## **Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection & Restoration Act**

29th Priority Project List



Region 1 Regional Planning Team Meeting

February 14, 2019 Lacombe, LA

#### **CWPPRA**

1. Welcome and Introductions



• RPT Region 1 Leader: Kent Bollfrass CPRA

#### Announcements

- Copies of the PPL 29 Selection Process & Schedule available at the sign-in table.
- PPL 29 RPT meetings to accept project nominees:
  - Region IV, Port of Lake Charles, Feb. 12, 2019, 10:00 am
  - Region III, Port of Morgan City Office, Feb. 13, 2019, 9:30 am
  - Region II, USFWS SE LA Refuges Complex (Big Branch), Feb. 14, 2019, 10:00 am
  - Region I, USFWS SE LA Refuges Complex, Feb. 14, 2019, immediately following Region II
- For parishes that do not have a voting registration form filled out already - Parish representatives must identify themselves during the RPT meetings and fill out a voting registration form, including contact information for the primary and secondary voting representatives that will cast votes during the Coastwide Electronic Vote.

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#### Region 1 Parishes

- Eligible parishes for Pontchartrain Basin in Region 1 include:
  - Plaquemines Parish
  - Jefferson Parish
  - Orleans Parish
  - St. Bernard Parish
  - Ascension Parish
  - Livingston Parish
  - St. James Parish
  - St. Charles Parish
  - St. John the Baptist Parish
  - St. Tammany Parish
  - Tangipahoa Parish



#### **RPT Meetings**

- Project proposals should be consistent with the 2017 State Master Plan.
- A project can only be nominated in one basin except for coastwide projects
- Proposals that cross multiple basins, excluding coastwide projects, shall be nominated in one basin only, based on the majority area of project influence.
- If similar projects are proposed within the same area:
  - RPT representatives (CWPPRA agencies and only the parishes located within the project's basin) will determine if those projects are sufficiently different
    - If sufficiently different:
      - · Each project will move forward
    - · If not sufficiently different:
      - · Projects will be combined
      - Federal sponsor will be determined prior to coastwide vote (February 28th).
  - This decision will be made at the meeting where the projects are proposed



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#### **RPT Meetings**

- Presenters without factsheets **MUST** complete a PPL 29 Nomination Sign-Up Sheet for <u>each</u> project nominee (demo projects too).
- Presenters with factsheets, please give a factsheet each to Kaitlyn, Michelle & Lonnie <u>before</u> your presentation.
- Limit project proposals to 5 minutes and Powerpoint presentations to 5 slides.
- Public comments on project proposals will be accepted orally during the RPT meetings and in writing by February 21, 2019.
- Limit comments/questions during meeting to PPL 29 subject proposals and processes.

#### Coastwide Projects

- Proposes a technique applicable across the coast (e.g. vegetative planting)
- · Nominated at any RPT meeting
- All coastal parishes & agencies will vote on selection of coastwide nominee
- Only one coastwide nominee may be selected from the coastwide nominee pool during the Electronic Coastwide Vote on February 28, 2019.
- The Technical Committee may or may not select a coastwide project in April 2019.



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#### **Demonstration Projects**

- Demonstrates a technology which can be transferred to other areas in coastal Louisiana
- Engineering/Environmental Workgroups will validate that demos fit CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures criteria
- The RPTs select up to 6 demos during the February 28th Coastwide Electronic Vote.
- The Technical Committee selects up to 3 demos in April 2019.
- Workgroups may recommend that no demos move forward to candidate stage
- Previous demo candidates must be re-nominated for PPL 29.



#### Coastwide Electronic Vote (Feb. 28th) to select:

#### **Projects per Basin**

(Determined by loss rates, the highest loss rates have the most projects)

- 4 Barataria
- 4 Terrebonne
- 3 Breton Sound
- 3 Pontchartrain
- 2 Mermentau
- 2 Calcasieu/Sabine
- 2 Teche/Vermilion
- 1 Atchafalaya
- 1 Coastwide
- 22 Total

& up to 6 demos

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#### Coastwide Electronic Vote

- Each officially designated parish representative, each Federal agency, and the State (CPRA) will have one vote.
- No additional projects can be nominated after the RPTs.
- No significant changes to projects proposed at the first round of RPT meetings will be allowed (this includes combining projects).
- Public comments will be heard today and written comments must be submitted by February 21, 2019.



#### Coastwide Electronic Voting Process

- USACE will send out voting sheets as both Excel spreadsheet and PDF documents 1 week prior to the Coastwide Electronic Vote. Voters will only receive voting sheets for the basins that they are eligible to vote for & the column that they need to mark their vote will be highlighted. Voting instructions will be provided with the voting sheets.
- Voters must email their voting sheets to <a href="mailto:kaitlyn.m.carriere@usace.army.mil">kaitlyn.m.carriere@usace.army.mil</a>

All votes must be received by 10:30 am on February 28, 2019.



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#### Nominee Project Evaluations

- Following the Coastwide Electronic Vote, an agency will be assigned to each project to prepare a Nominee Project factsheet (1 page + map).
- CWPPRA Engineering & Environmental Workgroups review draft features and assign preliminary cost and benefit ranges.
- Work groups will also review demo & coastwide projects and verify that they meet PPL 29 criteria.



