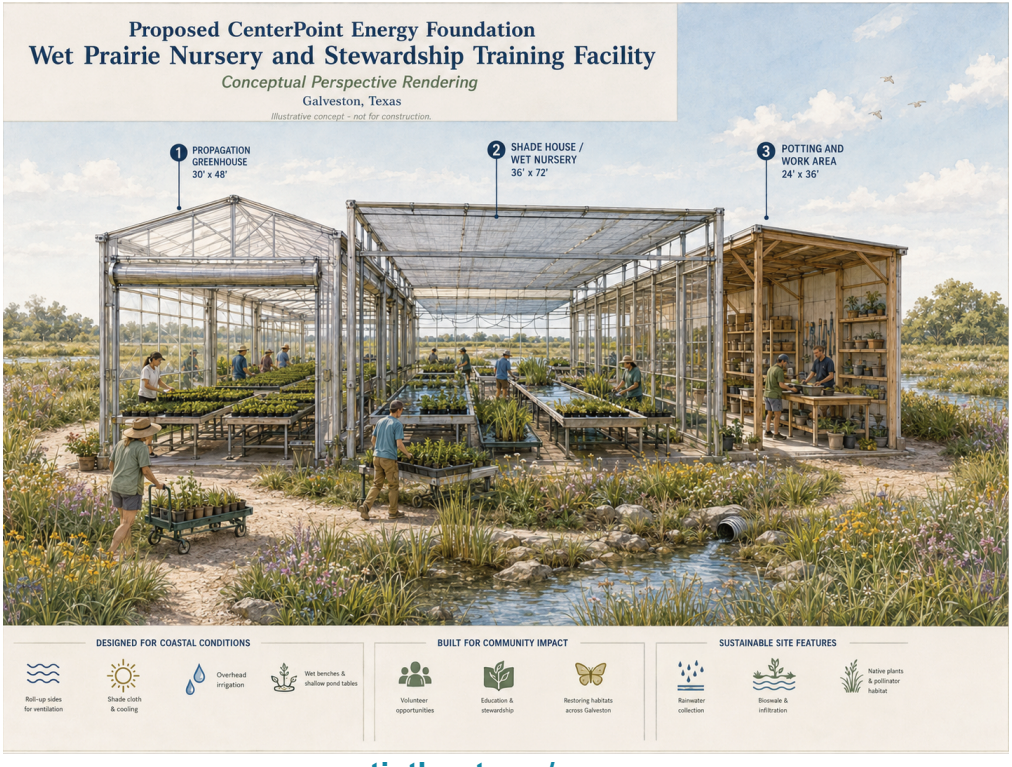
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Growing the Future

Wet Prairie Nursery and Stewardship Training Facility

$500,000 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN | $125,000 CENTERPOINT ENERGY FOUNDATION LEAD GIFT



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Saving land is only the beginning. Keeping it alive takes generations of care.

Since 2008, Artist Boat has worked to protect one of the last large, connected natural landscapes on Galveston Island. What was once threatened by plans for extensive development is becoming the Coastal Heritage Preserve: an extraordinary stretch of coastal prairie, freshwater wetlands, dune-and-swale habitat, salt marsh, and living shoreline connecting the island's interior to West Galveston Bay.

More than 1,500 planned channelized homes have been prevented through this long conservation effort. Instead of streets, canals, and subdivisions, these lands can continue to hold rainwater, support native wildlife, provide habitat for migratory birds, and sustain the natural systems that make barrier islands resilient.

This year, Artist Boat is undertaking another remarkable conservation milestone: the $16.4 million acquisition of 204 additional acres, an almost 20% expansion of the Preserve. These two properties, Kahala Green and Ohana, were previously approved for a combined 1,281 residential units. Their protection will bring the Coastal Heritage Preserve from 1,039 to 1,243 acres and advance Artist Boat toward its vision of conserving 1,400 contiguous acres.

The acquisition will also help complete a three-mile interior dune-and-swale conservation corridor, complementing the three miles of living shoreline already protected along West Galveston Bay. The $16.4 million raised for these acquisitions pays to save the land. It does not provide the ongoing workforce, nursery infrastructure, or restoration funding required to care for it.

