

# Project Fact Sheet



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
New Orleans District  
P.O. Box 60267  
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267



State of Louisiana  
Dept. of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 94396  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9396



Date: November 30, 1999

## BREAUX COASTAL WETLANDS ACT

**PROJECT AUTHORITY:** To date, ninety-one construction projects have been authorized and funded on eight Project Priority Lists (PPL). Due to implementation problems, eleven projects were deauthorized. All projects are authorized by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (Public Law 101-646, Title III).

**PROJECT SPONSORSHIP:** Originally, the projects were cost-shared at the rate of 75% Federal and 25% non-Federal, with the State of Louisiana being the non-Federal cost-share partner and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources being the State's representative agency. With the approval of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation Plan in November 1997, the cost sharing rate changed to 85% Federal and 15% non-Federal. Additionally, WRDA 96 authorized that the projects on the 5th and 6th Project Priority Lists (approved in 1996 and 1997) be cost shared at 90% Federal and 10% non-Federal subject to the approval of the State's Conservation Plan.

**PROJECT LOCATIONS:** The remaining eighty active, funded construction projects include fifteen projects in Cameron Parish, thirteen in Terrebonne Parish, ten in Plaquemines Parish, nine in Vermilion Parish, seven in Jefferson Parish, six in Lafourche Parish, four in St. Bernard Parish, three each in Orleans and St. Mary Parishes, two each in Calcasieu and St. Charles Parishes, one each in Ascension, Iberia, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, and St. Tammany Parishes. One project involves multiple parishes.

**PROJECT PURPOSE:** The eighty active, funded projects will benefit (create, restore, or protect) over sixty-nine thousand nine hundred acres of wetlands.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUE:** Breaux Act funding is provided by the Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 and comes from excise taxes on fishing equipment and fuel taxes on motorboat and small engines. These taxes have been extended through FY 2005. On Oct 20, 1999, Public Law 106-74 amended the Breaux Act to provide funding authority through FY 2000. Senate Bill 1119, which was passed by the Senate without amendment on November 19, 1999, and sent to the House on November 22, 1999, provides for funding authority for the Breaux Act through FY 2009.

**PROJECT COSTS:**

	Authorized Cost	Current Estimate
Total Cost For 80 Active, Funded Projects	\$ 282,655,936	\$ 312,257,574
Expended Funds on 11 Deauthorized Projects	\$ 21,789,087	\$ 566,235
Expended Funds for LA Coastal Wetlands Conservation Plan	\$ 238,871	\$ 143,855
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 304,683,894</b>	<b>\$ 313,967,664</b>

AVAILABLE FUNDS: Federal: \$273,065,062 non-Federal Funds: \$45,517,657 Total: \$318,582,719

**PROJECT STATUS/SCHEDULE:** Of the eighty active, funded projects, thirty-two projects are complete

For additional information on this project, contact

At the Corps of Engineers:  
Tom Podany, Senior Project Manager  
Bill Hicks, Project Manager  
ATTN: CEMVN-PM-C  
Phone: (504) 865-1121

At La. Dept. of Natural Resources:  
Dr. Bill Good, Administrator  
Jim Buchtel, Senior Project Manager  
ATTN: Coastal Restoration Division  
Phone: (504) 342-7308

and fourteen projects are under construction. Twenty-three projects are scheduled to begin construction in FY00, three in FY01, and one in FY02; seven projects are unscheduled.