New Amenities at Bill Sanders County Park

A Project of the
Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP)
Contract No. 25-003-009-E702

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Project Background:

Calhoun County is improving Bill Sanders Memorial Park near Seadrift, Texas. The GLO is conducting a CEPRA project to use dredge material to restore the Swan Point peninsula that protects the public boat channel. The County received a grant from the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust to build a new fishing pier & construct sidewalks from the boat ramp to the pier. Portable toilets, playground equipment and additional picnic tables were recently added. Entrance to this park is free and opened 7 days a week, year-round, attracting thousands of residents and visitors each year. The park is widely known for bird watching, boating, kayaking and fishing off Swan Point. The county-owned boat launch is the only launch site that provides free direct access from Calhoun County to San Antonio Bay. These improvements will bring more residents & visitors to the park. An expanded parking area is much needed to stop vehicles from parking on vegetation due to limited paved parking.

Contract was accepted by Commissioners Court and signed by County Judge Richard Meyer on September 25, 2024

Task 1: Engineering

Calhoun County will solicit design services through a Request for Qualification (RFQ) following state and local standards and award a contract to the selected engineer or landscape architect ("Contractor 1"). Contractor 1 will develop construction drawings and bidding documents to be submitted to the GLO for approval. Contractor 1 will ensure the parking designs include striping and ADA designations. Contractor 1 will also oversee construction activities.

- Calhoun County Commissioners Court approved the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on October 2, 2024.
- Commissioners Court selected the engineering firm, Urban Engineering (Contractor 1) on November 13, 2025.
- Executed Agreement for Professional Services with Urban Engineering on January 15, 2025.
- Urban Engineering provided the Preliminary Designs to Calhoun County on February 28, 2025.
- Calhoun County received Final Designs from Urban Engineering on May 30, 2025.
- Calhoun County Commissioners Court approved the Construction Plans and Project Manual on June 25, 2025.

Task 2: Construction and Sign Installation

Calhoun County will solicit and select a coastal construction contractor ("Contractor 2") to (1) enlarge the existing parking lot and (2) install the walking trail. Calhoun County will solicit bids to select Contractor 2. Calhoun County will install temporary CMP signage at the site during construction. The GLO will provide permanent CMP signage, which Calhoun County will install at the Project site following construction. A registered Accessibility Specialist must certify the walking trail and enlarged parking lot are compliant with Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS).

- The bidding process began in July 2025.
- Bids were opened July 29, 2025
- Bid awarded to Sylva Construction LLC on August 20, 2025
- The Construction Contract was approved by Commissioners Court
- September 17, 2025.
- Temporary signage was put in place October 2025.
- Sylva Construction began work on the project October 15, 2025.

BEFORE PICTURES –

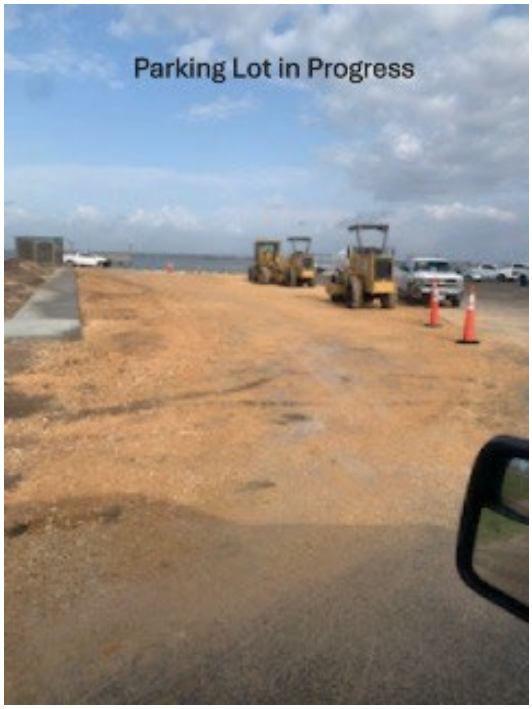
PARK AREA WHERE THE WALKING TRAILS WILL BE INSTALLED AND THE FUTURE PARKING AREA.