#### PPL 29 Candidate Project Evaluation

Candidates evaluated between May and October

- Workgroups conduct site visits and meetings to identify needs and establish project baselines and boundaries.
- Workgroups determine benefits, project features, and cost estimates



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#### PPL 29 Timeline

- · Coastwide Electronic Vote, Feb. 28, 2019
  - 21 basin-project nominees, 1 coastwide nominee, and 6 demos selected
- <u>Technical Committee Mtg, Apr. 11, 2019, Baton Rouge</u>
  - Selection of 10 candidates and up to 3 demos
- <u>Technical Committee Mtg, Dec. 5, 2019, New</u> Orlea<u>ns</u>
  - Typically recommend up to 4 projects for Phase 1 funding
- Task Force Mtg, Jan. 2020, New Orleans
  - Final Selection of projects for Phase 1 funding



#### **Written Comments**

- Send written comments on projects & demos proposed today to the CWPPRA program manager
- Deadline: February 21, 2019

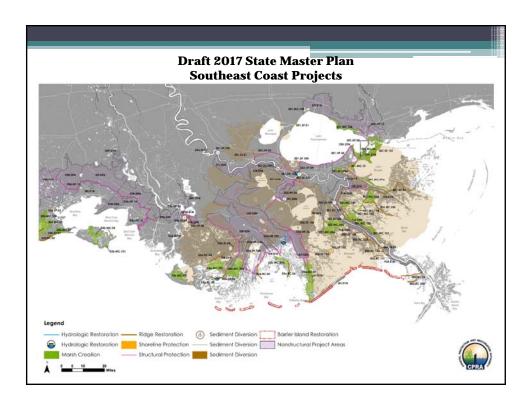
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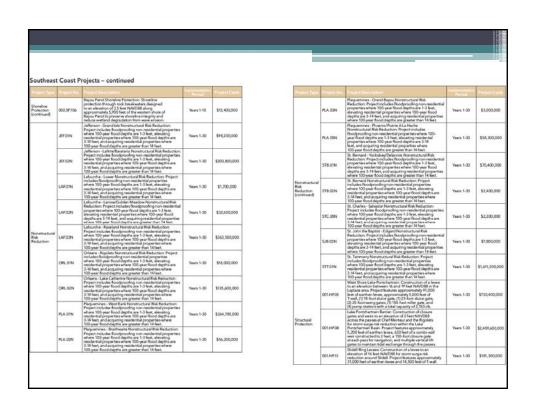
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Hydrologic Restoration	001.HR.100	LaBranche Hydrologic Restoration: Construction of a 750 cfs hybrid pump-siphon structure, intake structure, and an approximately 1 mile long conveyance system to LaBranche wetlands via the Mississipic fiver to restore the historically fresh.	Years 1-10	\$80,900,000		001.01.100	Manchac Landbridge Diversion: A structure in the existing western spillway guide lenses to disert 2,000 cfs thereby excessing freshwater exchange with adjacent wetlands. Union Freshwater Diversion: Diversion into West Maurepas swerron ear Burnside to provide sediment.	Wars 1-10	\$148,200,0
		to intermediate marshes. Features also include a conveyance channel, roadway, and railroad crossings.					for emergent mursh creation and fresheater and fine		
	001.MC.05	New Orleans East Landbridge Restoration: Creation of approximately 11,600 acres of mush in New Orleans East Landbridge to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 1-10	\$396,500,000		001.04.102	sediment to sustain existing wetlands, 25,000 cfs capacity frounded at 25,000 cfs when Mississippi floor flow equals 400,000 cfs; dosed when river flow she below 200,000 cfs or above 600,000 cfs; a variable floor into disclarated using a finant function of the mississippi cfs of the second of the composition and 400,000 cfs and held constant at 25,000 cfs for river flow between 400,000 cfs and 600,000 cfs. Mid-Blacks Count Diversion; Sediment diversion which seems the country of the country of the second of of second of second second of second of second second of second s	Years 1-10	\$876,700,00
Marsh Creation	001.MC33	Golden Triangle Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 3,900 acres of marsh in Golden Triangle Marsh between the MROO and GNWV to create new welfand habitat and rectors degraded marsh.	Years 1-10	\$273,700,000	Sedment				
	001.MC.108	Guste Island Marsh Creation Creation of approximately 700 acres of marsh in St. Tammany Parish along the northeest Lake Porticiantain shoreline to create new westingh labilitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 1-10	\$64,400,000	Diversion (continued)	001.04.104	into Mid-Breton Sound in the vicinity of White's Ditch to build and maintain land, 35,000 cfs capacity (modeled at 35,000 cfs when the Mississippi River (how equals 1,000,000 cfs flow rate calculated using	Years 1-10	\$479,100,0
	001.RC.100	Bayou Terre aux Boeufs Ridge Rectoration: Restoration of approximately 91,200 feet of historic ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVDBI to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and	Years 1-10	\$15,200,000			a linear function for river flow from 200,000 ch to 1,000,000 ch; flows variable above 1,000,000 ch; 5,000 cls minimum flow maintained when Massisppi Sour Row is below 200,000 ch; Mid-B artists Diversion 5 sectiment diversion into Mid-		
	001.RC.103	storm surge attenuation along Buyou Terre aux Boeufs. Carliele Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 38,200 feet of historic edge to an alevation of 5 feet NAVDB8 to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydricology, and provide wave	Years 1-10	\$9,300,000		002.04102	Barataria near Myrtle Grove to build and maintain land, 75,000 cfs capacity throdeled at 5,000 cfs for Mississippi River flows below 200,000 cfs; variable flows to capacity between 200,000 and 1,250,000 cfs calculated using a linear function; cleents exactly	Years 1-10	\$998,800,0
