



Concept rendering of proposed harbor expansion



# Matagorda Harbor Development

Residents of Matagorda have long enjoyed low-key country living and are proud of their productive local farms and abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation. A great quality of life is hard to keep secret, so news of Matagorda's bounty is spreading, and its economic potential is skyrocketing. In 2022, three companies committed to multibillion-dollar investments in Matagorda County that will bring jobs and energy to this tranquil coastal community.

In anticipation of continued growth in Matagorda County, the Port of Bay City Authority (Port) proposes the Matagorda Harbor Development Project—a 200-acre recreational complex on Port-owned property. The project would increase recreational and educational opportunities for residents and visitors, and the construction and operation of the project are expected to increase jobs and economic activity. The Port seeks to attract private developers to construct and operate complementary businesses.



**Questions?**  
 Contact George Harrison, Port of Bay City Authority Chairman, (979) 479-3886

## ★ Your Vote Counts

### Voter Information Meetings

Matagorda Fireman's Hall	April 5, 2023	6-7 PM
Bay City Civic Center Room 103	April 6, 2023	6-7 PM
Caney Creek Chapel	April 12, 2023	6-7 PM

### Early Voting

April 24–May 2, 2023

### Election Day

May 6, 2023

### Polling Locations

Bay City Service Center  
 Port of Palacios

## Construction Phase<sup>1</sup>

<b>\$148M</b>	<b>\$32M</b>	<b>+575</b>
Total Economic Activity	Labor Income	Jobs

## Long-Term Operations<sup>1</sup>

<b>\$57M</b>	<b>\$15M</b>	<b>+456</b>
Total Economic Activity/Year	Labor Income/Year	Jobs

<sup>1</sup> Estimated economic impact provided by TXP, Inc.



# Connecting Community to Opportunity

The proposed Matagorda Harbor Development Project is the result of a collaborative process involving the Port, local elected officials, government staff, and members of the public.

With input from public meetings in 2022, the Port's project vision includes the following features:

- Recreational harbor expansion encompassing 28 acres
- 100 floating temporary mooring docks and 90 covered long-term boat slips
- RV park with 50 pads and a bathhouse
- Four boat ramps, a fish cleaning station, and a public restroom
- Two public fishing piers
- A fairground area and community center supporting vendors and festivals
- A public park with a playground, picnic areas, and a public restroom
- Gravel and elevated timber walking paths with educational signage
- Four viewing platforms for observing local birds and wildlife
- Facilities for youth camps, school field trips, and other educational activities
- A welcome center, access roads, footpaths, parking areas, and related infrastructure
- Utilities for expected future development such as a hotel, restaurants, and retail shops



Concept rendering of proposed recreational park and walking trails