The work begins when the land is saved

Much of the Preserve was ranched for more than a century. Historic grazing, altered drainage, invasive plants, and the disappearance of natural fire and grazing cycles changed the landscape. Once development is prevented and cattle are removed, damaged prairie does not automatically recover. Without active stewardship, invasive plants can spread, native grasses and wildflowers can disappear, and the habitat that makes the land worth protecting can decline. That is why Artist Boat does more than conserve acreage. We restore and manage living ecosystems.

At the Coastal Heritage Preserve, Artist Boat's conservation staff, technicians, Sea Citizens, students, and volunteers have, since 2015, grown and installed approximately 69,000 native plants; restored more than 68 acres of prairie and wetland habitat; treated approximately 524 acres for invasive plants; and contributed 29,260 volunteer stewardship hours. These accomplishments are specific to the Preserve and do not include Artist Boat's work at other sites. Their work helps sustain habitat for the federally threatened Black Rail, grassland and migratory birds, pollinators, and many other species.

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The Preserve is also home to coyotes carrying red wolf ancestry—animals sometimes called Galveston's "Ghost Wolves"—a reminder of the island's remarkable natural heritage.

We are growing the land. Now we must grow the capacity to care for it.

With a $125,000 lead investment from the CenterPoint Energy Foundation, Artist Boat is establishing the Wet Prairie Nursery and Stewardship Training Facility—a permanent center for growing native plants and developing the people who will restore Galveston Island.

The facility will bring together a propagation greenhouse, a shade house and specialized wet nursery, and a hands-on potting and stewardship training area. It will expand our capacity to produce 10,000 native plants representing at least 15 species each year, supporting the restoration of approximately 10 acres of prairie and wetland habitat annually.

Just as importantly, this project invests in people. Artist Boat plans to employ two full-time, year-long Post-Baccalaureate Stewardship Fellows each year, giving emerging conservation professionals paid experience in native-plant production, prairie and wetland restoration, invasive-species management, ecological monitoring, and volunteer leadership. We are seeking support for the first two years while building a sustainable fellowship program that can welcome two new professionals annually in the years ahead.

The facility will also strengthen Artist Boat's existing Sea Citizen volunteer program. Our goal is to maintain a dependable team of 16 trained Sea Citizens who return regularly, help lead open habitat workdays and group volunteer events, mentor new participants, and support nursery operations and restoration alongside staff. Together, fellows and Sea Citizens will help expand restoration, manage invasive plants, sustain wildlife habitat, and invite more people to take an active role in caring for the Preserve.

An invitation to leave a living legacy

Artist Boat is inviting the community to join the CenterPoint Energy Foundation in a $500,000 Growing the Future campaign. Your contribution will help build the nursery, equip its growing spaces, train emerging conservation professionals, support Sea Citizens, and sustain the ongoing restoration of the Coastal Heritage Preserve.

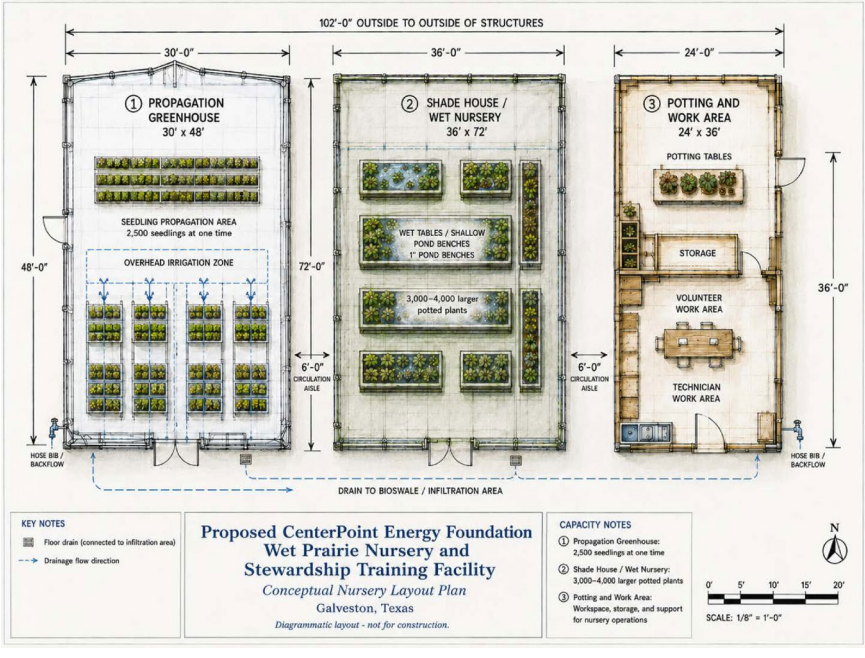
Whether you name a greenhouse, support a conservation fellowship, sponsor a volunteer workstation, or dedicate a growing bench in honor of someone special, your gift will become part of a landscape that continues to live, grow, and serve future generations.