Ridge Restoration	002.RC.101	and storm surge attenuation near Cartisle.  Adams Bay Roige Restoration: Restoration of approximately 31,600 feet of historic ridge to an approximately 31,600 feet of historic ridge to an elevation of Sheen NAV/DBB to provide ocustal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and storm surge attenuation along Adams Bay.	Years 1-10	\$7,200,000	2	001.SP01	25,000 ofts when filture are at 3,250,000 ofts.  Manchac Landondge Shoreline Protection: Shoreline protection through rook breakwaters designed to an elevation of 3.5 feet NAVD88 along approximately 5,500 feet of the west inde of Lake	Years 1-10	\$11,600,0
	002.RC.102	Brow storm using asternation along seams only.  Bayou Eau Noire Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 34,800 feet of historic ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVD68 to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave	Years 1-10	\$9,800,000			Pontchartrain north of Pass Manchac near Stinking Bayou to preserve shoeline integrity and include westand degradation from wave erosion. Unknown Pass to Rigolets Shoreline Protection:		5-13-13-1
	002 RC.103	and storm surge attenuation along Bayou Eau Noire.  Grand Bayou Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 4E,100 feet of his tric ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVD88 to provide coastal upland habitat.	Years 1-10	\$10,300,000		001.SP301	Shoreline protection through rock breakwaters designed to an elevation of 3.5 feet NAVDB8 along approximately 2,000 feet of the east side of the New Orleans Landbridge from Unknown Plass to the Bigolets to preserve shoreline integrity and reduce wetland deep dealers from weep empiric.	Years 1-10	\$5,200,00
		restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and storm surge attenuation along Grand Bayou.  Lower Breton Diversion: Sediment diversion of 50,000 chainto Lower Breton Sound to build and maintain land.		512.00	Shoreline Protection	001.SP104	reduce wetland degradation from were erosion. LaBranche Wetlands Shoreline Protection: Shoreline protection through rock breaksuters designed to an elevation of 3.5 feet NAVOBS along approximately 11,100 feet of the southern shore of Like Protributration near	Years 1-10	\$23,100,0
	001.04.02	(modeled at 50,000 cfs for river flows at 1,000,000 cfs, variable flows above 200,000 cfs calculated using a 8-near function up to 1,000,000 cfs, and open with variable flow rate [larger than 50,000 cfs, estimated	Wears 1-10	\$383,200,000		-	the LaBranche wetlands to preserve shoreline integrity and reduce wetland degradation from wave erosion. Lake Hermitage Shoreline Protection: Shoreline		
Sediment Diversion	001.DL18	using linear extrapolation) for riser flow above 1,000,000 cfs. No operation below 200,000 cfs.  Central Wetlands Diversion: Diversion into Central Wetlands near Violet to provide sediment for energent mash creation and freelywater so sustain existing.	Vears 1-10	\$231,000,000		002.5P:100	protection through rook break-waters designed to an elevation of 3.5 feet NAVDOB along approximately 6,500 feet around the southern show of Lake Nemhage to preserve shoreline integrity and reduce welfand degradation from wave ensure.	Years 1-10	\$14,500,0
		werfands, 5,000 cfs capacity (modeled at a constant flow of 5,000 cfs, independent of the Mississippi River flow). East Maurepes Diversion: Diversion into East Maurepes near Angelina to provide sediment for emergent manh				002.5P.102	East Snail Bay Shoreline Protection: Shoreline protection through not breelowaters designed to an elevation of 3.5 feet NAVD88 along approximately 7,300 feet of the northeastern shore of Snail Bay	Years 1-10	\$15,400,0
	001.01.21	creation and freshwater to sustain existing wellands, 2,000 cfs capacity imodeled at a constant flow of 2,000 cfs, independent of the Mississippi River flow).	Years 1-10	\$164,900,000			south of Little Lake to preserve shoreline integrity and reduce wetland degradation from wave erosion.		



