A DIGITAL REPOSITORY FOR BEACH MANAGEMENT DATA

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PURPOSE

- · Collect and collocate digital copies of data and documents
- For use by beach management entities across the nation
- Parks boards, cities, counties, homeowners' associations, private entities, and others interested in beach management and coastal tourism

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PARTNERSHIP

- Galveston Island Park Board
 - · Creates content, selects outside resources
- Texas A&M Galveston, Jack K. Williams Library
 - Collects & organizes content
 - · Provides access (metadata, hosting)
- Texas Digital Library
 - Provides support to TAMUG Library
 - · Guidance & direction for growth

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TEXAS DIGITAL LIBRARY (TDL)

- Academic library consortium (2005)
 - · Resource sharing, digital library infrastructure
- Texas A&M Galveston's membership:
 - Digital repository & storage space for several digital collections
 - Technical support, training, ongoing help
 - · Monthly conference call about Beach Management Data project

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PROGRESS TO DATE

- December 2013: initial meeting between TAMUG & Galveston Island Park Board
- January 2014: TAMUG & Park Board meet to set scope and purpose of the repository
 - · Park Board provides small set of documents to get repository started
- February 2014: TAMUG and TDL begin ongoing discussions of the project
- March 2014: Initial load of 33 documents into Beach Management Information Portal https://repositories.tdl.org/tamug-ir/handle/1969.3/28468

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NEXT STEPS

- Usability testing; seek feedback
- Ongoing: Loading of additional material from Park Board
- Share portal with other stakeholders
 - E.g. homeowners' associations
- Unique look & feel
- · More "web-like" search feature

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NEXT STEPS

- Expand partnerships
 - · Other Galveston-area entities
 - Park Boards in other areas
- Ultimately, aiming for a nationwide reach

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THANK YOU!

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