

Coastal Barrier Resources System

Projects located within the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) cannot qualify for federal funding. In Texas, this applies to portions of all the barrier islands along the Gulf of Mexico and portions of some coastline along the interior bays. There are some allowable funding areas on the barrier islands and a review of a map would be required to identify these limited areas.

From the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) web page, the CBRS currently includes 585 System units, which comprise nearly 1.3 million acres of land and associated aquatic habitat. There are also 271 “otherwise protected areas,” a category of coastal barriers already held for conservation purposes that include an additional 1.8 million acres of land and associated aquatic habitat.

For projects located near this area, a map showing the project location can be created to quickly inform the readers of the environmental report that the specific project site qualifies for federal funding. The USFWS web page can be found here:

<http://www.fws.gov/CBRA/Maps/index.html>

The link above will open up the USFWS Coastal Barrier Resources Act map home page. To make a copy of the Texas Locator Map, click on the word link, “Texas” located on the right side of the page in the state grid area. A new window will open and it will ask you if you want to open, save, or cancel the map. Recommend that you save the map as a PDF to your computer for future reference, printing, or editing.

The Texas map is at a small scale, but can be used to identify the official CBRS unit maps within the State (colored in red). From the map, you can also find the areas that would qualify for federal funding (non red areas).

To create a specific CBRS unit map, obtain the specific unit number(s) from the Texas map. From the main web page noted above, scroll down and click the, “Click here to access the Official CBRS maps”. A new window will open to the list of maps available in alphabetical State order. Scroll down as Texas is near the bottom of the page. Identify the unit you need by the unit number(s) and then click on the pdf link on the right hand side of the page. The map will load and a dialog box will open and to ask you if you want to open, save, or cancel the map. Recommend that you save the map as a PDF to your computer for future reference, printing, or editing

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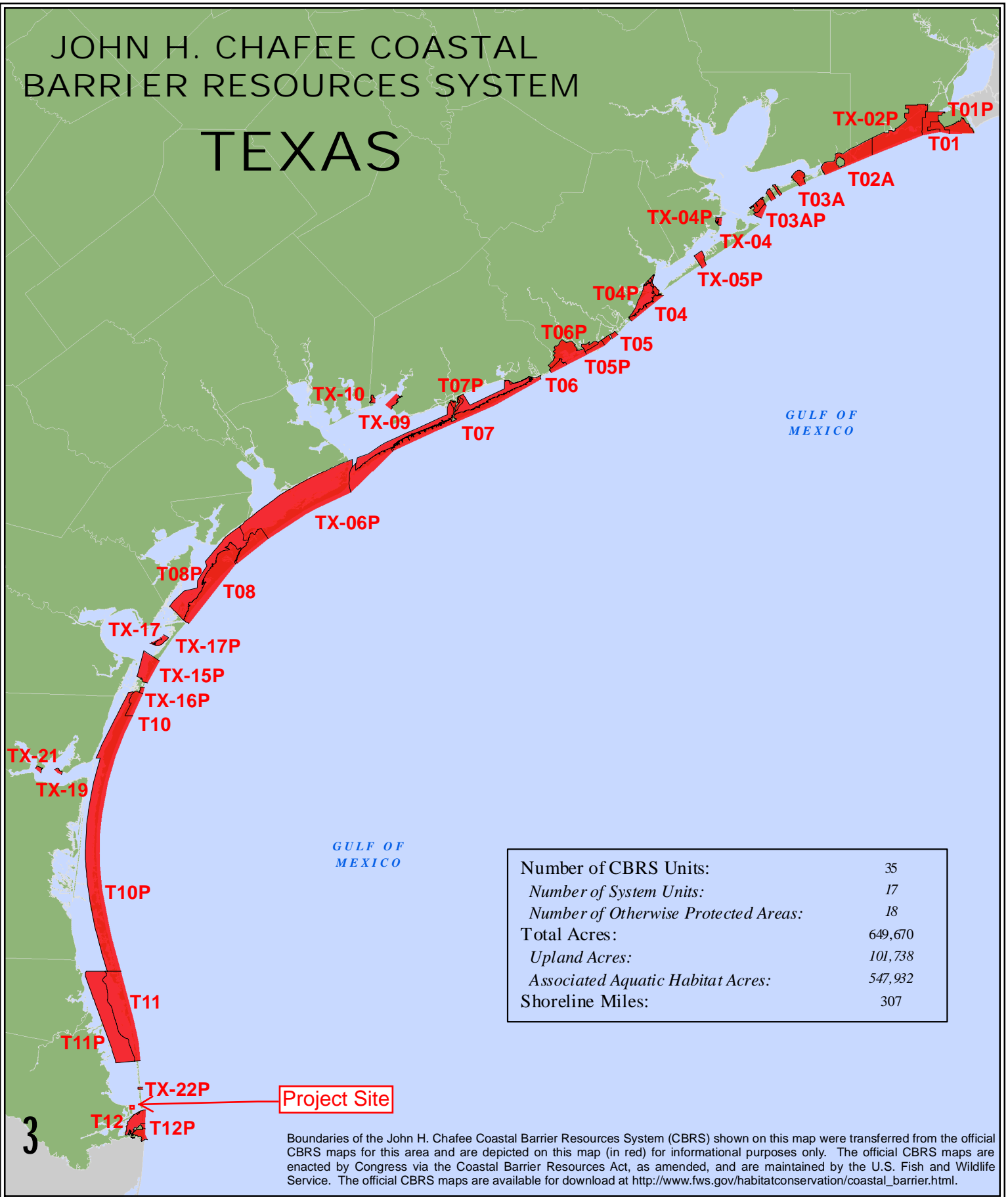


Number of CBRS Units:	35
Number of System Units:	17
Number of Otherwise Protected Areas:	18
Total Acres:	649,670
Upland Acres:	101,738
Associated Aquatic Habitat Acres:	547,932
Shoreline Miles:	307

Boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) shown on this map were transferred from the official CBRS maps for this area and are depicted on this map (in red) for informational purposes only. The official CBRS maps are enacted by Congress via the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended, and are maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The official CBRS maps are available for download at http://www.fws.gov/habitatconservation/coastal_barrier.html.