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Structural	002 HP:06	Upper Baratania Risk Reduction: Construction of a levine to an elevation between 12.5 and 15 feet. NAV/DBB along Highway 90 between the West Bank and Larross. Project includes 204.300 feet of earthen levine, 0,200 feet of "reall", (§ 10-boot sluice gates, 11) 255 foot begre gates, 2) 46-hoot swing gates, and (8) 100 feet begre gates, 2) 46-hoot swing gates, and (8)	Years 1-30	\$940,900,000	Ridge Restaution (continued)	002.RC 100	Red Pass Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 23,000 feet of historic ridge southwest of Versice to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide serve and atoms surge at teriustion along the banks of Red Pass. Anna Diversion: Sediment deversion into Upper Bizzataria	Years 11-30	\$3,500,00
(continued)	03a HP20	pump stations with a total capacity of 6,637 cfs.  Larose to Golden Meadow Improvements to the existing Larose to Golden Meadow News eystem, including raising to an elevation between 12 and 21 feet NAYDBB. Project features approximately 249:300 feet of earther levee and approximately 6,700 feet of 1-wall.	Years 1-30	\$355,500,000	Sediment Diversion	Bolgar Land Control and Contro	Years 11-30	\$882,400,00	
	001.MC.05	New Orleans East Landbridge Restoration: Creation of approximately 21,800 acres of marsh in New Orleans East Landbridge to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$1,106,700,000			when the Missesappi River flow is 1,000,000 cfs; and open with a variable flow rate (larger than 50,000 cfs, estimated using linear estrapolation) for river flow above.		
	001.MC.06+	Breton Marsh Creation - Component A: Creation of approximately 12,000 acres of mersh in the Breton Marsh east of Delaconix Island to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$982,400,000	Shoreline Protection	002.SP.103	West Snail Bay Shoreline Protection: Shoreline protection through took break waters designed to an elevation of 3.5 feet NAVDBB along approximately 16,600 feet of	Years 11-30	\$30,000,00
	001.MC.07a	Lake Borgne Marsh Creation - Component A: Creation of approximately 5,900 acres of marsh along the south shoreline of Lake Borgne near Proctors Point to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$271,700,000	7100000		to preserve shoreline integrity and reduce wetland degradation from wave erosion.  St. Charles - Hahmelle/Lulino Nonstructural Risk		
	001.MC.08a	Central Wetlands Marsh Creation - Component A: Creation of approximately 2,800 acres of marsh in Central Wetlands near Bayou Bierwerus to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$122,300,000	Nonstructural	STC.OIN	Reduction: Project includes filoodprooting non-residential properties where 100-year flood depths are 1-3 feet, eleveting residential properties where 100-year flood depths are 3-14 feet, and acquiring residential properties	Years 31-50	\$829,500,00
Marsh	001.MC.102	Pointe a la Hache Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 12,700 acres of marsh on the eastbank. of Plaquemines Parish near Pointe a la Hache to create new watland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$644,800,000	Risk Reduction	STJOZN	St. James - Vacherie Nonstructural Risk Reduction: Project includes Boodproofing non-residential properties where 100-year flood depths are 1-3 feet, elevating	Years 31-50	\$3,900,00
Creation	001.MC.104	East Bank Land Bridge Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 2, 300 acres of marsh in Plaquemines. Parish between Grand Lake and Lake Lery to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$154,200,000			13-14 feet, and acquiring residential properties where 100-year flood depths are greater than 14 feet.  Greater New Orleans High Level: Improvements of		
	001.MC.105	Spanish Lake Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 800 acres of manh in Plaquernines Parish along the eastern shore of Spanish Lake to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded mansh.	Years 11-30	\$59,900,000	Structural Protection	0013HP04	System levels surrounding the East Bank of Greater New Orleans to elevations between 19 and 15 feet NAVENIA	Years 31-50	\$2,222,700,0
	001.MC.106	St. Tammany Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 6,700 acres of marsh in St. Tammany Parish along the northern shore of Lake Ponschartrain to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$199,300,000		001.MC.101	700 acres of marsh on the east bank of Plaquemines Parish around Uhlan Bay to create new wetland	Years 31-50	\$29,000,00
	001.MC107	Tiger Ridge/Maple Knoll Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 4,700 acres of marsh in Plaquemines Farish near Tiger Ridge to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$214,600,000	Mansh Creation	001.MC.102	Pointe a la Hache Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 5, 400 acres of marsh on the east bank of Plaguamings Parish mars Pointe a la Hache to create	Years 21-50	\$383,700,00
	002 MC 05e	Large-Scale Bar at aria Manh Cheation - Component E: Creation of approximately 12,900 acres of meth in the Bestaria Basin south of the Pen to the Barataria Landbodge to unstein new werfand habitat and methore degraded me	Years 11-30	\$674,500,000		002.MC.04a	Lower Baratania Marsh Creation - Component A: Creation of approximately 7,400 acres of marsh in Jefferson Parish on the east shore of Little Lake and Turtle Bay to create	Years 31-50	\$709,500,00
	001.RC.01	Bayou LaLoutre Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 108, 900 feet of his tonic ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVISB to provide costal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and storm surge attenuation along Bayou LaLoutre.	Years 11-30	\$20,200,000					
Ridge Restoration	002.RC.02	and shorth surge attenuation along bisyou Lukoutes. Spanish Pass Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 46,000 feet of historic nidge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVOBE to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide serve and storm ourge attenuation west of Venice along the banks of Spanish Pass.	Years 11-30	\$11,600,000					

