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## Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program's Nueces Delta Preserve Celebrates Improvements



Improvements continue at the Nueces Delta Preserve as board members, program staff, contractors and engineers were on hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the new restroom facilities, a welcome addition that will benefit the almost 10,000 students and visitors to the preserve annually.

Made possible by a private foundation donation, the building includes restrooms, showers, wash stations, and eco-friendly features such as a water bottle refill fountain, rainwater collection system, and a solar water heating system.

"It was a pleasure to work with G&W Engineers and South Texas Building Partners to turn our vision into reality, a building that compliments the landscape and is designed for efficiency, both in terms of sustainable use of resources and providing a comfortable and convenient experience for our guests" said Jake Herring, Director of Land Conservation at the CBBEP.

The Nueces Delta Preserve is home to Delta Discovery, CBBEP's educational program that provides field experiences and workshops to teachers and students. "This facility will benefit our education program tremendously for years to come by providing for efficiency while managing large groups. Additionally, the many sustainable features incorporated into the facility provide teaching opportunities that can be easily incorporated into our curriculum" said Ray Allen, Executive Director at the CBBEP.



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In addition to the educational program, the education staff is now offering Delta Discovery Days Family Picnics, scheduled opportunities for the public to access and enjoy the preserve. Learn about these opportunities and more at www.cbbep.org.



The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring bays and estuaries in the 12-county region of the Texas Coastal Bend. CBBEP is partially funded by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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