



Resacas Ecosystem Restoration (Sec 206), TX

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FACT SHEET as of September 23, 2014

AUTHORIZATION: Section 206, WRDA 1996 (P.L.104-303), as amended.

TYPE OF PROJECT: Continuing Authorities Program, Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration

PROJECT PHASE: Feasibility

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Cornyn** and **Cruz** (TX); Representative **Vela** (TX-34)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Brownsville Public Utilities Board



BACKGROUND: The City of Brownsville is located along the Rio Grande River in south Texas. Resacas are former channels of the Rio Grande River that have been cut off from the river, having no inlet or outlet. Before land development and water control, floodwaters from the Rio Grande drained into Resacas from the surrounding terrain. The primary hydrologic function of a Resacas was diversion and dissipation of floodwater from the river. They currently offer habitat to many aquatic species in a region where fresh water is at a premium, as well as some secondary flood damage reduction benefits. Over the years, portions of the Resacas have silted in and became bottomland. The remaining stretches of channel have formed into a series of unconnected horseshoe bends with impacted habitat.

STATUS: The Federal Interest Determination Report is complete, and the execution of the FCSA and the PMP will follow by the end of FY 14.

ISSUES: Deterioration of the Resacas has increased regional flooding, impaired water storage and eliminated much of the natural riparian habitat along the Resacas on U.S. side of the Rio Grande River.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$)

CONTINUING AUTHORITY

PROGRAM

Federal Cost Estimate	\$4,600,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	2,700,000
Total Project Cost	\$7,300,000
Allocation thru FY 2011	\$0
Allocation for FY 2012	0
Allocation for FY 2013	0
Allocation for FY 2014	0
President Budget FY 2015	0
Amount That Could be Used in FY 2015	155,000
Balance to Complete	\$4,600,000

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SCHEDULE:

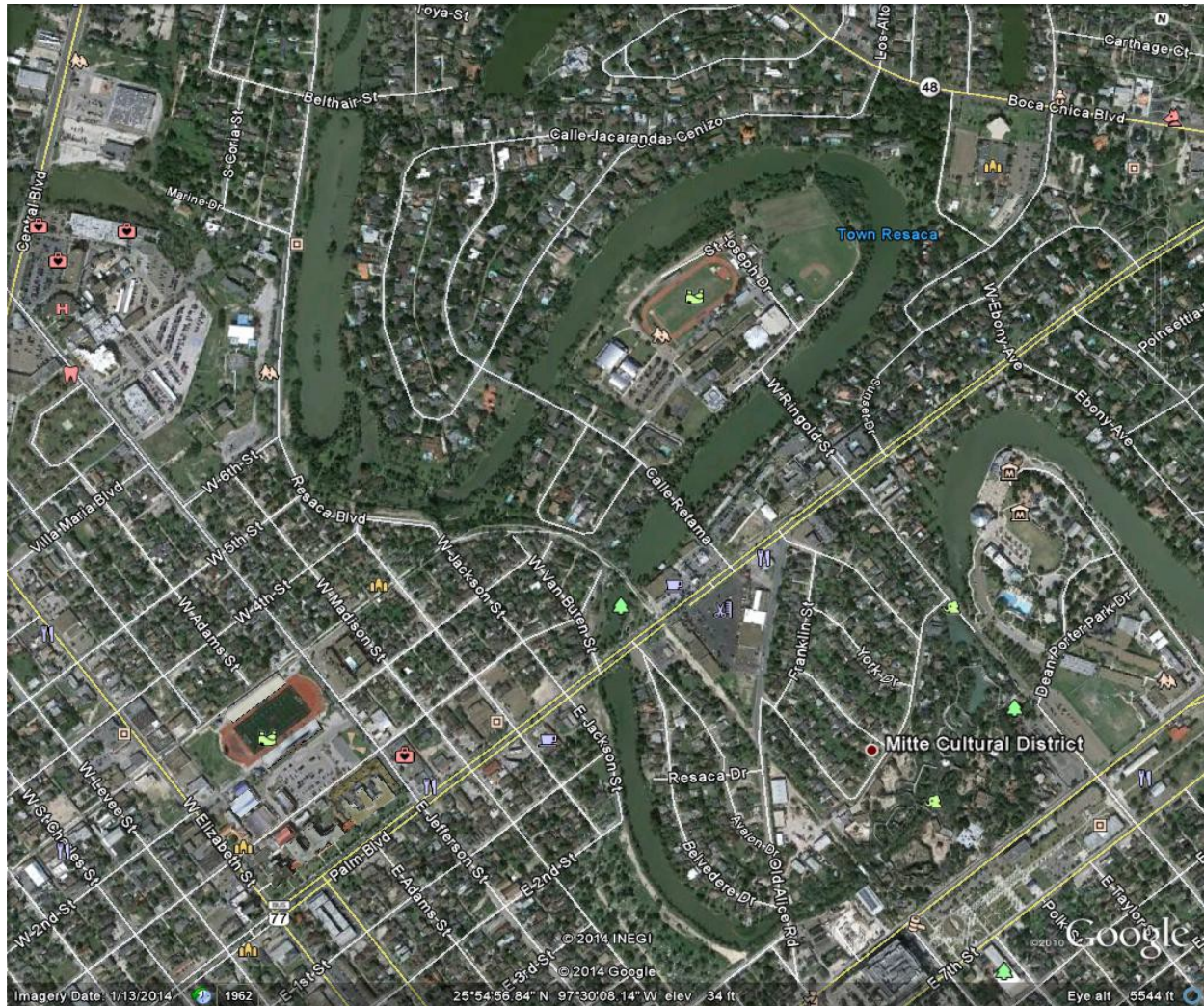
FY 2014 Scheduled Work: FY14 funds are being used to initiate and complete the preliminary assessment, to formulate the Project Management Plan, and to execute a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with the non-Federal sponsor.

FY 2015 Budget: Funds have been requested for the project in FY2015. If funding is received it could be used to initiate the cost-shared feasibility study (\$155,000).

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the project completion date is September 2015.

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