Texas High School Coastal Monitoring Program at Ball High School: 2022-2023

July 2023



Texas High School Coastal Monitoring Program

- Provide high school students with a real-world learning experience by monitoring the beach and dune environment.
- Obtain a better understanding of the relationship between coastal processes, beach morphology, and shoreline change
- Increase public awareness and understanding of coastal change, processes, and hazards by making data and findings available for coastal managers and scientists, students and teacher, and the general public.







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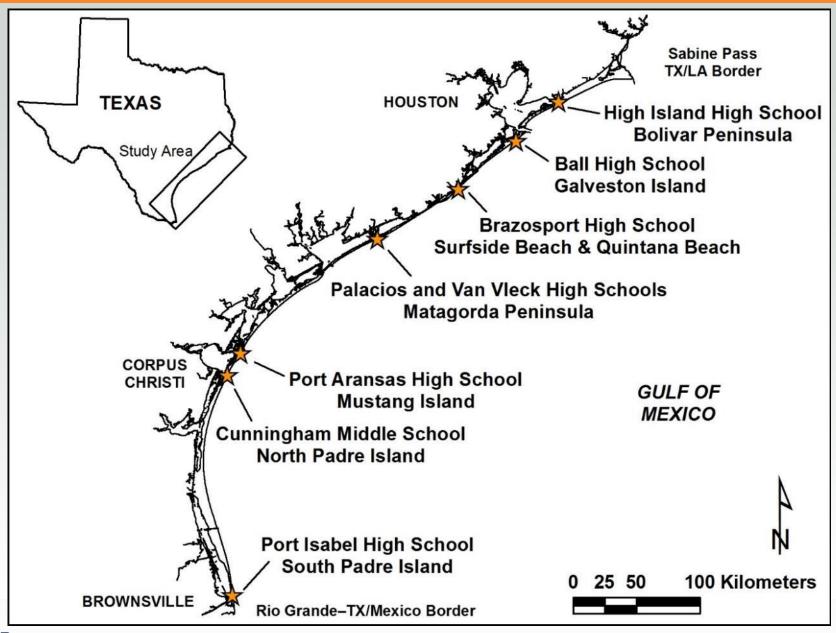














Student Collected Data

- Topographic transect oriented perpendicular to the shoreline
 - measured from the same starting point landward of the foredune and oriented in the same direction.
- Estimates of processes acting on the beach
 - wind direction and speed; wave direction, height, and period; and longshore current direction and speed
- GPS survey of the vegetation line and shoreline
 - quantitative data on the position of the shoreline and vegetation line







Galveston Island Study Sites





2022-2023 field trips

October 19, 2022

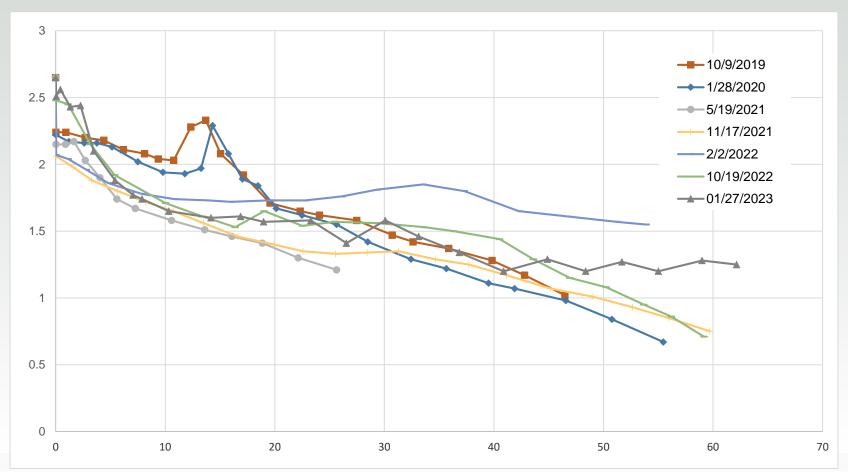
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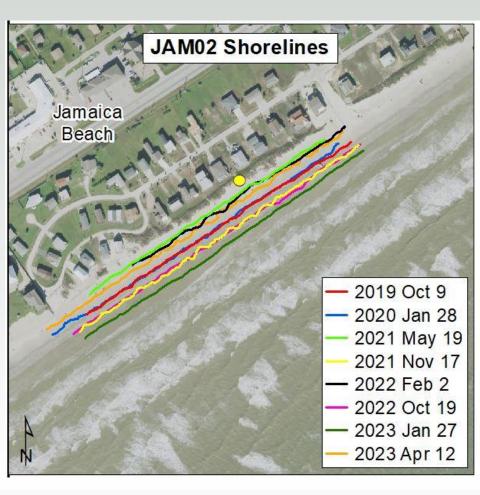