## Region 1-Pontchartrain Basin

#### Region 1 – Pontchartrain Basin

PO-01	St. Catherine's Pass Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection
PO-02	Guste Island Marsh Creation
PO-03	East Labranche Shoreline Protection
PO-04	Miller Bayou Marsh Creation
PO-05	Fritchie Marsh Hydrologic Restoration

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#### PPL29 PROJECT FACT SHEET February 14, 2019

**Project Name** 

St. Catherine's Pass Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection

Master Plan Strategy

New Orleans Landbridge Restoration (2017 Master Plan 001.MC.05): Creation of approximately 33,400 acres of marsh in the New Orleans East Landbridge to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.

**Project Location** 

Region 1, Pontchartrain Basin, Orleans Parish

#### Problem

The project area is a fragmented marsh on the New Orleans landbridge adjacent to Lake Catherine. The area has experienced impacts from storm surge and hurricanes as well as subsidence. Without continued sediment input, marshes cannot maintain viable elevations due to ongoing subsidence. Restoring the marsh in this area would protect and maintain resources vital to nearby communities.

#### **Proposed Solution**

The proposed project would create/nourish approximately 283 acres of marsh using sediment dredged from the Lake Borgne. The dredged material would be fully contained. Containment dikes would be degraded as necessary to reestablish hydrologic connectivity with adjacent wetlands. The created marsh would be planted.

#### **Project Benefits**

Create/nourish approximately 283 acres (create 172 acres and nourish 111 acres) of emergent marsh using sediment dredged from Lake St. Catherine.

#### **Project Costs**

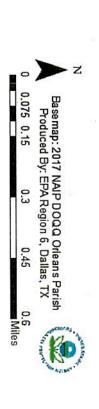
The estimated construction cost including 25% contingency is \$15M - \$20M.

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St Catherine's Pass Marsh Creation



Marsh Creation Feature 283ac









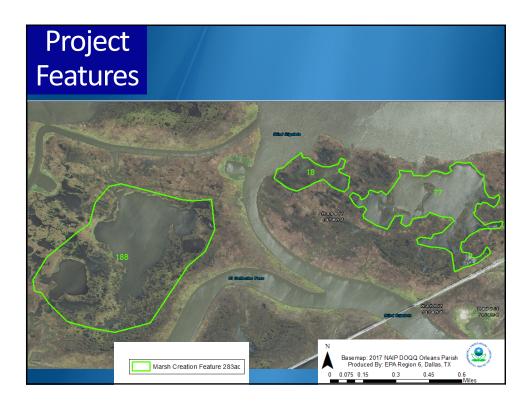
## **Problems**

- Fragmented/degraded wetlands converting to open water
- Subsidence
- Storm events
- Wave energy
- Orleans Parish could lose 32% of its land area over the next 50 years and face increased wetland loss and severe storm surge flood risk (2017 MP).

## Historical Reference

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## **Project Goals**

- Create/nourish 283 acres (create 172 acres and nourish 111 acres) of emergent marsh with sediment from the Lake Borgne
- Provide increased protection from storm surge and flooding
- Restore wetland habitat
- Construction cost + 25% contingency is \$15M \$20M.

#### PPL29 PROJECT FACT SHEET February 14, 2019

#### **Project Name**

Guste Island Marsh Creation Project

#### Master Plan Strategy

Guste Island Marsh Creation (2017 Master Plan 001.MC.108): Creation of approximately 700 acres of marsh in St. Tammany Parish along the northwest Lake Pontchartrain shoreline to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.

#### **Project Location**

Region 1, Pontchartrain Basin, St. Tammany Parish

#### Problem

The project area is a shallow open body of water located east of the Tchefuncte River near the Tangipahoa and St. Tammany Parish border. The property was used for livestock grazing. A levee and canal system with pumps kept the property from flooding. The agricultural activity and construction of levees for drainage resulted in substantial land loss in the Guste Island area. With an increase in tidal exchange due to increased land loss and increased wind driven fetch, land located north of this site is deteriorating quickly.

#### **Proposed Solution**

Sediment dredged from Lake Pontchartrain will be used to create emergent marsh in 3 semi-confined cells within the Guste Island area. The project would benefit approximately 436 acres of wetlands by converting open water into marsh and nourishing existing marsh remnants. Restoration in this area would build the area's defenses against hurricanes and flooding and offer opportunities for public recreation and wildlife habitat.

#### **Project Goals**

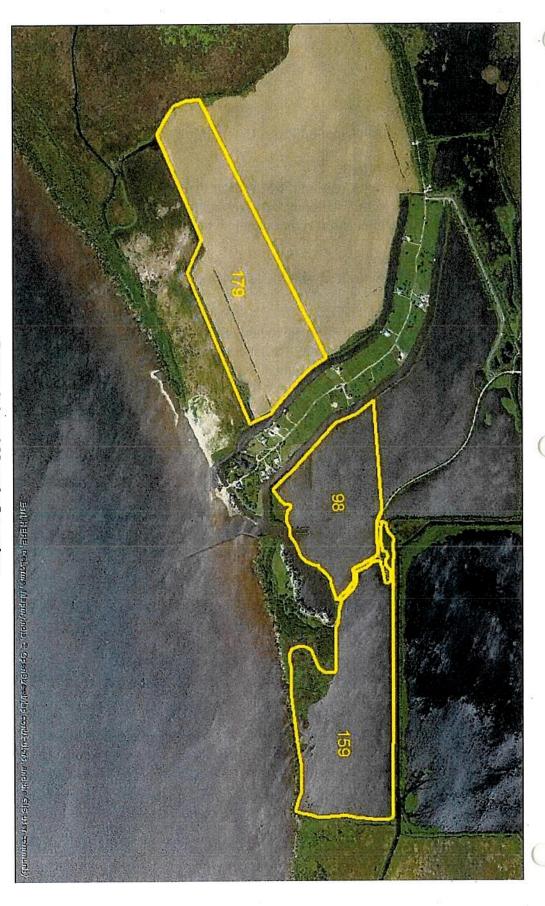
Create/nourish approximately 436 acres (create 406 acres and nourish 30 acres) of emergent marsh using sediment dredged from the Lake Pontchartrain

#### **Project Costs**

The estimated construction cost including 25% contingency is \$20M - \$25M.

