



# Gulf Coast Protection District

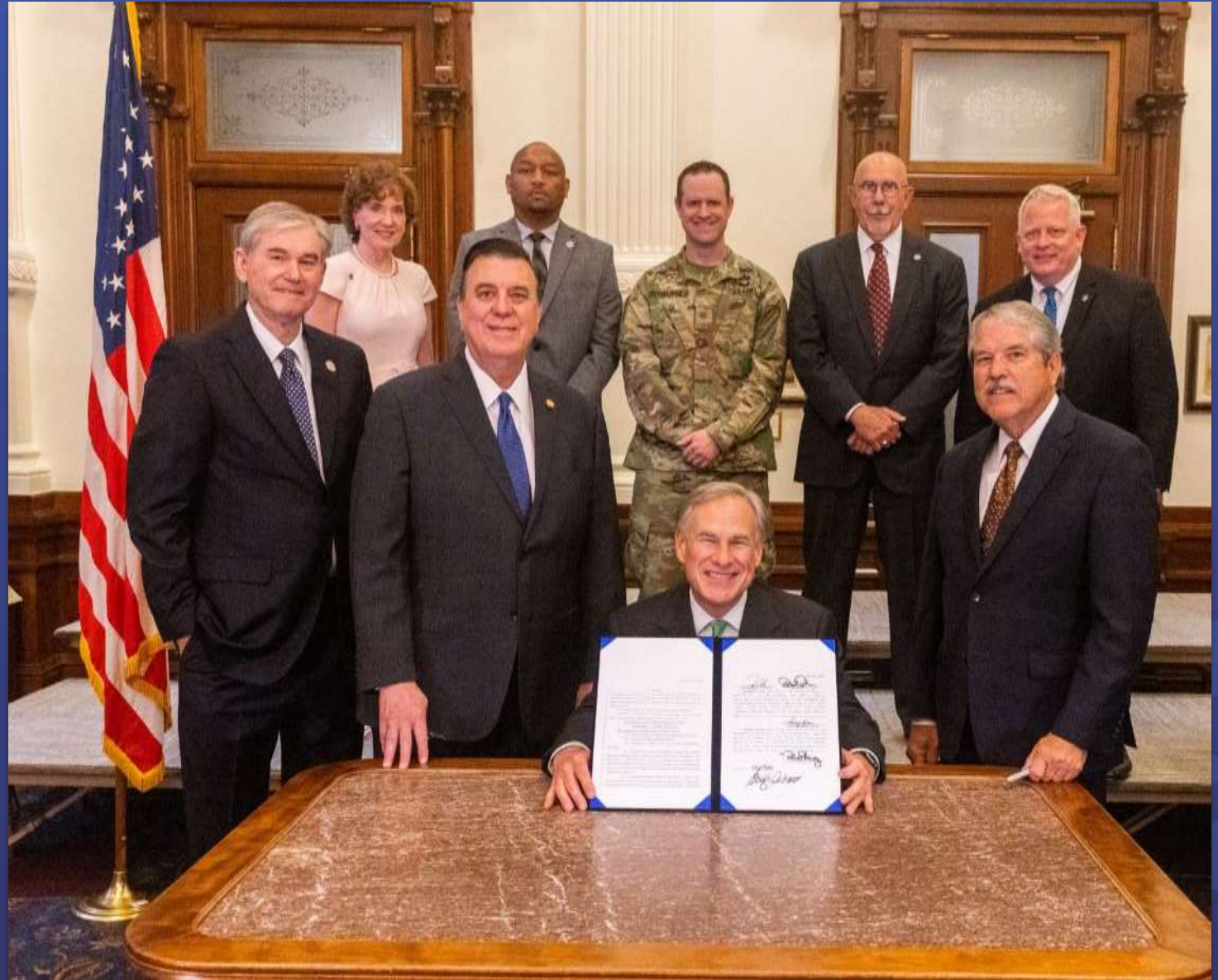
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# Creation of GCPD

