

# Working Together on Regional Issues

Matagorda Bay Foundation

Lavaca Bay Foundation

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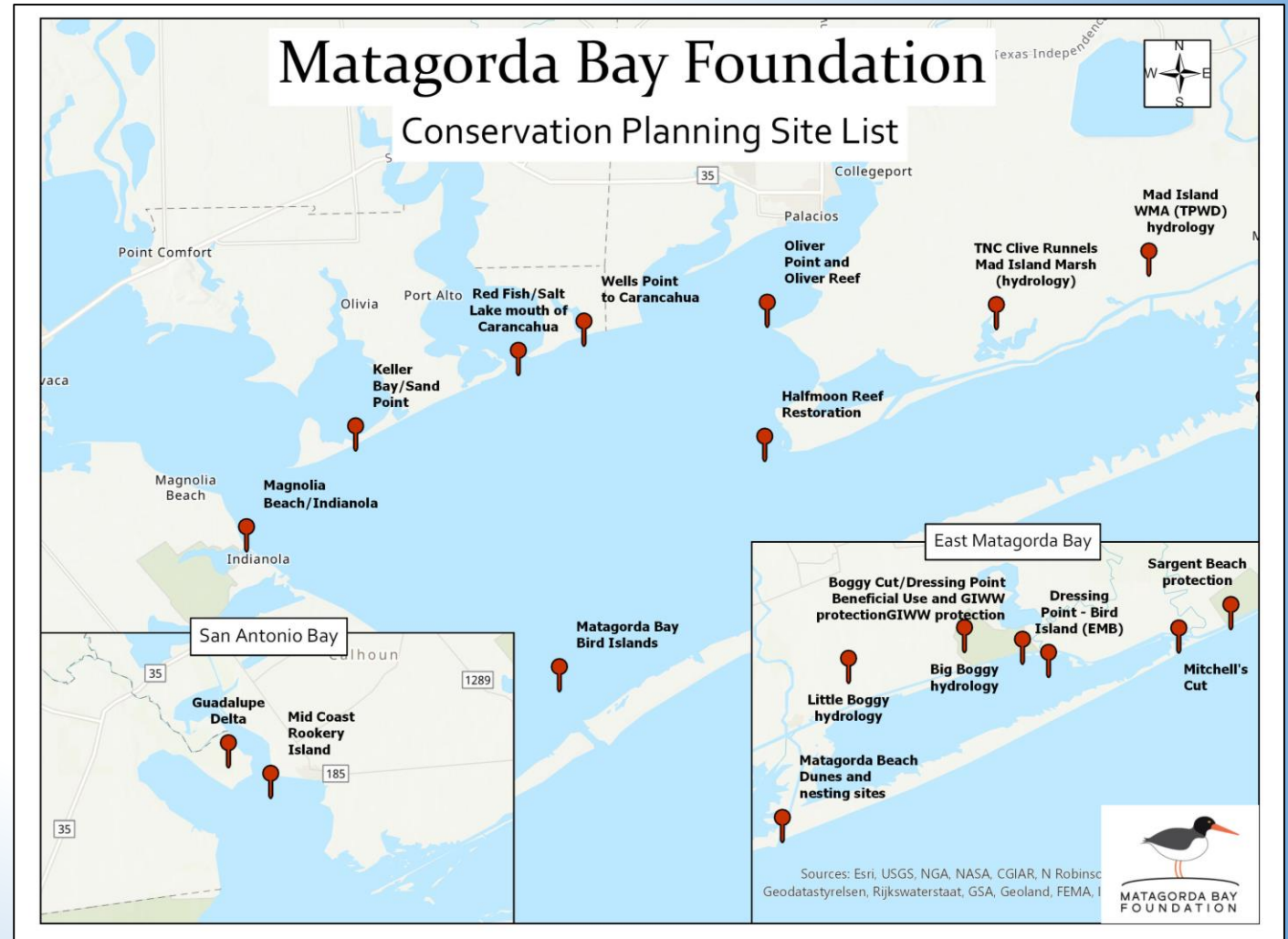
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- Created in 1995 to protect freshwater inflows to Matagorda and San Antonio Bay systems.
- 2018-19 expanded efforts to include local, on-the-ground efforts to conserve and protect resources of central Texas estuaries
  - Staff hired in Feb. 2019
- Dedicated to the wise stewardship of central Texas estuaries and the coastal watersheds that sustain them.