INSTALLED TEMPORARY SIGNAGE









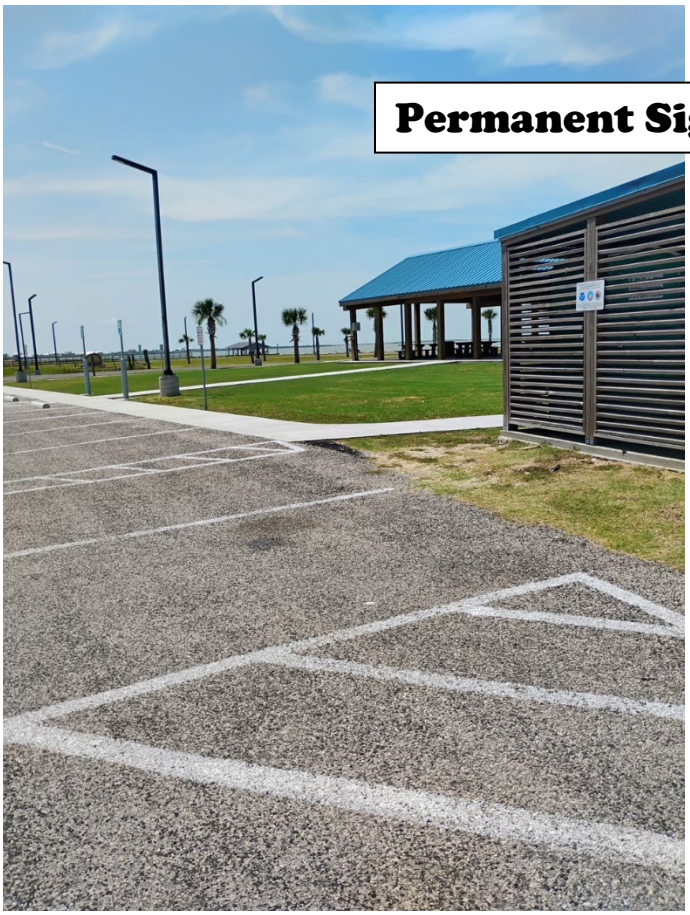
- The initial scope of work came in well under budget. In February 2026 an extension was requested and approved to expand on the project and add more parking area in order to utilize all the funds awarded for the project
- March 24, 2026 we received the executed Amendment No. 1
- Construction on the project completed in May 2026, received the final closeout documents from the engineer in late June.
- TAS Certification was received in June 2026.
- Commissioners Court approved the closeout documents and authorized final payout to the contractor July 8, 2026.


Completed Project




Parking area

Permanent Signage Installed







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RE: Project Name: BILL SANDERS PARKSWAN POINT IMPROVEMENTS
Facility Name: 1598 SWAN POINT RD
Address: SEADRIFT TX 77983
Project Number: TABS2025022352

Notice of Project Approval

Attention Building Owner,

The project listed above has been inspected by a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) for purpose of determining compliance with provisions of the Texas Architectural Barriers Act (TABA), Tex. Gov. Code §§469.101 and 469.105 in order to ensure compliance with the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS).

We are please to inform you that both the Department and the RAS who performed the review have found your project to be in substantial compliance. Therefore, this project has now been approved.

Please note, this determination does not address the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), (P.L. 101-336), or any other state, local or federal requirements. For information on the ADA, please contact the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division at (202) 514-0301.

If you have any questions, please visit the TDLR website at www.tdlr.texas.gov or contact EAB Division at techinfo@tdlr.texas.gov or call us at 512-539-5669.

Task 3: Project Monitoring & Reporting

Calhoun County will prepare and submit all reports, deliverables, and requests for reimbursement as required in the contract to CMPReceipts@GLO.TEXAS.GOV. Monthly progress reports and requests for reimbursement are due to CMPReceipts@GLO.TEXAS.GOV on the 10th day of every month of the year starting with November 10, 2024. The final report will summarize the work completed under each task and include photos of the completed project.

- Reporting was made in a timely manner every month.
- FINAL REPORT, FINAL INVOICE REPORTS AND CLOSEOUT FORMS SUBMITTED SEPTEMBER 30, 2026