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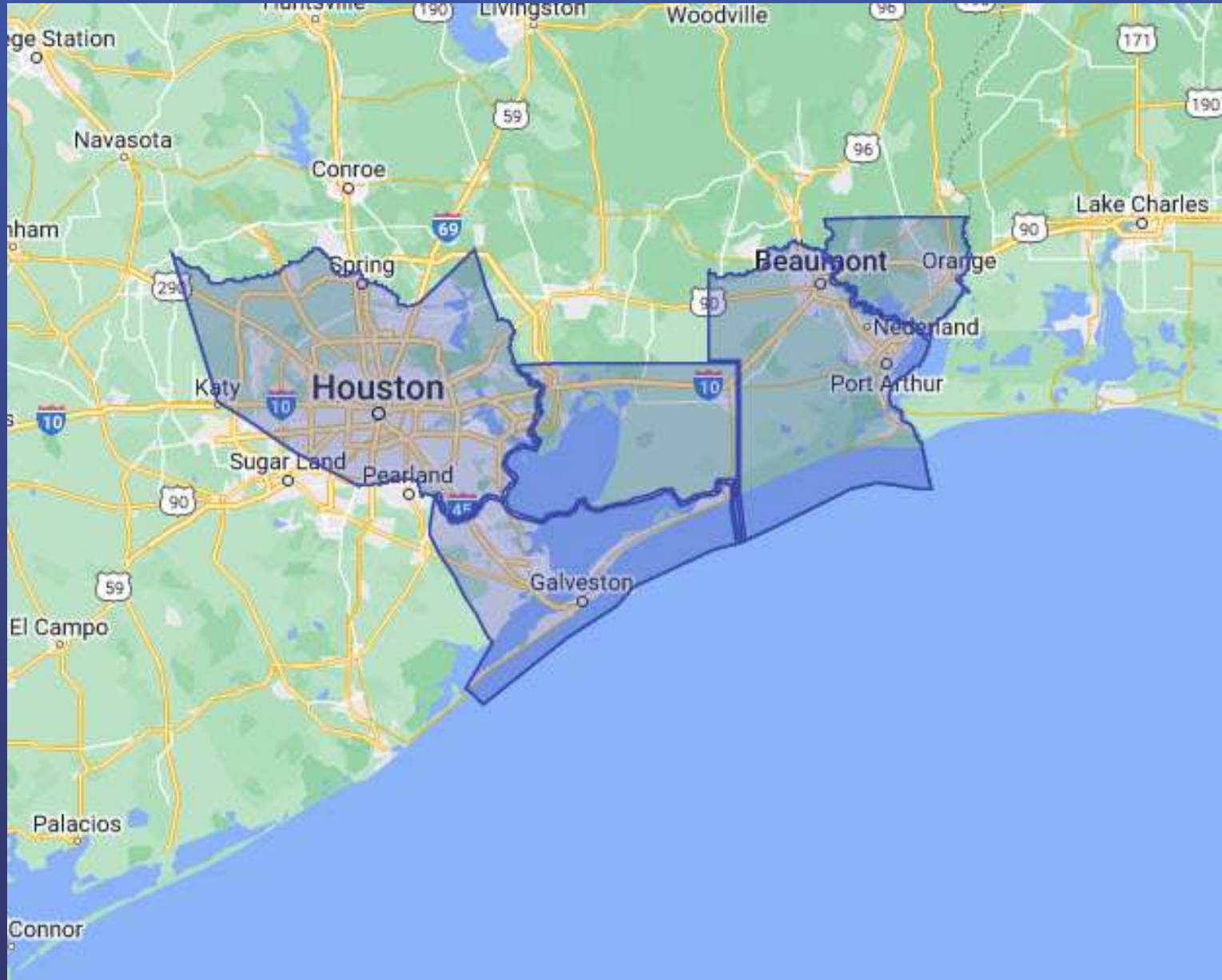
# SB 1160 (Taylor/Paul):

- Passed the Texas legislature in 2021 to create the Gulf Coast Protection District
- Authored by Senator Larry Taylor and Representative Dennis Paul
- Multiple coauthors and cosponsors, bipartisan support
- Purpose:
  1. To serve as the non-Federal sponsor for the portions of the Coastal Texas and Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay (S2G) Programs located within GCPD territory.
  2. To operate and maintain portions of the Coastal Texas and S2G Programs located within GCPD territory, once constructed.



