

**City of Galveston Pocket Park #3 Improvements
22-045-016-D113**

**Final Report
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Project Background:

Pocket Park #3 (Park) is designated as Access Point (AP) #13 in the City of Galveston's (City) Beach Access Plan (Plan). According to the City of Galveston's Plan, this access point has a parking lot with a minimum of 273 parking spaces and wheelchair accessible dune walkover for public use. In 2008, the storm surge and wind damage from Hurricane Ike destroyed and rendered the Park's pavilion, dune walkover, and the other off-beach amenities at the park unusable.

Funding for this project was used specifically to improve the existing beach access point and make it compliant with the Plan. The City cleared and improved the gravel parking area to provide 273 vehicle parking spaces, repaved asphalt drive to restore vehicle access to Farm to Market (FM) Road 3005 and 11-Mile Road, and constructed a pedestrian path leading from the parking area to the line of vegetation. The pedestrian path is parallel to 11-Mile Road and is designed to minimize adverse effects to critical dune areas. The construction methods for the parking lot and access roads was chosen to minimize impervious surfaces by re-paving only those areas that have existing impervious surfaces, and the parking areas will be maintained as pervious and grass parking.

Task 1 Summary: Design and Engineering

The City Engineer developed technical specifications and a complete set of construction drawings that were submitted to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for approval. The designs included repairs to the main access road that leads to the proposed parking area, repairs to the two 24-foot-wide access drives parallel to the beach and perpendicular to the main access road, and a pedestrian path to the public beach that runs parallel to the western edge of the park and terminates at the line of vegetation.

The City obtained a Beachfront Construction Certificate and Dune Protection Permit for the project. No other environmental permits were required for the project.

Task 2 Summary: Construction and Sign Installation

As specified by the City Engineer, the City completed rough grading of the parking area and access roads. The City installed temporary Coastal Management Program (CMP) signage during construction. Permanent CMP signage, provided by GLO, has been installed at the project site. The City has also installed wayfinding and regulatory signage that confirms to the citywide beach access wayfinding signage that confirms to the City's Beach Access Plan.

A Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) certified the access path is compliant with Texas State Accessibility Standards (TAS).

Task 3 Summary: Project Monitoring and Reporting

The City 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 provided by the 10th day of every month beginning in November 2021.

This Final Report will summarize the work completed under each task and photos of the completed project.

Attachment A

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Site Location Aerial Photograph



Figure 1: Pocket Park #3 Aerial Photograph

Attachment B

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Pre-Construction Photographs



Photo 1: Pre-construction Site View to West



Photo 2: Pre-construction Access Road to FM 3005



Photo 3: Pre-construction Site View to North



Photo 4: Pre-construction Site View to West

Attachment C

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Construction Photos



Photo 5: Grading of Site View to South



Photo 6: Grading of Site View to East



Photo 7: Graded Site View to South



Photo 9: Laying of Asphalt on Access Road from FM 3005 to Parking Lot



Photo 10: Drone Photo of Site Work



Photo 11: Drone Photo of Site Work

Attachment D

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Post-Construction Photographs



Photo 12: Finished Parking Lot View to North



Photo 13: Finished Parking Lot and Access Road View to East



Photo 14: Finished Parking Lot View to South



Photo 15: Finished Parking Lot View to South



Photo 16: Finished Access Road from FM 3005 to Parking Lot with Signs View to South



Photo 17: Finished Access Road with Signage View to East



Photo 18: Finished Pedestrian Beach Access with Signage View to South



Photo 19: Exit Signage View to East



Photo 20: Dune Mitigation and Pedestrian Beach Access View to North



Photo 21: Completed Dune Mitigation Planting View to Northeast



Photo 22: Completed Dune Mitigation Planting View to Northeast

Attachment E

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RAS Certification Letter

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Galveston County
Attn: Kyle Clark
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RE: Public Parking Lot Improvements, City of Galveston Pocket Park #3
13315 San Luis Pass Road, Galveston, TX 77550; Galveston County
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Inspection Approved-No Violations

To: Whom it May Concern,

We are pleased to inform you that the above referenced project is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 469.

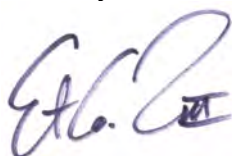
The inspection results will be forwarded to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for issuance of the final approval letter. For newly constructed buildings and facilities, the Department will provide a Notice of Substantial Compliance (Certificate and Decal) to the owner upon receipt of a completed Notice of Substantial Compliance Request Form.

Please note that this determination does not address the applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (PL 101-336) or any other state, local, or federal requirement. For information on the ADA, please call the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division at 202 514 0301.

If you have any questions or need further assistance the results of the inspection, or the requirements of the Architectural Barriers Act, or if you are not the Owner of record for this facility, contact Ernest Taylor at 281-554-4202.

Please reference the TABS number in all future correspondence pertaining to this project.

Sincerely,



Ernest G. Taylor III
Registered Accessibility Specialist #0492