



# **Grant Activity Report**

**Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Saturday, June 29, 2013**

**The Discovery Center**

**Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge**

By Marty Cornell



# **Active Grants of Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges 29June13**

- ✓ **20091123 Dow Woods Trail (Bastrop Bayou Crossing)**
- ✓ **20130201 Bastrop Bayou Crossing**
- ✓ **20110926 Birding Initiative**
- ✓ **20111115 Land Acquisition Discovery #1**
- ✓ **20100909 Discovery Center Displays**
- ✓ **20120810 Lanzetta Restitution**



Friends of Brazoria Refuges

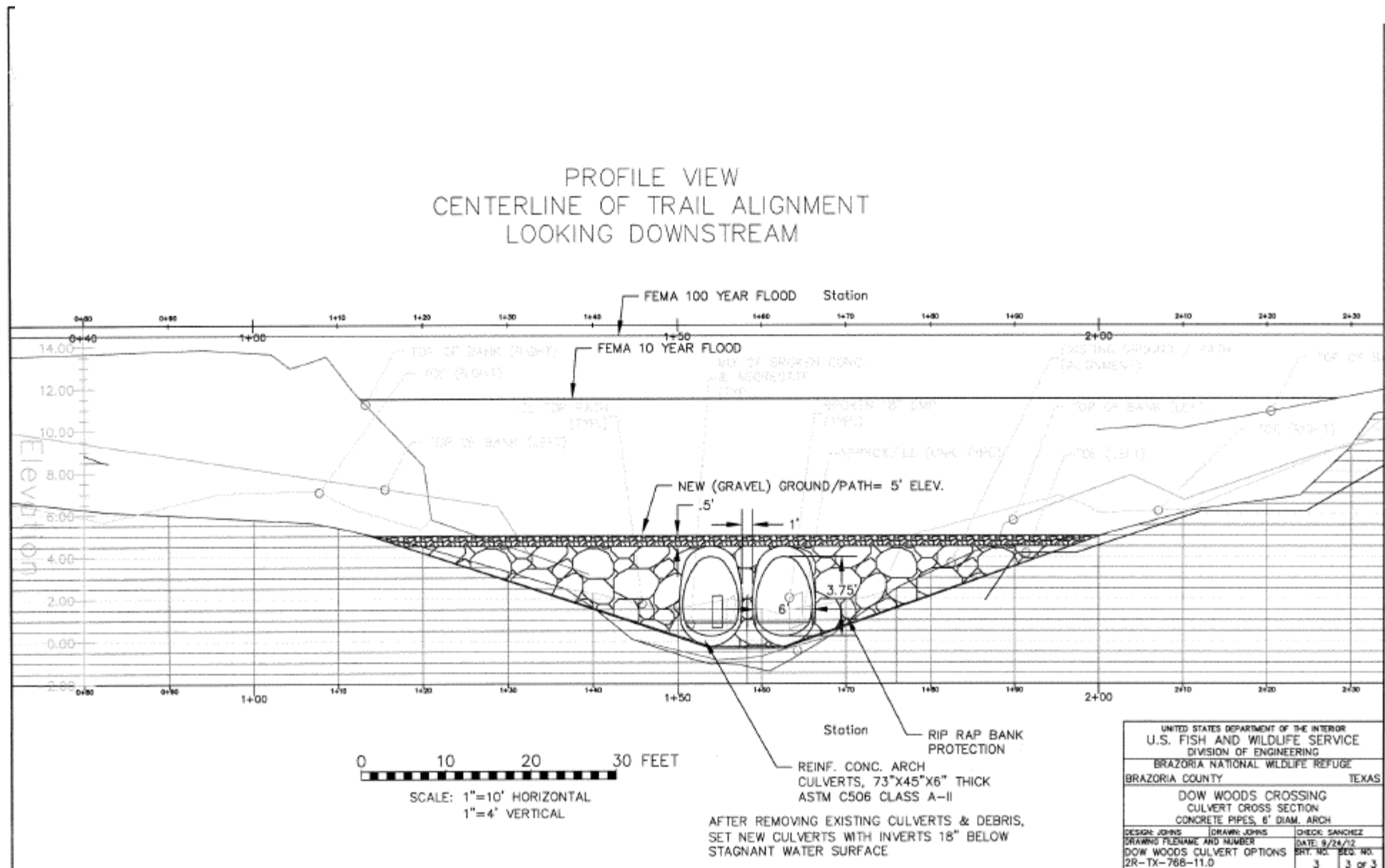
# **Pending Grants of Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges 29June13**