# GCPD Territory

- Chambers County
- Galveston County
- Harris County
- Jefferson County
- Orange County



# GCPD Board: Governor Appointees

- Terms expiring June 16, 2025
  - Sally Bakko (Municipal Interests)
  - Michel Bechtel (Harris County)
  - Roger Guenther (Ports)
  - Bob Mitchell (Harris County)
  - Lori Traweek (Environmental Interests)
  - Michael VanDerSnick (Industry)

# GCPD Board: County Appointees

- Initial two year, then four-year terms:
  - Commissioner Billy Combs, Chambers County
  - Roger Quiroga, Galveston County
  - Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Harris County
  - Allan Ritter, Jefferson County
  - Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte, Orange County

# Related Legislation

SB 2265, 85 (R)	SB 2212, 86 (R)	SB 500, 86 (R)	SB 1, 87 (R)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authored by Sen. Larry Taylor, Rep. Wayne Faircloth</li> <li>• Failed</li> <li>• Would have expanded the territory of the Gulf Coast Authority and created an advisory board to operate and maintain a coastal spine project</li> <li>• Contingent on federal funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authored by Sen. Larry Taylor, Rep. Dennis Paul</li> <li>• Passed</li> <li>• Allowed the local drainage districts involved in the S2G Program to sign agreements with the USACE to advance these projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided \$200 million in state funding for project costs and required non-Federal cost-share for all three projects included in the S2G Program</li> <li>• Held by the Texas General Land Office</li> <li>• Applicable Counties: Brazoria, Jefferson, Orange</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided \$200 million in state funding for GCPD administrative costs, project costs, and non-Federal cost share for the S2G and Coastal Texas projects within GCPD territory</li> <li>• Held by the Texas General Land Office</li> <li>• Applicable Counties: Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, and Orange</li> </ul>

# Our Partners

- **Texas General Land Office**
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**
- **Drainage Districts**
  
- GCPD Counties
- Cities
- Texas Congressional Delegation
- Texas Legislature

# Other Stakeholders

- Property Owner Associations
- Environmental Organizations
- Engineering Community
- Academic Institutions
- Trade Associations
- Maritime Pilots
- Landowners
- Industry
- Texas Ports



# GCPD Timeline

- **2018:** S2G Program authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 and funded by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018
- **June 16, 2021:** SB 1160 effective, formally launching the GCPD
- **August 18, 2021:** First GCPD Board Meeting, GCPD signs letter of intent (LOI) with US Army Corps of Engineers for the Coastal Texas Program
- **September 16, 2021:** Coastal Texas Study completed, Chief's Report signed
- **April 29, 2022:** GCPD signed partnership agreement (PPA) with USACE for the Orange County Project, a component of the S2G Program
- **Summer 2022:** 2022 Water Resources Development Act
- **January 2023:** 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, Texas

# Possible Funding Sources: 65/35

## ➤ Federal Funding

- Appropriations
- Reduction on match
- Reduction in interest
- Grants/eligible federal money

## ➤ State Funding

- Legislative Appropriations
- Grants/state agency money
- In-kind donation (property)

