



# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN PORT ARANSAS: CITIZEN'S GUIDE

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The City of Port Aransas received grant funding to update its stormwater management plan with help from an outside engineering firm, Freese & Nichols. After looking at City drainage plans, historical data on flooding, and what other cities have done, the firm has provided the City with several recommendations and updates to its code.

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Port Aransas is renowned for its excellent fishing, beautiful beaches, and migratory birds, all of which is thanks to good water quality. Coastal development can harm water quality by increasing pollution and removing wetlands, which naturally filter water. A high-quality stormwater plan will help maintain high-quality water.



## PROJECT OUTCOMES

### UPDATES TO CODE

- [Stormwater management and drainage ordinance](#) with requirements for new construction and development
- [Landscaping ordinance](#) amended to streamline the current point system and incentivize low-impact design and preservation of natural areas
- [Illicit discharge ordinance](#) to be added to City code
- [Zoning ordinance](#) amended to adopt new green space incentive credits

### BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

[Thirty recommendations](#) for the City to adopt regarding development practices and outreach strategies over the next five years.

### STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION

The list of Best Management Practices and Ordinances are ranked by cost and potential pollution reduction.