- ✓ **Land Acquisition Discovery #2 (\$300,000)**
- ✓ **Trull Foundation Land Purchase (\$26,500)**
- ✓ **EarthQuest® for Houston Urban Initiative (\$6,000)**
- ✓ **Jorden Tract Purchase via Meadows Grant (\$800,000)**

# Bastrop Bayou Crossing #20130201)

- ✓ **\$70,000 Grant, cash upfront received**
- ✓ **No cost share requirement**
- ✓ **For site preparation, materials, equipment rental, and testing.**
- ✓ **Start: February, 2013**
- ✓ **End: February, 2018**
- ✓ **Pending job description (Shane & Marty)**

# Bastrop Bayou Crossing at Dow Woods



# **20110926 Birding Initiative**

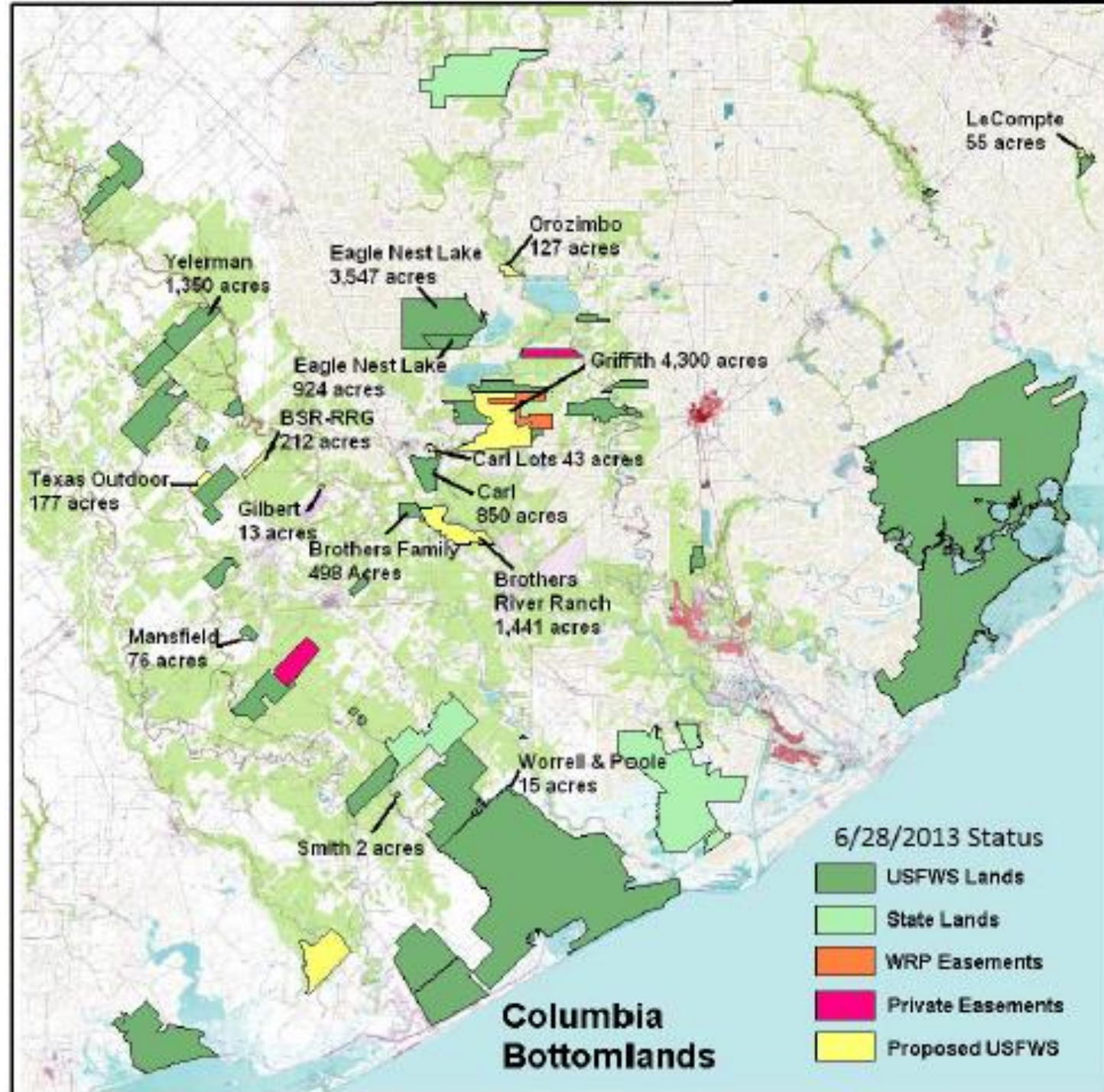
**No activity Reported**

# Land Acquisition Discovery Grant #20111115

- \$300,000.00 from Houston Endowment
- Mike Lange coordinates with contractor.
- Marty Cornell is grant administrator.
- Spent as of 10Jun13 **\$293,099.82**
- Pending appraisal invoice (in July): \$7,500
- Total Grant expenditures: \$300,599.82
- Final balance: **-\$599.82**

## Pre-acquisition discovery of the labeled tracts of land was supported from the Houston Endowment Grant

- ✓ 8664 acres added to the SBNWR
- ✓ \$12,320,618 cost
- ✓ 11,723 acres have been appraised, are being appraised, or are proposed.





# Pooler Tract 11.05 acres



County Rd 306

Farm-To-Market Rd 2918

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Google earth

Tour Guide

Imagery Date: 10/28/2012 28°55'15.58" N 95°34'13.78" W elev 7 ft eye alt 9062 ft

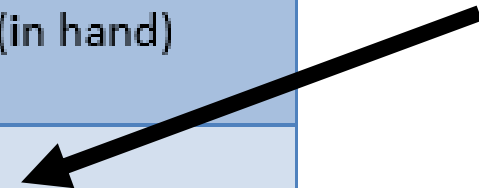


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# Poole Tract Acquisition

Expense Categories	Amount
Pre-acquisition due diligence costs: market value appraisals, land consultant fees, title documents, plat, land survey	\$6,000
Land acquisition	\$31,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>
Revenue Categories	Amount
Community Foundation of Brazoria County: from \$8,000 remaining of a \$25,000 donation from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	\$5,000 (in hand)
Houston Endowment: from remainder of \$300,000 grant awarded in 2011 for pre-acquisition costs	\$6,000 (in hand)
Private Foundation: request to <u>Trull</u> Foundation	\$26,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>

Seeking grant from The Trull Foundation, Placious, TX





THE TRULL FOUNDATION

# The Trull Foundation

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*Established to share God's bounty in Texas and beyond, The Trull Foundation strives to help children; those affected by substance abuse; the Palacios Texas area; and the coastal Texas environment.*

**In October 2012 at a Trull Foundation Retreat, the Trustees set the following priorities:**

- **A concern for the needs of Palacios and Matagorda County, where the Foundation has its roots.**
- **A concern for children, channeling lives away from abuse, neglect, hunger and poverty.**
- **A concern for those persons and families devastated by the effects of substance abuse.**
- **A concern for the coastal Texas environment, recognizing and including water issues, estuaries, birds, agriculture and aquaculture.**

