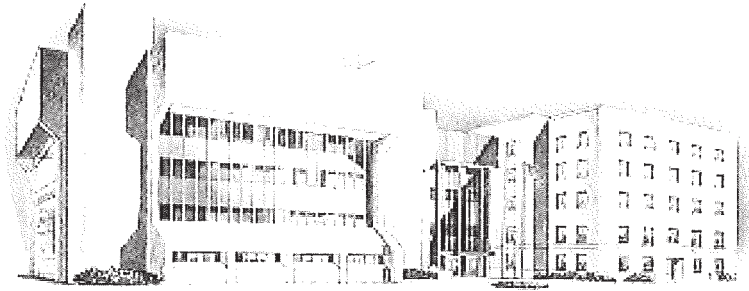


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Re: Dune Restoration Follets Island

Dear Ms. Valdes,

This application is for a dune restoration project for Follets Island. Please find attached the proposal for your review and comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe K. Ripple". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Joe K. Ripple
Floodplain Department

Enclosures



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
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October 11, 2024

Via Electronic Mail

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Beachfront Construction Certificate and Dune Protection Permit in Brazoria County

Site Address: Right-of-Way Seaward of Bluewater Highway (CR 257), Freeport
Legal Description: Bluewater Highway Right-of-Way
Lot Applicant: Brazoria County
GLO ID No.: BDBC-24-0184

Dear Mr. Ripple:

The General Land Office (GLO) has reviewed the application materials for a beachfront construction certificate and dune protection permit for the above-referenced location. The applicant proposes to restore approximately 5,200 linear feet of dunes east of Public Beach Access Road 5 to west of Palm Street by using hay bales, beach-quality sand, and dune vegetation. According to the Bureau of Economic Geology, the area is eroding at a rate of six to eight feet per year.

Based on the materials forwarded to our office for review, we have the following comments:

- Any sand, soil, sediment, or dredged spoil deposited within critical dune areas or seaward of the local dune protection line must be of an acceptable mineralogy or grain size as compared to the sediments found onsite.¹
- Any beach sand excavated during placement activities must remain on site and should be placed seaward of the bales.²
- Sand obtained by scraping or grading dunes or the beach may not be used to restore dunes or be placed on top of the hay bales.³
- Any material used to secure the hay bales should be organic and biodegradable.

¹ 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 15.4(c)(3).

² 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 15.4(c)(1).

³ 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 15.7(e)(5)(E).

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- The dunes must be restored to be continuous with any surrounding naturally formed dunes and to approximate the natural position contour, volume, elevation, vegetative cover, and sediment content of any naturally formed dunes in the restoration area.⁴
- Only indigenous dune vegetation that will help achieve the same protective capability or greater capability as the vegetation on surrounding natural dunes may be used to restore dunes.⁵ Any dune vegetation excavated or displaced during hay bale placement activities should be stockpiled and replanted on top of the restored dunes.
- The project may not restrict or interfere with public use of the beach at normal high tide.⁶
- Property owner permission should be obtained where applicable.

Any deviations from what is proposed in this permit application requires a new or amended beachfront construction certificate and dune protection permit and further GLO review. If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 463-5720 or at meiling.valdes@glo.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



Mei Ling Valdes
Beach Access & Dune Protection Program
Coastal Resources Division
Texas General Land Office

cc: Vickie Thomas, Brazoria County

⁴ 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 15.7(e)(3).

⁵ 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 15.7(e)(4).

⁶ 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 15.7(e)(2).