We have shown what our community can accomplish when we come together to save the land. Now we have an opportunity to ensure that the land we saved will flourish.

Help us grow the future of Galveston Island.

What are we growing?

Three connected buildings for native-plant production and stewardship



1 PROPAGATION GREENHOUSE

30 × 48 feet. Climate-managed growing space with 18 propagation benches, overhead irrigation, and capacity for approximately 2,500 seedlings at a time.

2 SHADE HOUSE & WET NURSERY

36 × 72 feet. Shaded growing area with 36 shallow-water pond benches for moisture-loving coastal prairie and wetland species. Capacity for approximately 3,000–4,000 larger potted plants.

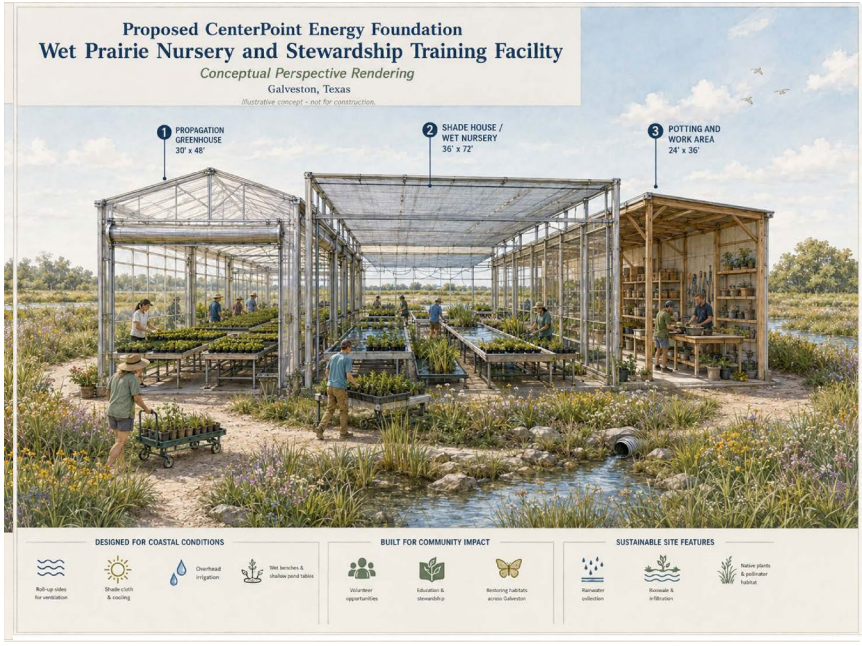
3 POTTING & STEWARDSHIP WORK AREA

24 × 36 feet. Workstations for potting, preparing plants, handling supplies, and training volunteers; includes storage and technician work areas.

Full conceptual aerial layout; shown without cropping. Building dimensions and features are conceptual and subject to final design.

Growing plants—and the people who care for them

A permanent home for hands-on restoration and conservation training



Conceptual facility perspective; full image shown without cropping.

10,000 NATIVE PLANTS EACH YEAR

At least 15 species of native coastal prairie and wetland plants will support a goal of approximately 10 restored acres each year.

TWO CONSERVATION FELLOWS EACH YEAR

Paid, full-year Post-Baccalaureate Stewardship Fellows gain practical training in seed collection, propagation, invasive-plant management, prairie and wetland restoration, field science, and leading volunteers. The campaign supports the first two years, with the goal of continuing two new fellows annually.

16 SEA CITIZEN LEADERS

A returning team of trained Sea Citizens will help operate the nursery, support habitat workdays, mentor new volunteers, and lead community restoration efforts. This strengthens an existing volunteer program.