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Land Acquisition Discovery Grant**

- **\$300,000.00 from Houston Endowment**
- **Mike Lange coordinates with contractor.**
- **Marty Cornell is grant administrator.**
- **Houston Endowment Board decision 16July13**

# **Discovery Center Exhibits #20100909**

**The amount left on the agreement is \$32,750.**

**50/50 split.**

**End Date: January 22, 2014**

# Discovery Center Exhibits #20100909

## Request for Reactivation 22Jan13

- ✓ Rollup shutters for Info. Shelter
- ✓ Interpretive signs for Big Slough Boardwalk
- ✓ Interpretive signs for the “Invasive Species” trail
- ✓ DC exhibit: Water Impact on the Refuge
- ✓ Large wall map of the BNWR
- ✓ High magnification projecting microscope
- ✓ Table-cabinet for this microscope
- ✓ HD large format wall-mounted TV
- ✓ 20X to 40X microscopes
- ✓ Algae tank
- ✓ Movie on BNWR, highlighting EE opportunities
- ✓ Estuary exhibit in a Cross Trails shelter
- ✓ Water exhibit in a Cross Trails shelter
- ✓ Geology exhibit in a Cross Trails shelter
- ✓ Pull-off parking at Cross Trails shelters
- ✓ Rollup shutters for Cross Trails shelters
- ✓ Interpretive signs on Otter Slough Trail

## Discovery Center Grant Project Priority Matrix Updated 29May13

Rank: Low = 1, Medium = 3, High = 5	Importance	Ease	Done in Time	Total Score	Comments with Guesstimated Cost
Rollup shutters for Info. Shelter	5	3	5	13	\$10,000 - Phil volunteered to do this
Signs for Big Slough Boardwalk	5	3	3	11	\$13,000 Need design discussion/4 signs - Tom
Signs for the "Invasive Species" trail	3	3	3	9	
DC exhibit: Water Impact on the Refuge	5	1	1	7	
Large wall map of the BNWR	5	5	5	15	Habitat and Use - \$500.00 Map
High magnification projecting microscope	5	5	5	15	\$2000.00 - Ed
Table-cabinet for this microscope				0	Omit - microscope needs to be kept in climate control
HD large format wall-mounted TV	5	5	5	15	\$3000.00 - Ed
20X to 40X microscopes	1	5	5	11	Hold off - we have purchased some scopes recently
Algae tank	1	1	5	7	
Movie on BNWR, highlighting EE opportunities	5	1	1	7	Tom will show this to Joe Lange to see if he can do this
Estuary exhibit in a Cross Trails shelter	5	1	1	7	
Water exhibit in a Cross Trails shelter	1	1	1	3	
Geology exhibit in a Cross Trails shelter	3	1	1	5	
Pull-off parking at Cross Trails shelters				0	Omit - Tom will talk to Cody about adding some gravel
Rollup shutters for Cross Trails shelters	5	5	5	15	Estimated cost \$3000.00 for vinyl roll up - Phil volunteered to do this
Interpretive signs on Otter Slough Trail	3	3	3	9	Estimated cost \$5000.00- ideas mima mounds, otters, etc
* Talk to Sarah - looking for an artists who can draw biological items					



# **Houston Initiative Outreach EarthQuest® Raptor Shows**

- **Incorporate a demonstration of live birds of prey, some in flight, in our environmental education initiatives in and around Houston, Texas.**
- **\$6,000**
- **Federal grant application pending.**
- **No cost-share requirement**
- **David Plunkett, grant administrator**



# **Jorden Tract Purchase via Meadows Grant (\$800,000)**



**Lanzetta Restitution  
Grant #20120810  
\$5,000 for haying refuge  
property.**

**No activity as of  
28June13**

# **Friends Grant Archive on Web Site.**

**To view the Grant Tracking site index:**

**[http://refugefriends.org/Grant\\_Tracking/](http://refugefriends.org/Grant_Tracking/)**