City receives Best Restored Beaches award

South Padre Island, TX, May 21, 2019: The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) have awarded the City of South Padre Island the Best Restored Beaches for 2019. The ASBPA released its much-anticipated annual list of the nation’s best-restored beaches. This year’s list provides representation from the mid-Atlantic, south Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts.

The City was selected due to its innovative method of utilizing sand tracing techniques and a nearshore berm. It involved close coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Geological Survey, Partrac Geomarine Inc., Texas A&M University at Galveston and the City to assemble this massive study within six months.

The City of South Padre Island Shoreline Department has been conducting beach restoration activities for more than 30 years, including its long successful tradition of using this dredged sand material. This allows the City to remain a popular tourist destination while it continues to enhance the Island’s dune and beach system. The City of South Padre Island does not have a seawall, so it relies entirely on natural shoreline protection.

“It is an honor for the City to be recognized for our restoration efforts,” said Kristina Boburka, Interim Shoreline director. “Our efforts to protecting and maintaining the beach ensures the community will continue to have memorable experiences.”

A complete list of award-winning beaches and more information about beach restoration and ASBPA is available online at www.asbpa.org. Winners will be honored during ASBPA’s annual Coastal Summit held in Washington, DC, in March 2020.

ABOUT ASBPA: Founded in 1926, the ASBPA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that advocates for healthy coastlines by promoting the integration of science, policies and actions that maintain, protect and enhance the coasts of America. For more information on ASBPA, go to www.asbpa.org, Facebook or www.twitter.com/asbpa.

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