Choose your impact

Select a sponsorship and help grow the living landscape

	**$250**	**Coastal Roots** **Open to all**	Becomes a founding supporter of native-plant restoration and stewardship.
	**$500**	**Gulf Coast Sundrop** **36 available**	Names a shallow wet-nursery bench where moisture-loving native plants grow.
	**$1,000**	**Little Bluestem** **18 available**	Names a greenhouse propagation bench where native seedlings get their start.
	**$2,500**	**Swamp Milkweed** **6 available**	Names a volunteer workstation for hands-on native-plant preparation.
	**$5,000**	**Sea Citizen Champions** **4 planned**	Trains and equips skilled volunteer leaders for restoration and community workdays.
	**$10,000**	**Gulf Muhly** **3 available**	Provides native seeds, soil, growing media, pots, and nursery supplies.
	**$15,000**	**Blue Flag Iris** **2 available**	Provides irrigation and water management for healthy native-plant production.

All levels include recognition on the permanent founding-sponsors sign, campaign website, social media, and a ribbon-cutting invitation.

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	**$25,000**	**Coastal Stewardship Champions** **4 available**	Supports two years of paid conservation experience and technical training.
	**$35,000**	**Sea Oats** **1 available**	Names the Potting and Stewardship Work Area, where plants are prepared and volunteers develop skills.
	**$50,000**	**Blue Heron** **1 available**	Names the Shade House and Wet Nursery, growing moisture-loving prairie and wetland plants.
	**$85,000**	**Tallgrass Prairie** **1 available**	Names the Propagation Greenhouse, where native plants begin their growth for restoration.
	**$100,000**	**Coastal Stewardship Legacy** **1 available**	Names the first two years of the fellowship program, developing two conservation professionals each year.
	**$125,000**	**CenterPoint Coastal Legacy** **AWARDED**	Establishes the permanent nursery and stewardship facility.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

$5,000+: Name/logo on eligible Sea Citizen T-shirts. $25,000+: Invitation to architect-led stakeholder meetings.

Named assets receive appropriate signs or plaques; building sponsors receive 20-year exclusive naming. Fellowship naming covers the first two-year program. No donation amounts appear on signs.

Reserve Your Growing the Future Sponsorship

$500,000 campaign milestone

Please complete this form to request a sponsorship or founding-supporter gift. An Artist Boat representative will confirm availability and acceptance; a signed form alone does not guarantee exclusive naming rights.

1 | Select your sponsorship

☐ $100,000 Two-year Fellowship Program — 1	☐ $85,000 Propagation Greenhouse — 1
☐ $50,000 Shade House & Wet Nursery — 1	☐ $35,000 Potting & Stewardship Work Area — 1
☐ $25,000 Workforce Champion — 4	☐ $15,000 Irrigation & Water Management — 2
☐ $10,000 Native Plant Growing Supplies — 3	☐ $5,000 Sea Citizen Champion — 4 planned
☐ $2,500 Volunteer Workstation — 6	☐ $1,000 Propagation Bench — 18
☐ $500 Wet Nursery Bench — 36	☐ $250 Founding Supporter — open

Selected opportunity / quantity: _____ Total pledged: $_____

2 | Donor and recognition details

Donor / business / family legal name: _____

Contact person: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name as it should appear on recognition (no gift amount will appear):

_____

If applicable: ☐ In honor of ☐ In memory of Name: _____

3 | Payment and authorization

☐ Pay now ☐ Pledge to pay by December 30, 2026 ☐ Pledge to pay by March 30, 2027
Planned method: ☐ Check ☐ Credit card / online ☐ IRA QCD ☐ Donor-advised fund ☐ Securities ☐ Other: _____
Payment coordination: Artist Boat will provide verified instructions. Please do not write credit-card or banking credentials on this form.

I intend to contribute the amount indicated for Artist Boat's restricted Wet Prairie Nursery and Stewardship Training Facility campaign, including related workforce development, Sea Citizen training, nursery operations, habitat restoration, and stewardship. Exclusive naming requests are subject to Artist Boat confirmation, applicable naming agreements, and fulfillment of the agreed payment schedule. Naming does not confer facility access or operational control.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Artist Boat use only: ☐ Available ☐ Hold pending confirmation ☐ Confirmed
☐ Not available / offer alternative Staff initials: _____ Confirmation date: _____

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Ways to give

Choose the payment method that works best for you:

CHECK OR CREDIT CARD	Make a gift directly to Artist Boat.	**DONOR-ADVISED FUND**	Recommend a grant from your charitable giving account.
PLEDGE	Reserve your sponsorship now and fulfill your pledge by December 30, 2026 or March 30, 2027.	**IRA CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION**	Eligible donors aged 70½ or older may arrange a direct IRA-to-charity distribution.
APPRECIATED STOCK	Request securities-transfer instructions from Artist Boat.	**EMPLOYER MATCH**	Ask whether your employer matches charitable donations.

