



Wimberley Blue Hole Regional Park, Hays County, TX

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$1,909,500

Saving a Real Texas Treasure

Dreams for restoring Blue Hole and creating a public park came closer to reality in 2005 when the Village of Wimberley received LWCF funding to acquire 129 acres for parkland and public use. Blue Hole has long been a destination for swimming, camping, and enjoying nature along spring-fed Cypress Creek, and is often counted among Texas' top ten swimming holes. In the heart of Texas Hill Country, Hays is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, and villages such as Wimberley have become popular destinations for people seeking a small-town atmosphere with the facilities of a nearby city. As a result, large tracts of land, especially those with natural water features are being rapidly consumed.



"The Village of Wimberley is thrilled to have the support of Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Land and Water Conservation Fund in our efforts to restore and enhance Blue Hole. This Texas treasure being preserved for my children and my children's children."

*Mayor Steve Klepfer
Village of Wimberly*

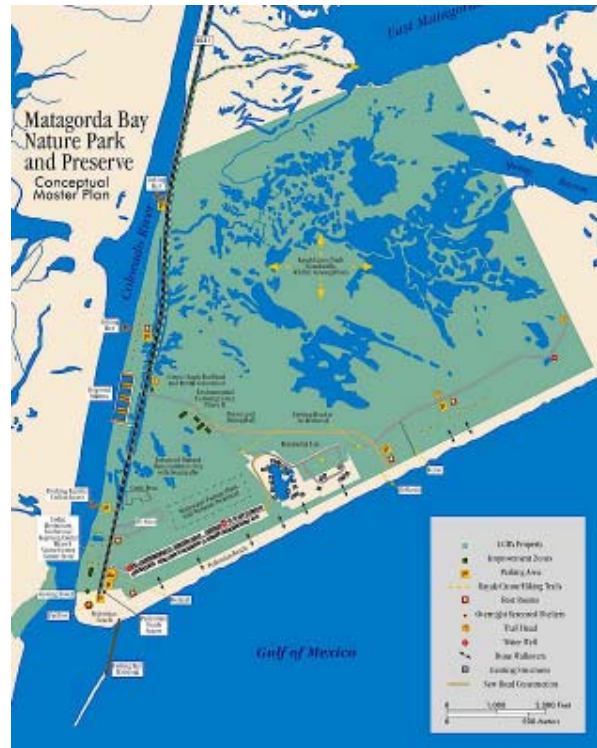




Project Matagorda Bay Park & Preserve, Texas

LWCF Funding Assistance \$2,000,000

Located on the Matagorda Peninsula at the mouth of the Colorado River, this will be the third major park and preserve along the Colorado River Trail. Development plans include an 1,100-acre conservation area, environmental learning center, water and terrestrial trail, wildlife viewing platforms, boardwalk, fishing piers, pavilion, playground, and a beach area.



“Texans will have a tremendous new resource to enhance their use and appreciation of the Gulf Coast and Matagorda Bay. You can learn about the river and its ecology by hiking, canoeing, and soon, by sea kayak.”

*~Joe Beal
General Manager, Lower Colorado River Authority*

