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**VILLAGE OF SURFSIDE BEACH AND PORT FREEPORT
CELEBRATE NATURE TRAIL RIBBON-CUTTING**

Freeport, TX (April 8, 2019) - On March 30, 2019, Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO, Phyllis Saathoff, joined Surfside Beach Mayor Larry Davison and Alderman Peggy Llewellyn, to celebrate the grand opening of the Surfside Beach Bird and Butterfly and Fort Velasco Trails. The Bird and Butterfly trail starts on Port property leased by the Village and weaves through woodland habitat on public easements adjacent to the Freeport Chanel. The Bird and Butterfly Trail connects to the Fort Velasco Trail where visitors can learn about the important role that the Brazoria County coast played and continues to play in Texas history.

The trails were funded by a recreational trail grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife and were built by a local contractor with approximately 160 volunteers working over 2,000 hours to build and landscape the trail. The trail opened just before the official start of the Spring Bird Migration. Brazoria County is home to over 400 species of birds and along the migration pathway for the Monarch Butterfly migration.

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