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Fort Travis Restroom Replacement

A Project of the Coastal Management Program Contract No. 23-020-012-D606

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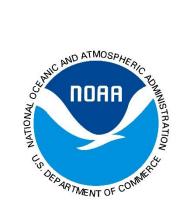
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Project Background:

Fort Travis was first established by the Republic of Texas in 1836 as a first line of defense for the Galveston Harbor entrance, but it also played a significant role in both World Wars. In 1973, the Fort was purchased by Galveston County for use as a public park. The park area includes attractions such as historic bunkers and batteries, fishing sites, and a 360-degree view of the Gulf of Mexico. Fort Travis also has a small restroom facility that was constructed over 30 years ago and has since deteriorated. With thousands of visitors coming to Fort Travis each month, Galveston County would like to replace the current restroom facility.

Galveston County (the County) used the CMP Cycle 27 funds to design and construct a new restroom facility. The County also installed an outdoor visitor rinse station, designed and installed three educational signs, and designed and constructed a kiosk for event and coastal warnings/information. The new additions to Fort Travis are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS). The County demolished the existing restroom structure and cleared all debris prior to the start of the grant.

Installing a new restroom for the thousands of visitors each month will provide quality facilities for the public. With the addition of educational signage about the history of the Fort and the wildlife and sea life they may encounter, this will become a destination hot spot for people of all ages. With the additional of rinse stations, the County will be able to provide beach goers a place to stop and clean off prior to boarding the Ferry.

Task 1: Engineering, Design, and Permitting

The County needed to complete a site survey. The County solicited engineering services through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in accordance with state and local standards and award a contract to the selected engineer. The engineer, Huitt Zollars developed designs for the new restroom facility. The technical specifications and a complete set of plans were submitted to the GLO for approval. The engineer obtained all necessary permits for construction. The engineer also developed a construction Request for Proposals (RFP). Once approved, the County solicited bids to select a construction contractor.

Task 2: Construction

The County issued a purchase order at the pre-construction meeting with the construction contractor, Public Restroom Company. Public Restroom Company used a subcontractor, Premier Outdoors to handle all site work at Fort Travis, including installing the concrete slab, electric

service, and plumbing pipes. While this was being completed, Public Restroom Company was manufacturing the restroom onsite in Nevada. Once completed, the restroom was shipped over to the Fort Travis in Bolivar, Texas and with a large crane was set on the concrete slab. The County erected temporary CMP signage at the site during construction. County staff installed the rinse station. The GLO provided permanent CMP signage and the County installed the permanent signage at the project site following construction. A Registered Accessibility Specialist certified the restroom facility as compliant with Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS).

Task 3: Educational Signage and Kiosk

The County elected to select a prefabricated kiosk and installed three educational signs focused on the protected wildlife and historical significance of Fort Travis. The County also selected a prefabricated kiosk and installed it for event and coastal warnings/information. The signage contains a funding acknowledgement statement and the NOAA and CMP logos. Conceptual designs and draft layout text of interpretive signage was submitted and approved by the GLO prior to installation. The GLO provided permanent CMP signage, which the County installed on the kiosk following construction.

Task 4: Project Monitoring & Reporting

The County prepared and submitted all reports, deliverables, and requests for reimbursement as required in the contract, to CMPReceipts@GLO.TEXAS.GOV. Monthly progress reports and requests for reimbursement were due to CMPReceipts@GLO.TEXAS.GOV on the 10th day of every month of the year starting with November 10, 2022. The final report summarized the work completed under each task and photos of the completed project.

Please see attached photo exhibits and maps showing all tasks of the project.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PROGRESS REPORT

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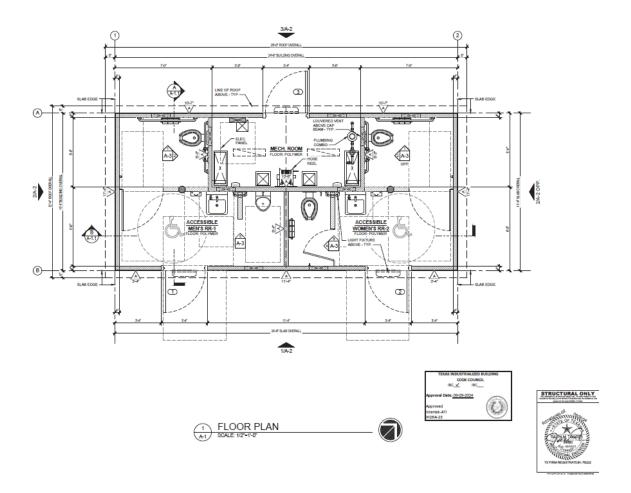
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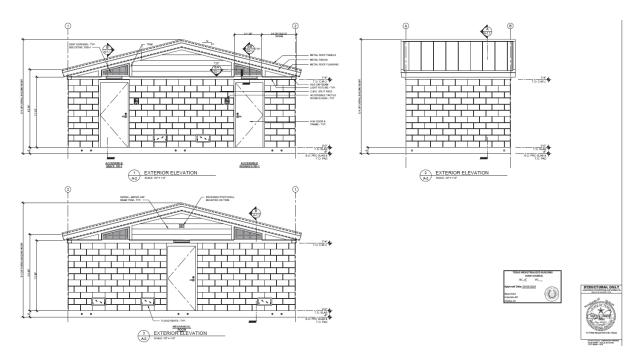
Old Fort Travis Restroom



Site after Demolition



Floor Plan for Fort Travis Restroom



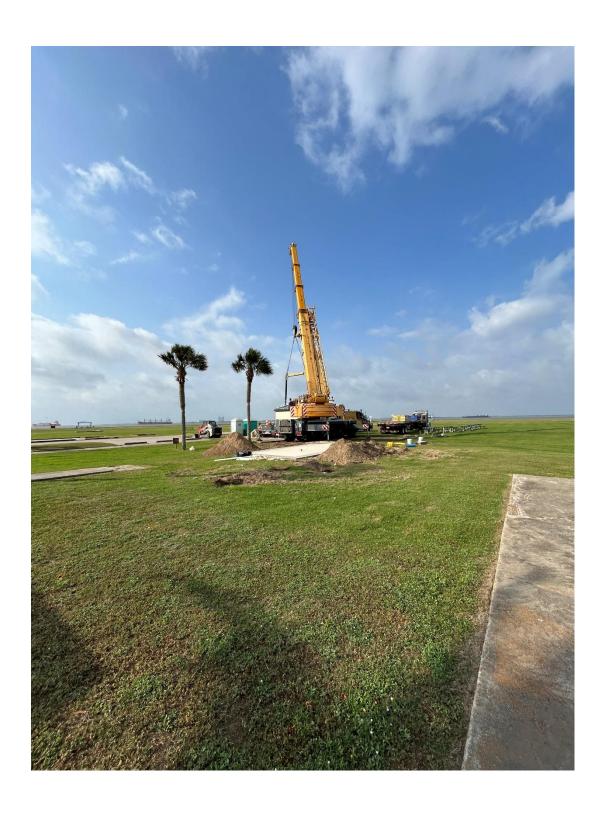
Exterior of Fort Travis Restroom Plans



Temporary Signage



Concrete slab pour



Slab poured.



Building being set



Building set with sidewalks and permanent signage attached.



Kiosk with required signage







Small Kiosks



Rinse Station