



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
New Orleans District

## Project Fact Sheet

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### **Official Project Name**

Grand Isle and Vicinity, LA

### **Location**

The proposed work is located on the gulf coast of southern Jefferson Parish. It is about 50 miles south of New Orleans and 45 miles northwest of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

### **Purpose**

Flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration

### **Background**

WRDA 96 authorized the Secretary of the Army to construct a permanent breakwater and levee system at a total cost of \$17,000,000, subject to completion of a report by the Corps finding that such work is technically sound, environmentally acceptable, and economically justified. The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provided \$250,000 in FY 1997, to initiate PED. However, those funds were insufficient to complete the study. Additional funds in the amount of \$500,000 were added in FY 01 and \$200,000 in FY 02 to continue the study. WRDA 99 directed the Secretary of the Army to study the shore protection benefits that the project might have on the mainland coast of Louisiana. Furthermore, the E&WDA, 2001 directed the Corps of Engineers to complete the economic analysis and investigate the environmental benefits of the Grand Isle and Vicinity project.

### **Authority**

The project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1965 (Sec 204). The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996, and 1999: and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2001, provides additional authorization.

### **Progress to Date**

The Grand Isle Beach Rehabilitation Project will be completed by June 1, 2006. The Grand Isle Reevaluation Report is scheduled for completion in 2006.

### **Partners/Sponsors**

Grand Isle Independent Levee District - Cost Sharing Sponsor ([www.grand-isle.com](http://www.grand-isle.com))

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