All gifts are restricted to the nursery, conservation workforce, Sea Citizen leadership, and associated habitat restoration and stewardship. Please contact Artist Boat for gift processing and transfer details. Tax treatment depends on the completed gift and donor circumstances.

Your sponsorship benefits

Recognition that celebrates your contribution—and the impact it makes

EVERY SPONSOR

Recognition on the permanent founding-sponsors sign; on Artist Boat's campaign website and social media; an invitation to the ribbon-cutting celebration; and the option to recognize a loved one.

$5,000 AND ABOVE

Name or logo on Sea Citizen T-shirts, subject to production timing and printing requirements.

$25,000 AND ABOVE

Invitation to architect-led stakeholder meetings as the project develops.

BUILDING AND FELLOWSHIP NAMING

Exclusive naming opportunities include prominent recognition. Building names extend for 20 years; the fellowship-program naming is for the first two years, supporting two paid Fellows annually.

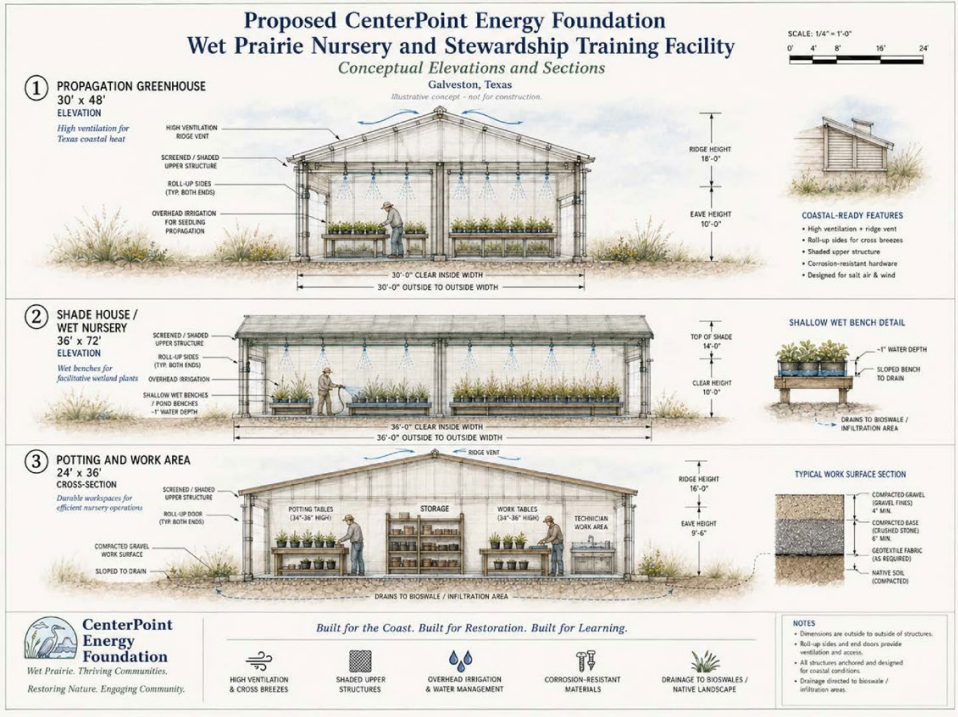
BENCHES, WORKSTATIONS AND WORKFORCE

Workstation and bench donors receive individual nameplates. Workforce Champions are recognized on a shared sign beneath the exclusive fellowship sponsor.

Sponsor names and giving-level labels may appear on signs; individual donation amounts do not. Facility access and activities are supervised and subject to program requirements.

A living legacy for Galveston Island

Built for the coast. Built for restoration. Built for learning.



Conceptual facility sections and elevations.

69,000

native plants grown and installed since 2015

68+ ACRES

of prairie and wetland habitat restored

29,260 HOURS

of volunteer stewardship at the Coastal Heritage Preserve

GROWING FOR TOMORROW

The new nursery will help transform conservation success into decades of active land stewardship.

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Save the land. Grow the plants. Train the stewards.

Our mission

To promote awareness and preservation of coastal margins and the marine environment through the disciplines of the sciences and the arts.

Through art, science, land conservation, and community stewardship, we are growing a living legacy for Galveston Island.

GROWING THE FUTURE | $500,000 CAMPAIGN

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