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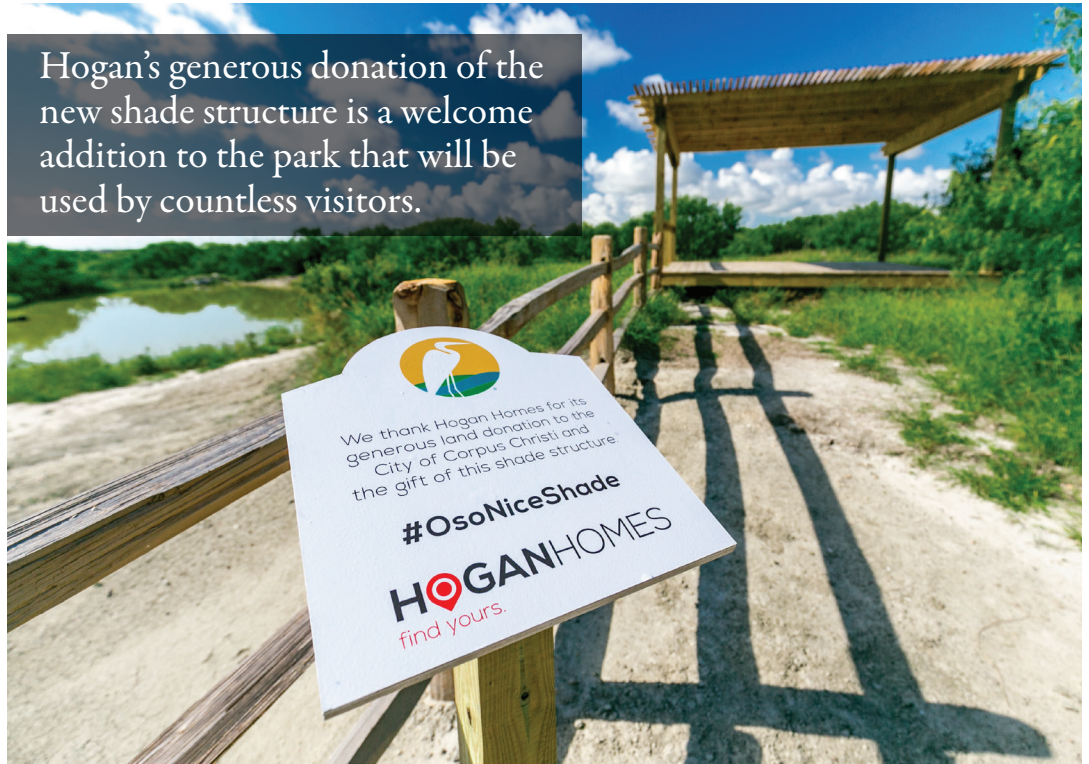
How a Local Home Builder Helps Preserve Local Wetlands

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Nancy Summers, CEO | Trey Summers, VP Project Development

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As Hogan Homes celebrates 50 years of building quality homes in the Coastal Bend, the homebuilder has focused much of its recent development efforts on communities that highlight the area's natural features. For Terra Mar, Hogan Homes had the vision to find a way to protect and preserve the adjacent wetlands along Oso Bay, donating significant resources towards the land purchase of the park.

Nancy Summers, CEO of Hogan Homes, acknowledges, “In 2008, Hogan Homes and its development partners contributed \$155,000 towards the purchase of the 160 acres that is now the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve & Learning Center.” Visitors are invited to embark on nature hikes, discover the diverse ecosystem through wildlife exhibits and speaker series, and children can enjoy activities and summer camps hosted at the preserve.



To commemorate the opening, Hogan Homes built a new shade structure overlooking an observation pond within a 5 minute walk from the learning center. Summers adds, “We are thrilled to announce the completion of the new shade structure that visitors can enjoy for years to come.” Fittingly, the shade structure was erected over the site of an old brick maker's site, establishing an historic connection that has added to Hogan Homes' enthusiasm for the project.

Also sharing in the enthusiasm is Stacie Talbert Anaya, Interim Director of Corpus

Christi Parks and Recreation Department: “We are excited to have such a valuable partner as Hogan Homes who appreciates maintaining the natural beauty and environment of our Oso Bay Wetlands area. Hogan's generous donation of the new shade structure is a welcome addition to the park that will be used by countless visitors.”

Hogan Homes knows that communities are not simply built by constructing houses; they are built by creating environments to enjoy and cherish. Trey Summers adds, “The Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve is a treasure not only for our Terra Mar homeowners but for the city as a whole.”