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KOCH AND COASTAL BEND BAYS FOUNDATION DEDICATE WILDLIFE LEARNING PRESERVE

Corpus Christi, Tx-Koch Petroleum Group L.P. and the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation today dedicated the Koch Wildlife Learning Preserve.

This 120-acre tract of land at Koch's Refining and Petrochemical Complex on Suntime Road will be utilized for wildlife management to protect the natural habitat of wildlife, birds and plants. It also serves as a wetland educational center for students and conservationists in the Coastal Bend.

The Koch Wildlife Learning Preserve has been protected by a conservation easement granted by Koch to the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation/Coastal Bend Land Trust and is the first of this type in the Coastal Bend.

"This innovative partnership between Koch and the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation has created a new outdoor learning environment for students and teachers in the Coastal Bend," said Patrick McGloin, President of the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation. "It is one of those win-win situations that we look for, where different segments of our community can come together to protect and enhance our environment. " We look forward to building on this great partnership with Koch and we hope that the Koch Wildlife Learning Preserve will serve as a model for others with industry."

"Environmental stewardship is a key priority at Koch and the association with the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation provides the community with a valuable wetlands education area that will be preserved for future generations," said Joseph Coco, Vice President of Manufacturing and Refinery Manager for Koch Petroleum.

The Koch Wildlife Learning Preserve is part of a 216-acre tract that Koch purchased in 1992 from the Driscoll Foundation. During recent years, Koch has utilized this site to assist local educators and students to learn wetland ecology and wildlife habitat management.

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The center has been enhanced and improved since Koch established an environmental conservation management program in 1998 with the Wildlife Habitat Council.

Texas State Senator Carlos Truan said, “My thanks to the Koch Petroleum Group for its generous donation of 120 acres of wetlands to the Coastal Bend Land Trust for a conservation easement. This is the first large donation of property that the Land Trust has received. The Coastal Bend Land Trust is a part of the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation which we worked so hard to establish in 1990. Our goal was to protect and preserve the bay and estuarine environment, and this generous donation is a significant contribution to that vision.”

The Wildlife Learning Preserve consists of coastal marshes, fresh water ponds, upland grasses, mudflats and mesquite brushland. This diverse habitat provides fresh water, forage and shelter for a variety of wildlife including, coyote, gray foxes, white tailed deer, raccoon, opossum, and more than 50 species of bird including waterfowl, wading birds and shore birds.

“Koch Petroleum Group and the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation are to be commended for establishing the Koch Wildlife Learning Preserve. The site will help educators, students and the community at large to learn wetland ecology and wildlife habitat management. This is the first partnership of its kind in the Coastal Bend and we hope it will serve as a model for many more to come,” said Nueces County Judge Richard Borchard, who also attended the dedication.

Other Koch Wildlife Learning Preserve educational associates include the Koch Wildlife Council, Robstown High School, Tulosso-Midway Intermediate School, Texas State Aquarium, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Coastal Bend Community Advisory Council and Coastal Bend Bays Foundation/Coastal Bend Land Trust.

The Coastal Bend Bays Foundation is a non-profit organization, which is dedicated to the conservation and responsible use of freshwater, estuarine, wetland habitat, and other natural resources through creation, restoration, enhancement and/or acquisition.

Koch Petroleum Group, LP in Corpus Christi is a supplier of gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel to major markets in Texas, including Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Waco, Austin and the Dallas/Ft. Worth metro area. The complex also produces more than 100 commodity and specialty chemicals. Koch has nearly 900 employees in Corpus Christi and has invested more than \$1 billion in its South Texas operations during the past decade.

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