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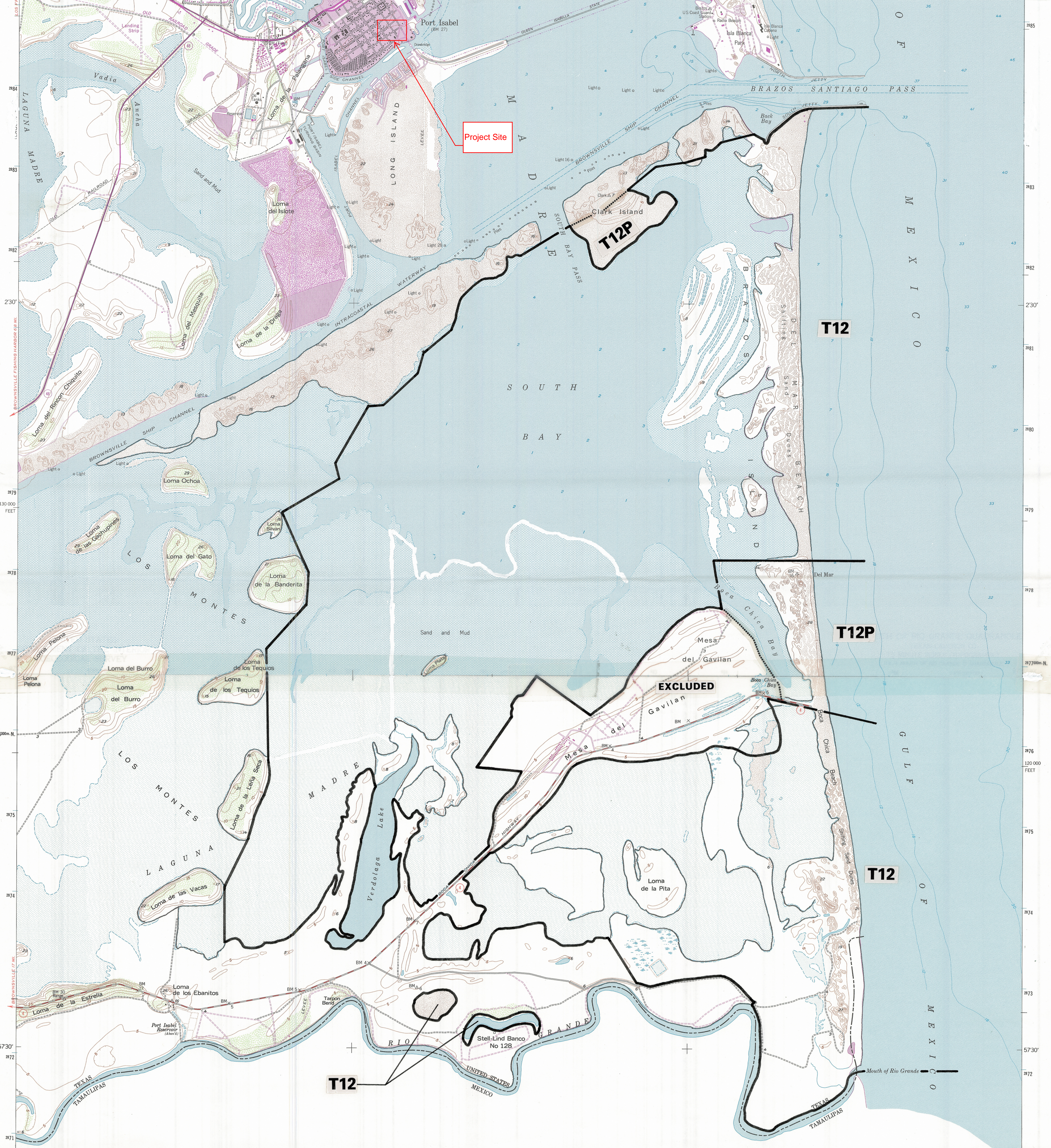
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Project Site

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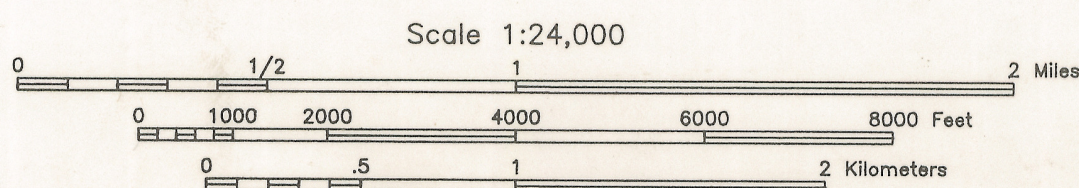


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This map has been produced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from a set of maps adopted by Congress pursuant to the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act P.L. 101-591 and supersedes all previous maps prepared by the Service concerning undeveloped coastal barriers. The boundary delineation of this map is identical to that adopted by Congress.

The boundary delineation of this map has been amended pursuant to Section 4(e) of P.L. 101-591.



— Solid lines depict units in the CBRS.

..... Dotted lines depict "otherwise protected areas" not within the CBRS. These areas are shown with the Letter "P" following the unit number.

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