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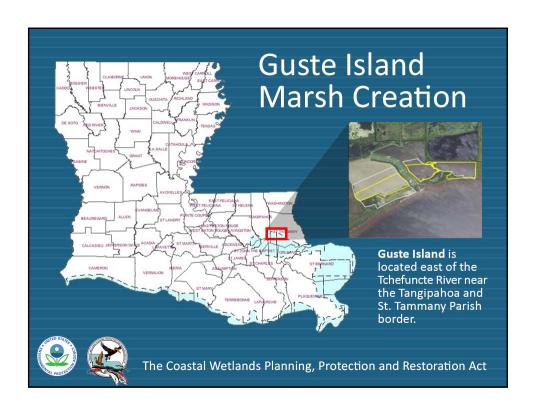


# **Guste Island Marsh Creation**





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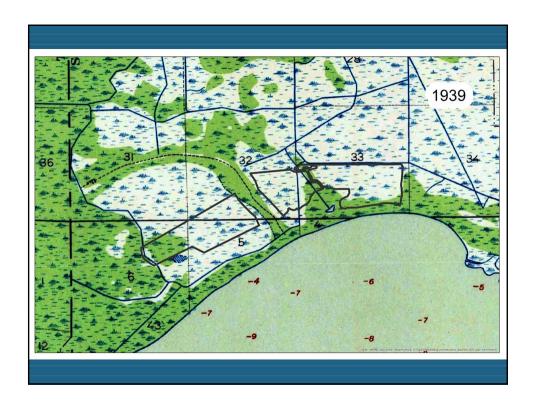


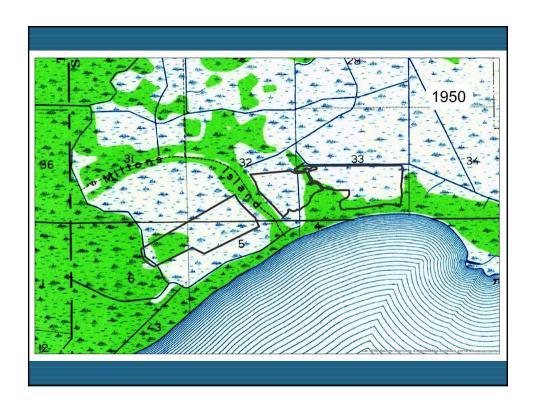


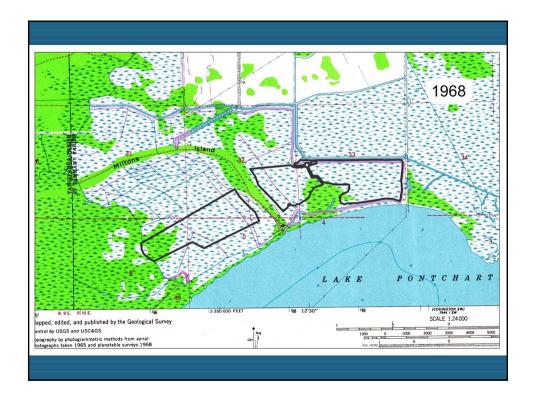


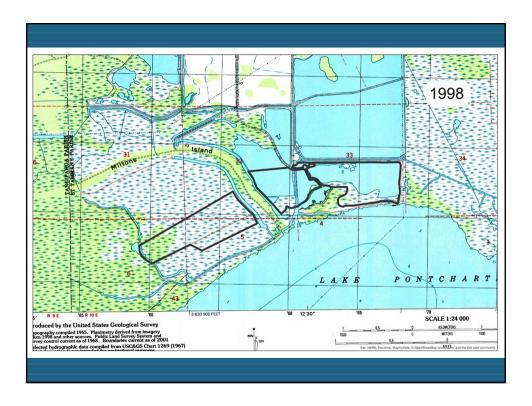




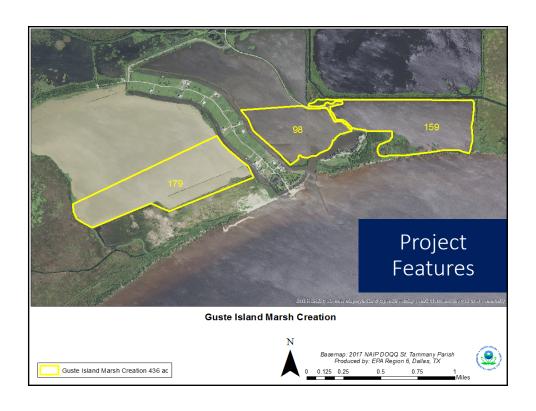












#### **Guste Island Marsh Creation Project**









- Create 406 acres and Nourish Approx. 30 acres of marsh
- Protects nearby housing developments and freeway
- Sustainable marsh after 30 years
- Achieves St. Tammany Restoration Goal of 100%
- Project 001.MC.108 in 2017 Master Plan

#### Species & Habitats Protected or Restored

#### T & E Species

- Red-Cockaded Woodpecker
- Gopher Tortoise
- Ringed Map Turtle
- Atlantic Sturgeon
- Alabama Heelsplitter
- Louisiana Quillwort

#### **Migratory Birds**

- American Golden-plover
- Am Oystercatcher (Breeding)
- Black Skimmer (Breeding)
- Many shorebirds
- Warblers

