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County Judge

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CAMERON COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE AWARD OF \$4,908,200 FOR PHASE 5 OF THE ADOLPH THOMAE PARK SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT

Cameron County is pleased to announce that the Texas General Land Office is awarding approximately \$4,908,200 to Cameron County from the Coastal Erosion Protection Response Act (CEPRA) program for Phase 5 of the Adolph Thomae Park Shoreline Restoration project.

Cameron County has been working on improving the shoreline at Adolph Thomae Park since 2001. Phase I involved restoring 850 linear feet of eroding shoreline with a composite retaining structure, funded by \$568,000 in 2001 CIAP Funds. Phase II received \$1,069,425 in 2007 CIAP funds to restore approximately 1,182 linear feet of eroding shoreline with a composite retaining structure. In 2020, Phases III & IV received approximately \$1,892,634 in funding (CEPRA Cycle 10 & 11) to restore around 1,640 linear feet of eroding shoreline. Phase V will conclude the remaining shoreline restoration work for this project, which will include the stabilization of approximately 2,900 LF of eroding shoreline at Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park through the construction of living shorelines and a breakwater that was initially designed and permitted during Phase 3 of the project. The living shoreline consists of a stone rip rap breakwater and vegetated slope stabilization (Habitat Bench) that will be constructed along 2,700 LF of shoreline. Construction of the remaining shoreline stabilization measures is estimated to cost approximately \$4,967,000 that includes final engineering design, construction engineering services, monitoring, and grant administration. The Texas General Land Office commitment is \$4,908,200 and Cameron County's cost share is \$58,800.00.

“As someone who spent more than a decade living on the Texas coast, ensuring our communities, wildlife, and their habitats are safe and thriving is near and dear to my heart,” said Commissioner Buckingham. “The Texas General Land Office is pleased to award Cameron County with Coastal Erosion Protection Response Act (CEPRA) funding for the crucial shoreline restoration effort near Adolphe Thomae Jr County Park. The creation of a living shoreline that incorporates natural vegetation will not only help connect the land to the shore, but it will also reduce erosion and ensure coastal resiliency for generations to come.”

“Cameron County is incredibly grateful for the support of the GLO funding which will allow the successful shoreline restoration and preservation of our unique Adolph Thomae Park for residents and visitors to enjoy,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

Cameron County Commissioner Pct.3 David A. Garza stated, “Since 2001, I have collaborated closely with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to secure funding to protect approximately 4,200 feet of eroding shoreline at Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Park. This popular park, visited by many from Cameron County and across Texas, provides a unique blend of wildlife viewing and recreational activities like fishing, kayaking, camping, and picnicking. I am deeply grateful for GLO's invaluable partnership with Cameron County in restoring the park's shoreline.

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