

Protection of Natural Resources

The TCEQ, the Texas General Land Office, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department act on behalf of the public as trustees for natural resources. The TCEQ through its trustee role evaluates injury to natural resources in Texas as a result of discharges of oil or releases of hazardous substances and seeks restoration of the injured resources when appropriate.

Since program inception, the NRTP program has completed 44 natural resource damage assessment settlements and has initiated or completed construction on 56 separate restoration projects. This has resulted in natural resource restoration projects valued at more than \$100 million.

One example would be the construction of approximately 93 acres of tidal marsh in Swan Lake in Galveston Bay as restoration for damages to the Swan Lake ecosystem caused by the Tex-Tin Superfund site. The marsh was constructed using clean dredge material and provides increased nursery, foraging, and cover habitat for critical species that inhabit the area.

For more information see the [Natural Resource Trustee Program page](#).