## **Guste Island Marsh Creation Project**

- Works synergistically with other projects
- Creates wetland habitat
- Construction cost + 25% contingency \$20M \$25M



#### PPL29 PROJECT FACT SHEET

#### February 14, 2019

#### **Project Name**

East Labranche Shoreline Protection

#### Master Plan Strategy

Master Plan 2017: Project No. 00 I.SP. I 04 Labranche Wetlands Shoreline Protection

#### **Project Location**

Region I, Pontchatrain Basin, St. Charles Parish

**Problem:** The Labranche Wetlands serve as not only a crucial coastal marsh wetland in St. Charles Parish, but also as a protective barrier from Lake Pontchartrain to crucial infrastructure in the parish including 1-10, LA HWY 61, and multiple levee systems. The majority of the Labranche Wetlands has shoreline protection along the lake; however, the eastern portion near the St. Charles line remains unprotected. This shoreline has retreated 200 to 1200 lf in the last 18 years, which equates to about 140 acres of marsh.

**Goal:** The goal of this project is to establish a protective barrier between the current shoreline and Lake Pontchartrain by installing a foreshore rock dike. Access dredge material would be used beneficially to restore marsh that has been lost.

**Proposed Solutions:** The project will install 12,800 linear feet of shoreline protection using a rock riprap with a light weight aggregate core. Site evaluations and E&D have already been completed by Moffatt and Nichol for the Pontchartrain Levee District. This information will reduce a large portion of the Phase I E&D costs.

**Preliminary Project Benefits:** The project will create 12,800 lf of shoreline protection reducing the current loss rate of shoreline which is anywhere from 12 ft/year to 60 ft/year resulting in approximately 140 acres of marsh protected. Use of the access dredged material will create another 24 acres of marsh for a total of 164 acres.

**Identification of Potential Issues:** There are no potential issues anticipated with this proposed project.

**Preliminary Construction Costs:** The estimated construction cost with contingency is \$10-15 million.

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PPL-29
East Labranche
Shoreline Protection

#### **Project Objectives:**

To protect the last remaining exposed shoreline segment where the shoreline is experiencing significant erosion.

Project Feature and Benefits: Install 12,000 ft of foreshore protection to protect 140 acres of marsh and create approx. 24 acres from floatation excavation

Project Cost: \$10-15 million

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#### PPL29 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET February 14, 2019

**Project Name** 

Miller Bayou Marsh Creation

**Project Location** 

Region 1, Pontchartrain Basin, Orleans Parish

#### Problem

Wetland loss in Pontchartrain Basin from erosion of wetlands, saltwater intrusion, subsidence, and river levee and oil/gas construction has caused large impacts to this region in recent decades. Lakes Pontchartrain and Borgne continue to increase in size due to Borgne Land Bridge marshes disappearing because of severe shoreline retreat and increased tidal fluctuations. High subsidence rates range from 3.4-5.5 mm/year. The 1985 to 2016 USGS land loss rate for this area is -0.30%/year from the East Orleans Landbridge subunit.

#### Goals

The project goal is to create and nourish approximately 493 acres of marsh along the southeastern bank of Lake Saint Catherine.

#### **Proposed Solution**

The proposed solution would be to create approximately 296 acres and nourish 197 acres to restore a portion of the Lake Saint Catherine shoreline. Sediment will be hydraulically pumped from Lake Saint Catherine. Temporary containment dikes will be constructed and gapped within three years of construction to allow greater tidal exchange and estuarine organism access.

#### **Preliminary Project Benefits**

- What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?
   The total project area is approximately 493 acres.
- 2) How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life? The net acre benefit range is 250-300 acres after 20 years.
- What is the anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits over the project life (e.g., 50% reduction in the background loss rate)?
   A 50% loss rate reduction is assumed for the marsh creation and marsh nourishment.
   (USGS data from 1985 to 2016 shows from -0.30%/year)
- 4) Do any project features maintain or restore structural components of the coastal ecosystem such as barrier islands, natural or artificial levee ridges, beach and lake rims, cheniers, etc? The project will help restore portions of Lake Saint Catherine shoreline which is part of the Borgne Landbridge.
- 5) What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?

The project may have minor net positive impact to non-critical infrastructure comprised of pipelines and oil and gas wells and camps.

6) To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?

The project will have synergistic effects with: 1) PO-179 St. Catherine Island Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection, 2) PO-169 N.O. LandBridge Shoreline Stabilization and March Creation, 3) PO-22 Bayou Chevee Shoreline Protection, and 4) PO-06 Fritchie Marsh Restoration.