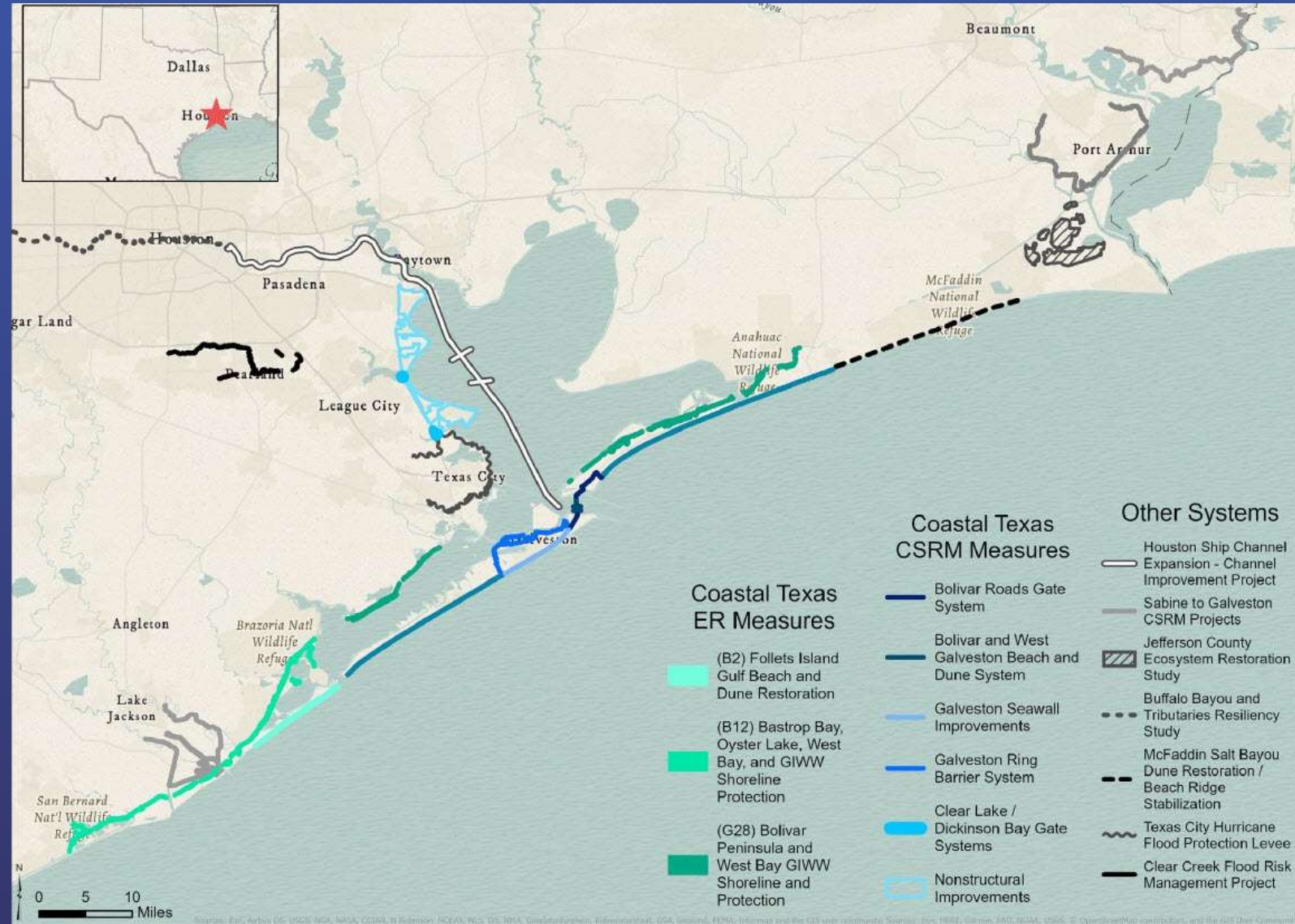
## ➤ Local Funding

- Tax revenue
- Fees
- In-kind work

## ➤ Alternative Funding

- Resilience financing
- Private dollars

# A Comprehensive Coastal Resiliency Strategy for the Upper Texas