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**NATURAL RESOURCE USES (NRU) SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**GALVESTON BAY COUNCIL  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

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**13 September 2019**

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<b>SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR</b> Cherie O'Brien, TPWD - ABSENT	<b>SUBCOMMITTEE VICE CHAIR</b> Philip Smith, GBF
<b>NRU COORDINATOR</b> Lindsey Lippert, GBEP	

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**Members/Participants Present**

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Scott Alford (USDA-NRCS), Sarah Bernhardt (BPA), Cynthia Clevenger (GBEP), Rose Esteves (HPARD), Richard Gibbons (Houston Audubon), Amanda Hackney (Black Cat GIS), Kevin Hartke (Ducks Unlimited), Erin Kinney (HARC), Elizabeth Kompanik (TCEO), Haille Leija (GBF), Marissa Llosa (Houston Parks Board), Lindsey Lippert (GBEP), Chris Marshall (TAMUG), Lisa Marshall (GBEP), Kristen McGovern (GBEP), Kelli Ondracek (HPARD), Dianna Ramirez (GLO), Linda Shead (various), Matt Singer (GBF), Philip Smith (GBF), Mary Stiles (GBEP), Patricia Thompson (GBEP), Colleen Ulibarri (Texas AgriLife)

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**Regional Monitoring Portal Update**

**-Erin Kinney, Houston Advanced Research Center**

HARC presented an update to the Regional Monitoring Database (RDM). This is a programmatic deliverable and part of the Galveston Bay Plan, 2nd Edition. The RDM is a centralized data portal that supports work of stakeholders in management of the Galveston Bay ecosystem. The RDM will be integrates with the plan, State of the Bay report, Status and Trends, and the Coastal Atlas.

\*Presentation available upon request.

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**Planning and Priorities for FY 2021 Funding**

Project proposals were sent out in advance of the meeting for review. Members were asked to keep the subcommittee priorities in mind while reviewing. The priorities selected by the NRU Subcommittee for the FY21 finding cycle were:

- Land Acquisition
- Benefit to Federal and State Listed Species or Species of Greatest Conservation Need
- Brings funding or work leverage to the subcommittee

Eight projects were submitted that met at least one of the priorities identified by the subcommittee (see next table).

Proposal Name	Grantee	Total Request	Alternate SC(s)
1. Stream Corridor Restoration Through Invasive Species Control along Big Gulch Gully	BPA thru HCP2	\$36,000	N/A
2. Conservation Assistance Program (Year 3/5)	GBF	\$100,000	N/A
<i>3. Jones Bay Oystercatcher Habitat Restoration and Enhancement</i>	<i>GBF thru TPWD</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>
4. Galveston Bay Watershed Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (GBW CISMA)	GTRI	\$138,428	N/A
5. Houston Gulf Coast State of the Birds	Houston Audubon thru GTRI	\$55,000	PPE; M&R
6. Habitat Use and Movement Patterns of Green Sea Turtles in Galveston Bay	TAMUG	\$24,200	M&R
7. The 6th Addition to the Coastal Heritage Preserve Through an Acquisition at Middle Tract, Galveston Island, Texas	TPWD	\$125,000	N/A
8. Moody Park Riparian Restoration Project	HPARD	100,000	Submitted thru PPE

Once all eight proposals had been presented to the group, the subcommittee discussed which projects should take priority. A consensus-based decision was made to recommend three implementation projects (green projects) and two planning projects (blue projects) for FY21 funding to the Budget and Priorities (B&P) Subcommittee, with an alternate implementation project (italicized project). Projects selected by the B&P Subcommittee would be presented to the Galveston Bay Council at the October meeting for approval.

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### Other

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Due to time constraints, all other items were postponed to the next NRU Subcommittee meeting (December 2019).