



Energy Transfer Supports Conservation Work in Texas

Company dedicates \$250,000 to work on J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area

PORT ARTHUR, Texas – May 2, 2022 – Ducks Unlimited (DU) today announced a \$250,000 commitment by Dallas-based Energy Transfer to wetland conservation efforts on J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Jefferson County, Texas. This most recent commitment is a continuation of Energy Transfer’s partnership with DU, having provided \$5 million for wetland restoration and protection along Louisiana’s Gulf Coast and Ohio’s Great Lakes region over the past four years.

“Energy Transfer and DU have a shared commitment to environmental stewardship,” said Mike Birkett, Senior Director of Operations at Energy Transfer’s Nederland Terminal. “This project is particularly important to us because of its proximity to our Nederland Terminal, our largest facility on the Gulf Coast. The opportunity to help facilitate wetland restoration in our own backyard that will benefit waterfowl, wildlife, and the people who use this area for recreation is one we feel passionate about.”

Project work will take place on J.D. Murphree WMA, which is owned and managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and part of DU’s Gulf Coast Initiative. “Working in partnership with TPWD, we will replace existing, deteriorated water control structures, refurbish levees, install a new re-lift pump and remove flotant marsh and sediment,” said Chad Manlove, DU Managing Director of Development. “Thanks in part to the generous \$250,000 contribution from Energy Transfer, the work on J.D. Murphree WMA will help enhance wetland habitat on 1,700 acres of coastal marsh.” Once completed, this project will enhance wildlife habitat, improve water quality and support community resilience.

“The J. D. Murphree WMA has been challenged by aging habitat management infrastructure in need of repair or replacement. Over the past 60 years normal wear and tear as well as numerous tropical storms and hurricanes have damaged many of the water control structures and levees to where they are not functioning to meet current management needs,” said John Silovsky, Wildlife Division Director Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. “This generous donation from Energy Transfer will allow TPWD to repair and replace much of this

infrastructure, in turn improving our ability to manage habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife resources while providing quality public recreation opportunities well into the future.”

Additional Gulf Coast Initiative project partners include TPWD, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and TCEQ. Project work is scheduled to begin in 2023.

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About Ducks Unlimited

Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 15 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. For more information on our work, visit www.ducks.org.

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