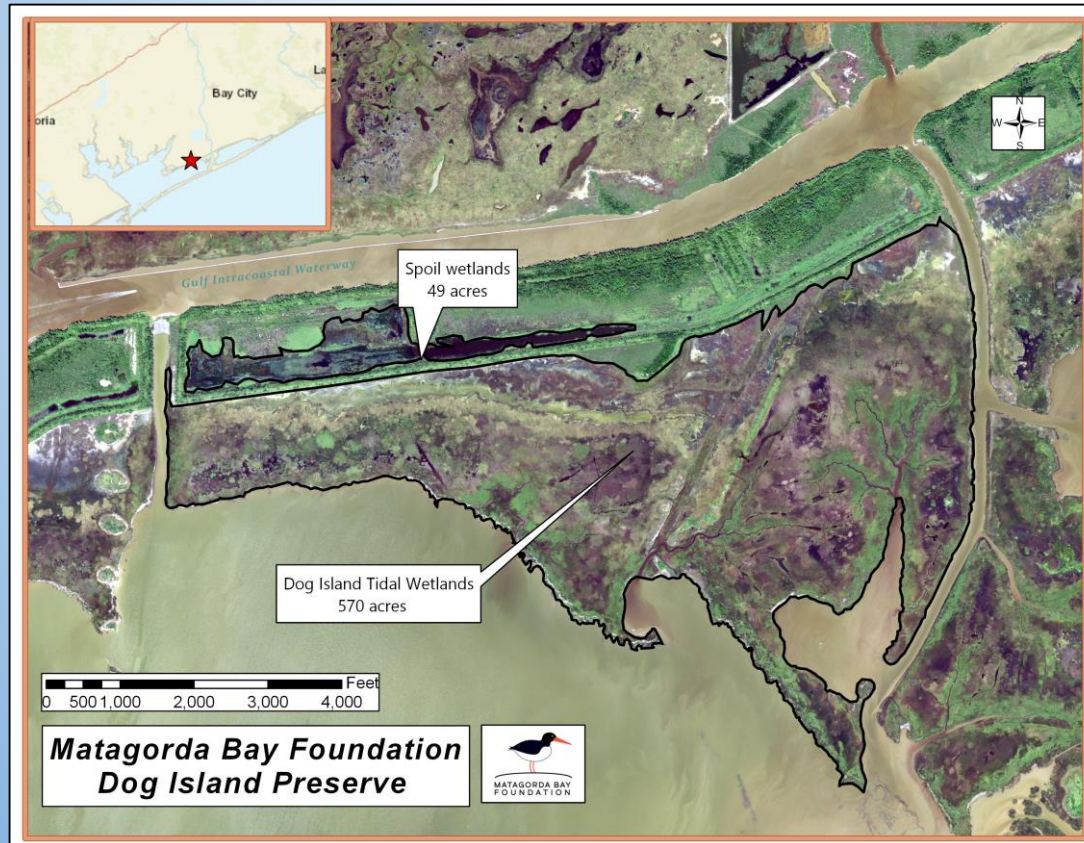
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- Issue identification
- Stakeholders/partners
  - State and Federal Agency staff
  - NGOs
  - Local government
  - Private sector
- Tx. Coastal Resiliency Master Plan



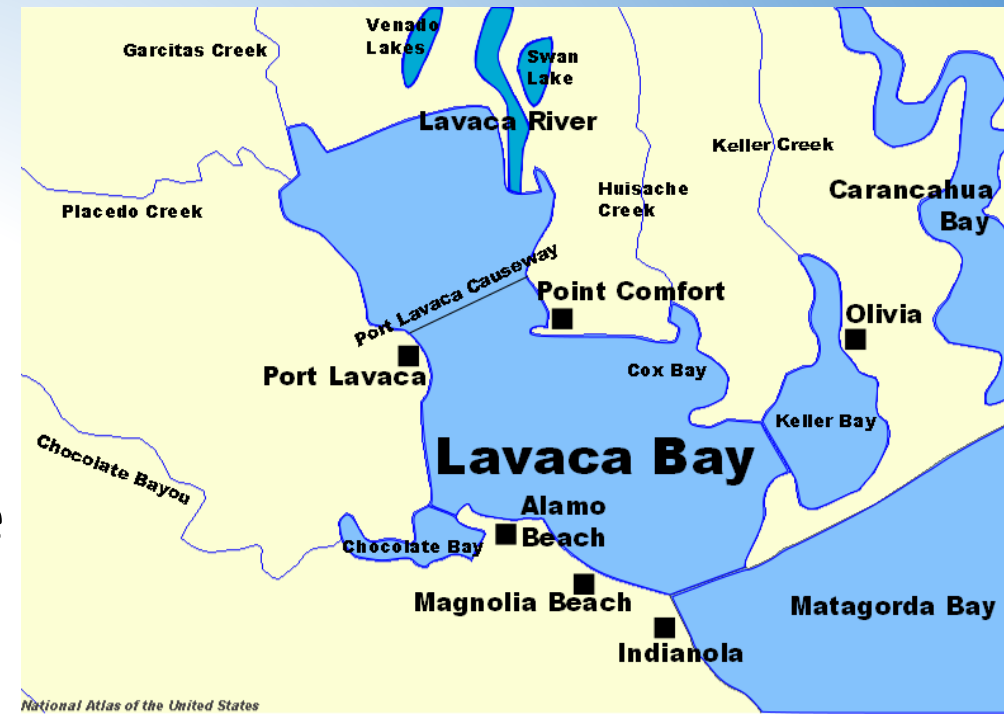
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## Projects – partnership opportunities



# Lavaca Bay Foundation

- 501(c)(3) incorporated in 2018
- Form a community partnership to promote a healthy marine environment
  - Individuals & organizations, recreational & commercial interests
- Speak with a unified voice to advocate for the bay
- Monthly meetings with speakers from academia, government, industry, other foundations
- Work with other organizations to benefit the entire bay system



# Working Together

## **Benefits**

- Funding
- Shared expertise
- Project scale

## **Opportunities**

- Community Based Conservation
- Crab Trap Pickup
- Habitat Conservation
- Environmental Education
- Public Use of Bays

*Thank you*

