

Final Report
as Required by the
National Coastal Wetlands Grant Program

State of Texas

USFWS Federal Aid Grant E-88-RL

**Land Acquisition of Important Whooping Crane Wintering Habitat
Seadrift, Calhoun County, Texas**

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August 19, 2009

Final Report

State: Texas

Grant Number: E-88-RL

Grant Title: Land Acquisition of Important Whooping Crane Wintering Habitat

Grant Period: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009

Reporting Period: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Objective: To aid in the eventual recovery and delisting of two federally endangered species, three state threatened species, and one species of concern through the permanent habitat protection from a conservation easement on a 2,160-acre parcel of the J. Welder Ranch in Calhoun County.

Accomplishments: On December 19, 2008 The Nature Conservancy completed a bargain sale purchase of conservation easement on 2,124.49 acres with Sea-Dan Ranches, Ltd. Purchase price was \$500,000 on an appraised fair market value of \$629,486. The conservation easement is located in the Welder Flats area of Calhoun County and for the benefit of wintering Whooping Cranes and other associated wetland species occurring there.

Deviations: No additional deviations occurred other than those identified in the APR dated September 10, 2008.

Costs: Costs will be reported in the interim financial status report.

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Date: August 19, 2009

Approved by: Conaei Knesek
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Date: September 11, 2009

**Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program
Summary of Land Costs**

Final - approved

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State : Texas

Grantee: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Subgrantee (if applicable): The Nature Conservancy

County(ies): Calhoun

Grant No.: TX E-88-RL

Grant Title: Land Acquisition of Important Whooping Crane Wintering Habitat Seadrift,
Calhoun County Texas

Grant Period: 01 July 2007 through 30 June 2009

| Grant Funding Approved | Federal | State / Third Party | Total |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Estimated Costs | \$ 412,750.00 | \$ 137,687.00 | \$ 550,437.00 |
| Cost Share Percentage | 74.99% | 25.01% | 100% |

Acquisition Name: Welder

Grantor: Sea-Dan Ranches, Ltd.

Date Acquired: 19 December 2008

Acreage: 2,124.49

Appraised Value: \$640,000.00

| Acquisition Costs (Actual) | |
|---|---------------|
| Purchase Price | \$ 500,000.00 |
| Appraisal Costs | \$ 8,500.00 |
| Relocation Costs | \$ - |
| Survey Costs | \$ 21,108.75 |
| Closing Costs | \$ 986.50 |
| Salaries, Per Diem & Associated Costs | \$ 8,770.00 |
| In-Kind Match Value | \$ - |
| Miscellaneous (including Lands Donated Value) | \$ 140,000.00 |

| Notes Re: Acquisition Costs |
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Instructions

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| TOTAL COST | \$ 679,365.25 |
| Total Federal Reimbursement (Stewardship Investment)* | \$ 412,750.00 |
| Excess Match** | \$ 128,928.25 |

* If Total Cost < Total Grant Funding Estimate then fill out actual costs/reimbursement section below. If Total Cost = Total Grant Funding Estimate then same amount. If Total Cost > Total Grant Funding Estimate then place amount from E19 here.

** When Total Cost (actual) > Total Grant Funding Estimate then place difference here.

| Grant | Federal | State / Third Party | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| Cost Share Percentage | 74.99% | 25.01% | 100% |
| Actual Costs/Reimbursement | | | |

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