Coast

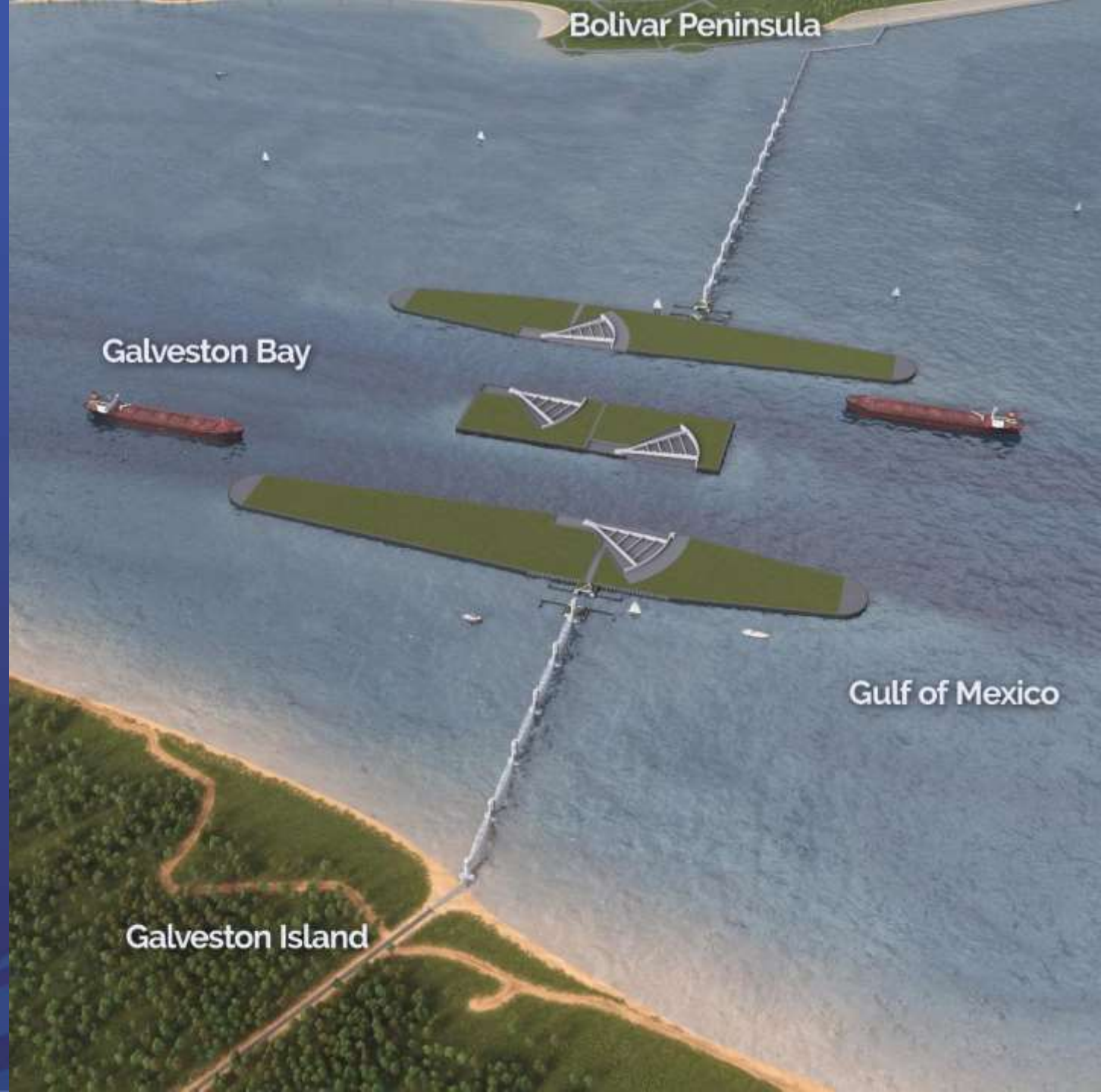


# Federal Participation

- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022
- Funding
- Other considerations



# Questions





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