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Sea Center Texas to Improve Visitor Experience

Phillips 66 Donation will fund Wetlands Observation Walkway renovation and expansion

LAKE JACKSON- Visitors to [Sea Center Texas](#) will soon enjoy an enhanced experience in the popular wetlands observation area of the marine aquarium, fish hatchery and education center. A \$75,000 corporate donation from [Phillips 66](#) will fund improvements to the wetlands walkway to encourage greater use of the area for birding and other wildlife observation. The funds will also be used to bring the walkway into compliance with updated Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

“Sea Center Texas’ mission is a great fit with Phillips 66’s sustainability program,” said Karen Tripp, vice president of Communications and Public Affairs for Phillips 66. “We are delighted to support this new wetlands walkway.”

Sea Center Texas was built in 1996 by the [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#) and is the world’s largest redfish hatchery. The site’s visitor center educates through a “touch tank” and native Texas aquarium exhibits depicting a salt marsh, jetty, reef and open Gulf waters. The center’s wetland area is part of the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail where more than 200 species of birds have been identified. Visitors can frequently see damselflies, dragonflies, butterflies, frogs and turtles off the soon-to-be-improved walkway. The area also serves as an outdoor classroom where thousands of children and adults learn about the importance of wetland habitats.



“We’re very appreciative of this philanthropic donation by Phillips 66,” said Anne Brown, executive director of [Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation](#). “These improvements will provide enhanced access and a better experience for the many visitors who come through Sea Center each year.”

About 55,000 visitors come to Sea Center Texas annually and the facility has seen more than one million visitors since it opened. Admission is free.

“Educating the public about why wetland habitat is important is an essential part of our mission,” said David Abrego, director of Sea Center Texas. “These improvements will help us spread the message about the value of coastal conservation.”

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