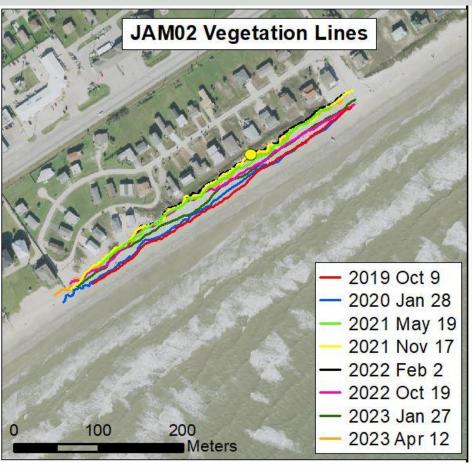
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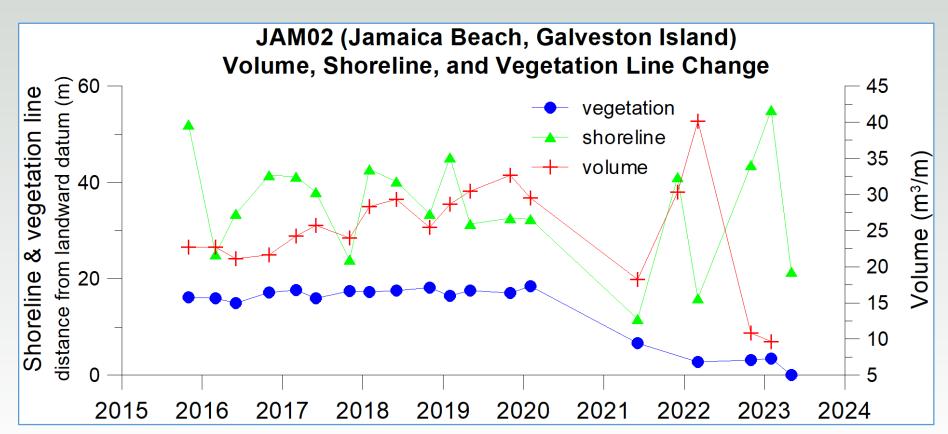
JAM02 shore and vegetation line positions







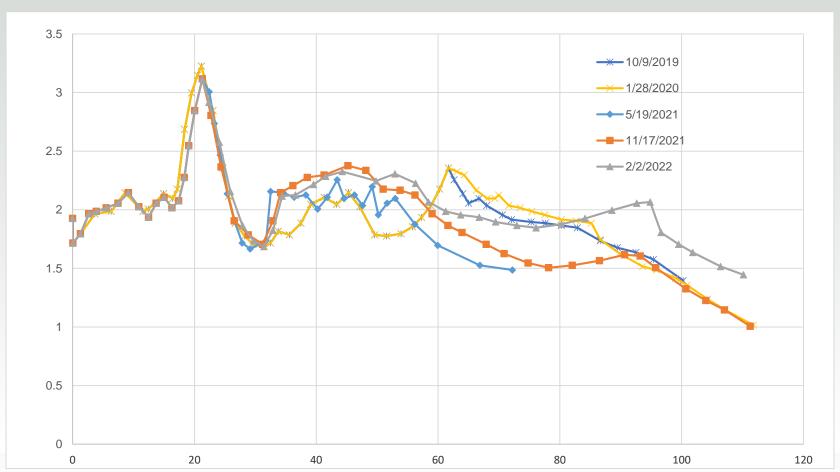
JAM02: shoreline, vegetation line, and volume changes



