

Contract 082: Acquisition and Restoration of ICF's Texas Flagship Property

Report 1: January 2025-October 2025

In January, the International Crane Foundation (ICF) was awarded the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust (MBMT), the first substantial funding source secured towards this project. Since, January ICF has been working persistently on the fundraising and due diligence is needed to close on the property on time. I have included relevant monthly updates in this report.

January 2025

After many months of negotiating with the sellers, the International Crane Foundation and the sellers signed a purchase sales agreement for the 1,150.4-acre Lane Road Tract.

The International Crane Foundation received notice of the MBMT award, and we worked on contract language with the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust.

February 2025

MBMT Contract number 082 was signed by the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust and the International Crane Foundation. We did a site visit to the property with two groups of potential donors before and after the Port Aransas Whooping Crane Festival. On both trips we saw Whooping Cranes!

Near the end of the month, we received a commitment from the Knobloch Family Foundation.

We also received a two-year commitment from the Houston Zoo.

March 2025

We signed a contract with the Knobloch Family Foundation to support the project.

We also completed a Phase I Environmental Assessment through Phase Engineering, LLC. (used non-MBMT funds).

We did two site visits to the property with a representative of the Turner Foundation. On both trips we saw Whooping Cranes.

April 2025

We formally applied for the Turner Foundation Grant.

May 2025

We received a formal commitment and funds from the Turner Foundation towards the acquisition.

We received the completed survey of the property through Urban Surveying, Inc. (used non-MBMT funds).

June 2025.

We received the first half of the two-year commitment toward acquisition and restoration from the Houston Zoo.

July 2025

MBMT and ICF signed a contract amendment that allows for an advance request of the \$250,000 budgeted for going towards the purchase of the property (Real Estate in the expense category).

August 2025

ICF announced our land acquisition plans and started our public fundraising campaign at our From the Field Webinar, titled "Our Next Big Step". The webinar was recorded and is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LgkVXFABhE&feature=youtu.be>

September 2025

ICF shared various social media posts highlighting our land acquisition plan and soliciting support. Our Facebook post announcing our land acquisition plans received 19,753 views, 2,392 interactions, and 85 shares.

The Letter and Email campaign have garnered substantial support from individuals. Over 400 people have donated to the project.

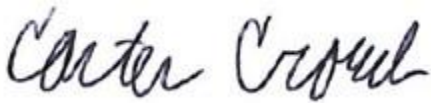
October 2025

We completed Yellow Book appraisals of the property with James J. Jeffries, ARA, MAI Real Estate Appraiser & Consultant (used non-MBMT funds).

At the end of October, ICF's Board of Directors passed a resolution formally greenlighting our closing, which has been set for December 4th.

So that we can get all of the funding ready for closing, we are now requesting the advance request for \$250,000.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Carter Crouch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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