

## \$200,000 Grant to Build Trails

The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges, a volunteer organization that provides support to the Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex, has been awarded a \$200,000 grant by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission from the National Recreational Trails Grand funds to develop trails and supporting facilities on the Dow Woods Unit of the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge. This grant is augmented with \$63,000 in matching contributions and services, including a \$20,000 contribution from The Dow Chemical Company.



Bastrop Bayou in the Dow Woods Unit (Lake Jackson, Texas) of the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge. Photo by David Plunkett

The 338-acre Dow Woods Unit is located in the northeast part of Lake Jackson, Texas, bordered on the east by Old Angleton Road and on the south by FM2004. It is bisected by Bastrop Bayou. This land was donated by The Dow Chemical Company in 2009 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The grant will be used to construct approximately 3.75 miles of trails that loop through this heavily wooded tract. Plans also call for building two crossings of Bastrop Bayou, constructing parking lots, restroom facilities, and interpretative signage.

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