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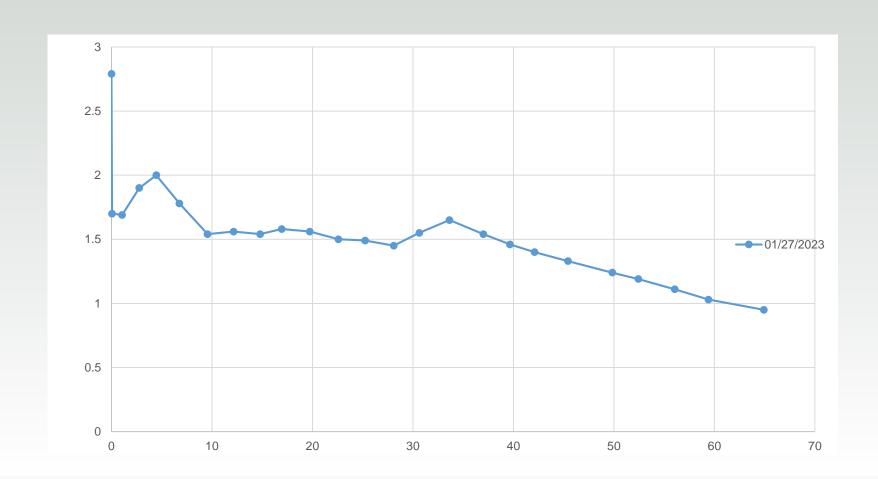


