



Environmental Considerations

We designed our project to meet or exceed several criteria to minimize the impact on the environment, wildlife and cultural resources, including the use of existing utility pipeline routes and the avoidance of sensitive areas.



Careful consideration given in selecting locations for all project components.

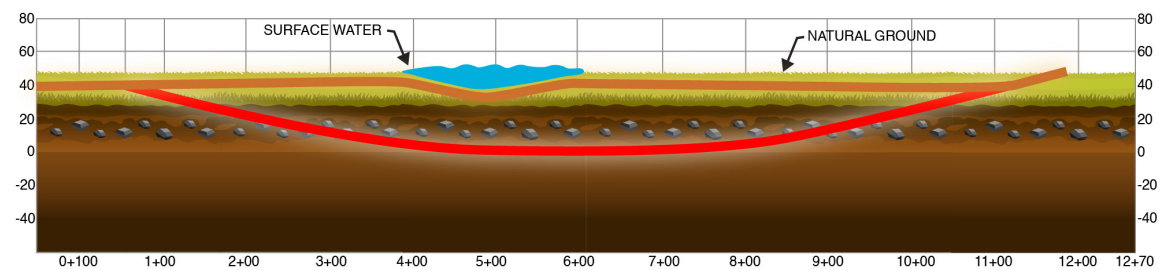


Performed extensive surveys to minimize impact to the environment.



Followed existing right of way pipeline easement corridors.

Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) is a best practice drilling technique that preserves environmentally sensitive areas and does not impact threatened and endangered species such as seagrasses and oyster beds. The natural aboveground landscape remains undisturbed through our deliberate use of HDD, which is approximately five times more costly than traditional pipeline construction methods.



This drilling technique will be used at the onshore and inshore areas of the project along the Port Aransas Causeway on Highway 361, across the Intracoastal Waterway, and is planned for both Aransas Pass Channel and Lydia Ann Channel (see map on opposite side).

Temporary impacts will be primarily during project construction and will be minimized and mitigated through best management techniques all under the watchful eye of regulatory authorities.

Best Practices: Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)



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