird Island Creation









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### Houston Ship Channel—Lower Galveston Bay

Bolivar Marsh—
Channelization and
Marsh Creation (ongoing)



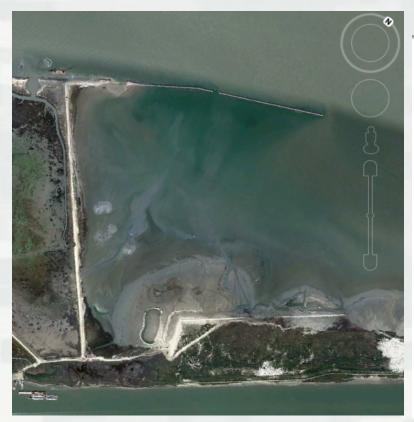


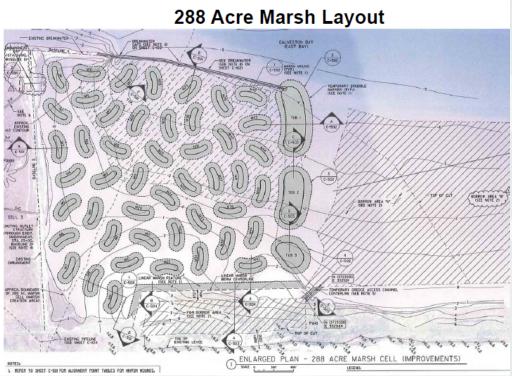
**Galveston Bay** 

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## Houston Ship Channel—Lower Galveston Bay

Bolivar Marsh—Marsh Creation (ongoing)







## Neches River Channel (Sabine-Neches Waterway) Bessie Heights Marsh

Marsh Creation

Channels form shortly after pumping of dredged material into open water area

Established 28 acres of marsh one year later



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## **Texas City Channel**



Construction of containment levees for Beneficial Use Site



## Matagorda Ship Channel--Sundown Island



Nourishment along eroded areas









## Chocolate Bayou





Construction of Beneficial Use Sites

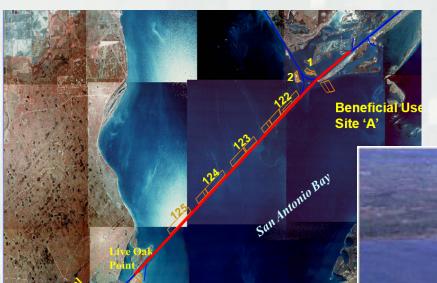


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## GIWW-Aransas National Wildlife Reserve

Beneficial Use Projects



Create new cells at BUS A, BUS B, & BUS D





Site 'D'

## Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Beneficial Use Projects

#### **Beach Nourishment**

Little Beach

Rollover









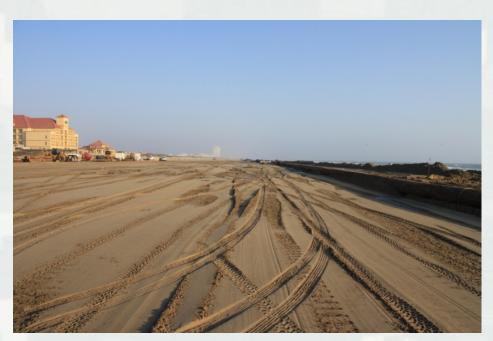
## Channel to Port Mansfield Beach Nourishment







#### Brazos Island Harbor Beach Nourishment

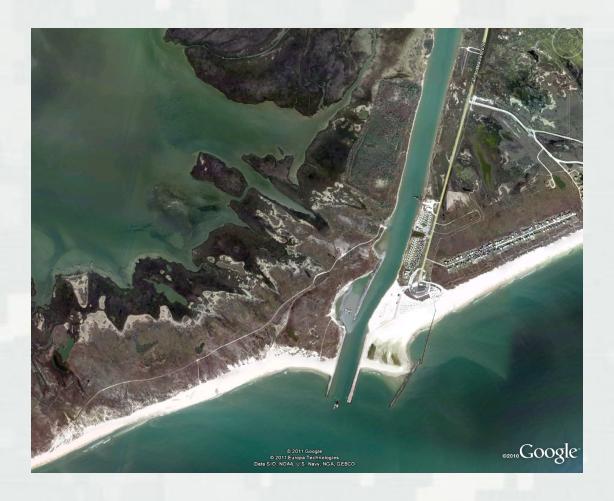






### Mouth of the Colorado River

**Beach Nourishment** 





## How is SWG trying to increase BU?

- Actively identify projects
- Re-evaluate our DMMPs
- Work with the RSM program
- Bring together Corps and Resource Agencies



# 2011 Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Workshop—30 August 2011

A workshop to discuss upcoming USACE projects and beneficial use opportunities along the Texas coast







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### Purposes:

- ▶ Bring together State and Local Resource Agencies to inform them of upcoming O&M projects
- Provide a forum for brainstorming potential BU opportunities
- ► Answer questions about procedures necessary to move forward with BU projects



### Participants

► About 60 participants from Agencies and Corps

Atkins Global

**Chambers Liberty County Navigation District** 

**Chambers County Commissioner** 

**Ducks Unlimited** 

**Galveston Bay Foundation** 

Matagorda County Navigation District #1

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

**Shead Conservation** 

Shelmark Engineering

Texas Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Texas General Land Office (GLO)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

**USACE** Galveston

USACE Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)

**USDA** 

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



- Presentation Topics
  - ► Regional Sediment Management
  - ► Engineering With Nature
  - ► NEPA Compliance
  - ► Planning for Beneficial Use
  - ► FY12-13 Dredging Projects and Notable BU projects
  - ► Ongoing Dredged Material Management Plans



- Discussion Topics
  - ► Brainstorming potential projects
  - ▶ Identification of Needs



- Conclusion
  - ▶ Desire for more frequent BUDM meetings
  - ► Implement better communication between Corps and Resource Agencies
  - Begin identifying potential BU projects with teams
- 2012 Workshop: Tentatively Nov 6, 2012





## Questions?

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