BEG02: spring 2021- winter 2022



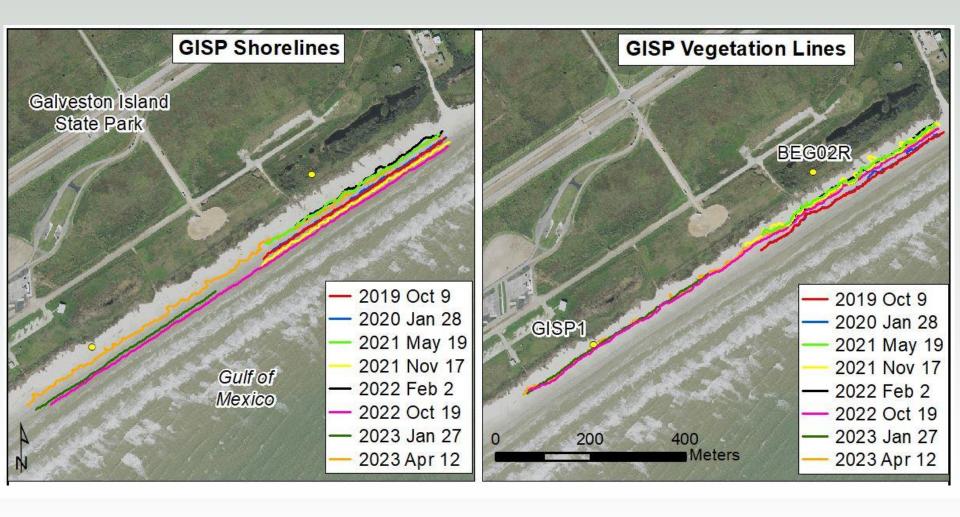


New site GISP1: winter 2023



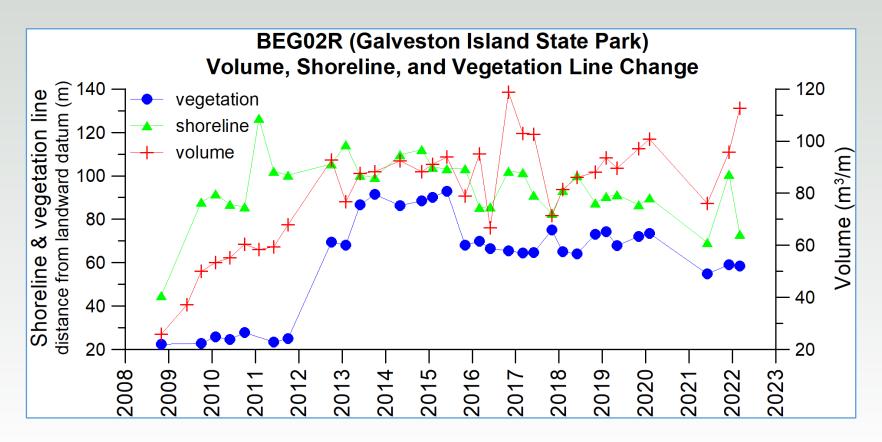


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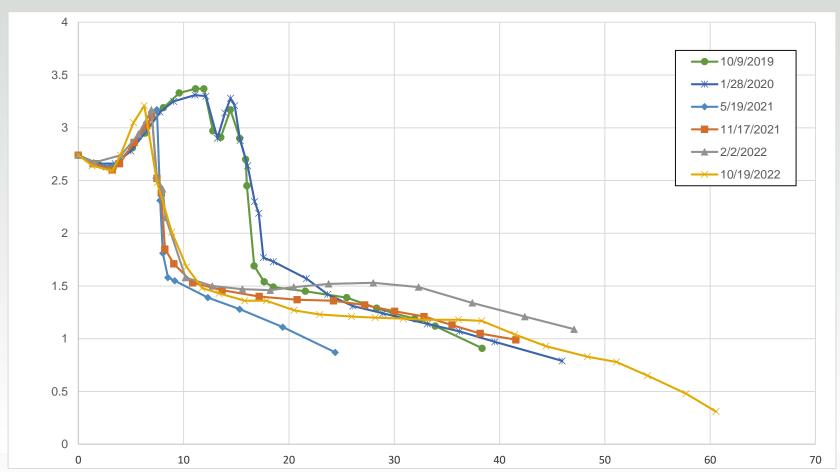
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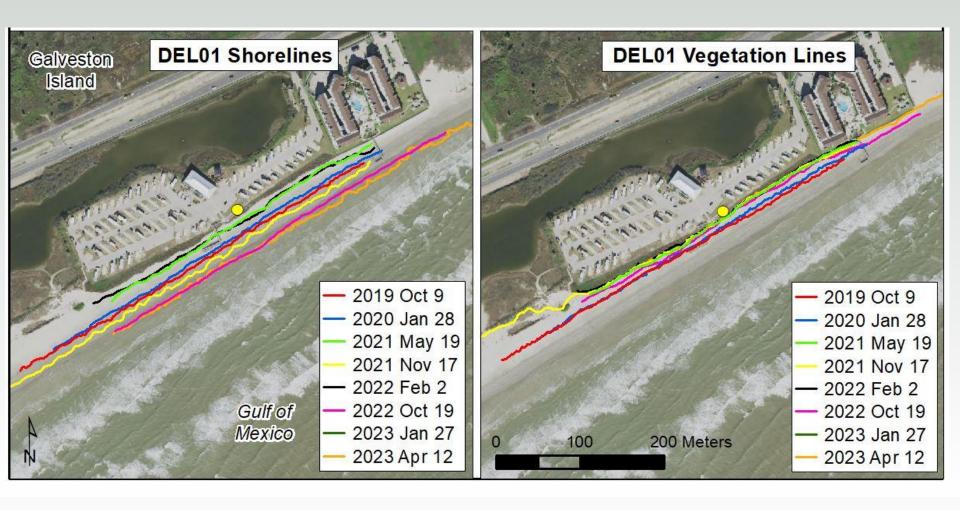


DEL01: fall 2019-fall 2022



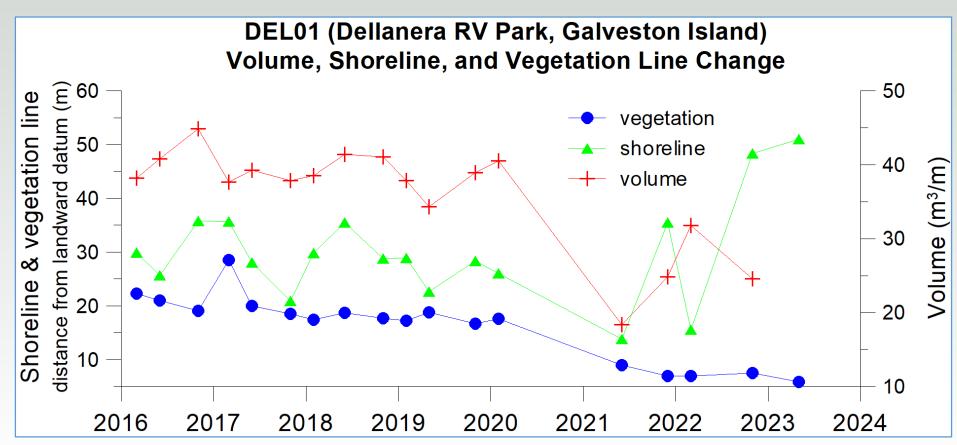


DEL01 shore and vegetation line positions





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Babe's Beach shoreline positions

