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# Coastal Prairie Conservancy Successfully Conserves Two Properties in Southeast Texas

January 22, 2024 – Houston, Texas – The Coastal Prairie Conservancy (CPC) is delighted to announce the successful completion of two pivotal conservation easement projects — Flyway Farms and Brazos Tower. Strategically located in Matagorda County, these projects are integral to CPC's long-term landscape conservation goals, contributing to the health of the region for present and future generations.

The 166-acre Flyway Farms along with the 75-acre Brazos Tower, adjacent to and near existing protected lands, expand the protected coastal prairie. These properties lie within a critical coastal zone, both less than 5 miles from Matagorda Bay. Both properties feature a diverse mix of coastal grasslands and wetlands, providing homes for various wildlife, including mottled ducks. The permanent protection of these tracts aligns with the organization's strategic conservation plans and addresses the needs identified in various bird conservation initiatives.

Mary Anne Piacentini, President and CEO of Coastal Prairie Conservancy, expressed, "These conservation easement projects mark a significant stride toward our commitment to preserving coastal grasslands and wetlands. Flyway Farms and Brazos Tower are important additions to our preserved lands, promoting habitat conservation for resident and migratory birds while ensuring the health of Matagorda Bay."

Piacentini added, "We are grateful for the partnership and generosity of these landowners and partners, making projects like these possible. The permanent protection of Flyway Farms and Brazos Tower contribute to the region's biodiversity and help ensure a resilient future."

These projects were funded through generous donations from the landowners, as well as philanthropic grants from the Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation. As CPC celebrates the completion of these projects, the organization looks forward to continued collaboration, emphasizing the collective effort needed to enhance and secure the long-term conservation of vital lands in the Texas mid-coast region.

For more information, visit <u>www.coastalprairieconservancy.org</u>.

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**Photo caption**: Coastal prairie preservation ensures that homes exist for the mottled duck and other wildlife. Photo courtesy of Greg Lavaty.

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### About the Coastal Prairie Conservancy

The Coastal Prairie Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust dedicated to sustaining resilient Texas by preserving coastal prairie, wetlands, farms, and ranches to benefit people and wildlife forever. Preserved lands play an important role in flood control, cleaner air and water, outdoor recreation, and wildlife habitat. To learn more about the Coastal Prairie Conservancy's conservation efforts, visit <u>www.coastalprairieconservancy.org</u> or find us on Facebook and Instagram @coastalprairieconservancy.

## About Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation

Since 1991, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation has raised and invested more than \$235 million to advance Texas' proud outdoor traditions and conserve our state's wildlife, habitat and natural resources. Our vision is for all Texans to have access to the wild things and wild places of our state, both now and for generations to come. For more information, please visit <u>www.tpwf.org</u>.

## About the Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation

The Gulf Partnership's mission is to increase the pace, quality, and permanence of voluntary land and water conservation in the Gulf of Mexico region. Founded in 2010, its coalition of partners works with private landowners, government agencies, and local communities to protect the region's most critical natural resources and beautiful landscapes: ranchlands, mangrove forests, freshwater springs, longleaf pine and bottomland hardwood forests, sandy beaches, and barrier islands. For more information, please visit <u>www.gulfpartnership.org</u>.