#### Considerations

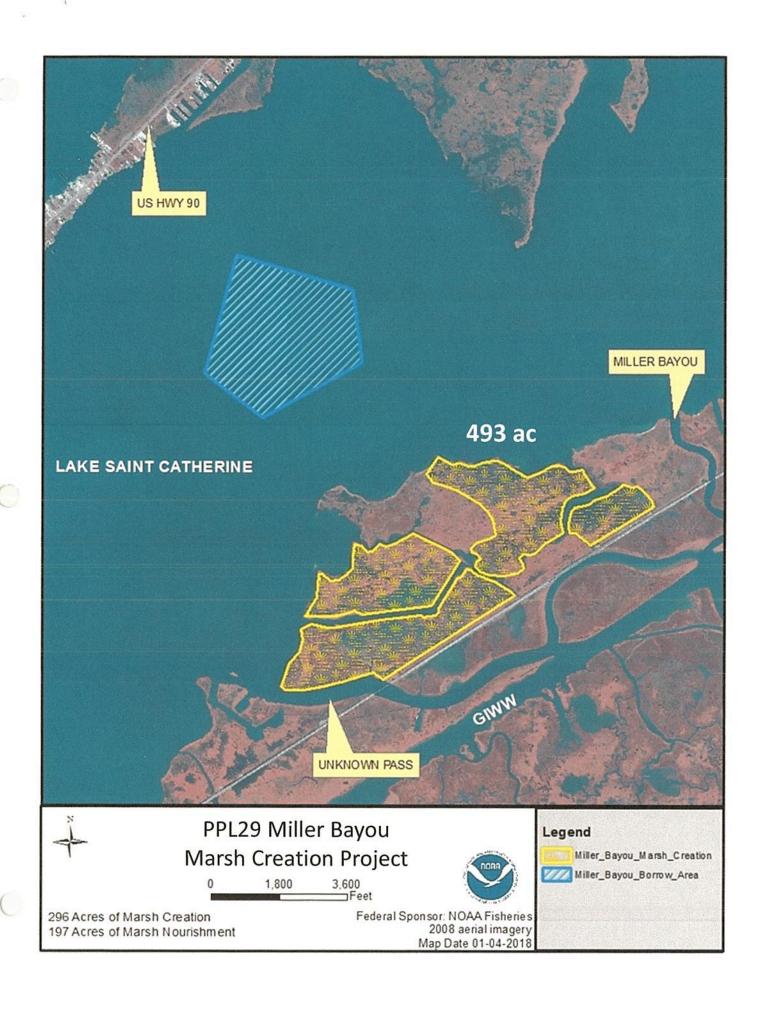
This project could have potential sturgeon considerations.

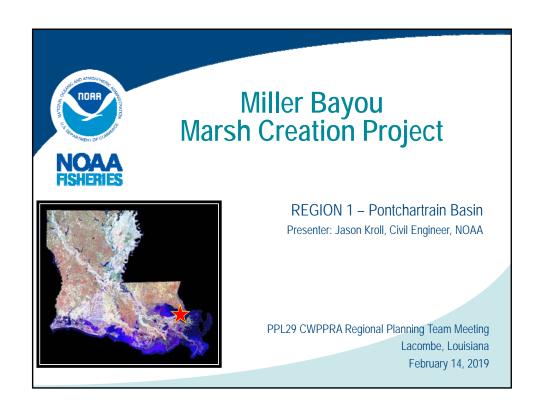
#### **Preliminary Construction Costs**

The estimated construction cost is \$15M-\$20M.

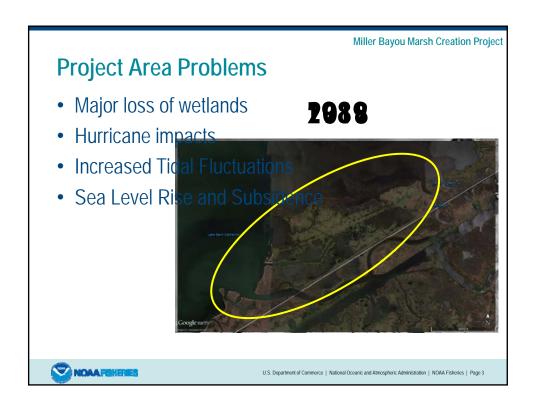
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Miller Bayou Marsh Creation Project

#### **Project Goals**

- Marsh Creation and Nourishment
  - Restore intertidal marsh habitat along the Orleans land bridge.
  - Design and construct resilient wetlands to maximize wetland benefits throughout a 20 year project life.



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#### **Proposed Project Solution**

- 493 Acres of Marsh Creation/Nourishment
- Hydraulically dredge material from Lake Saint Catherine. Pump distance less than 2.0 miles.
- Currently a total of 4 contained fill cells with dike gapping planned after construction



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## Summary 493 Acres Marsh Creation/Nourishment Construction Cost + 25% Contingency \$15M - \$20M Net Benefits: 250-300 acres

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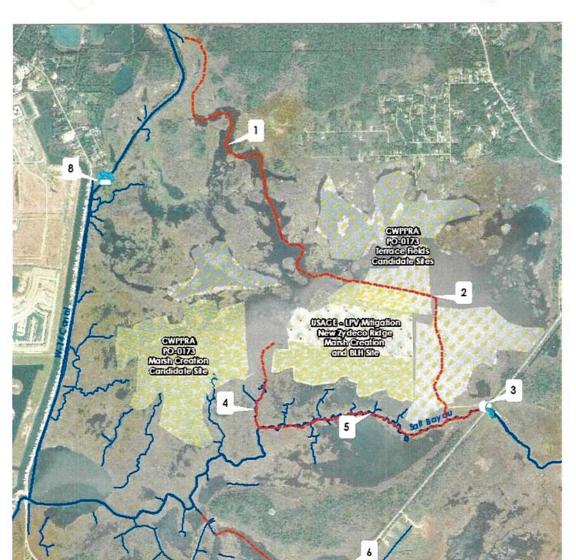
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## FRITCHIE MARSH HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION PRESENTATION

- Deepening an existing meandering distributary channel connecting the W-14 canal to the center of the marsh
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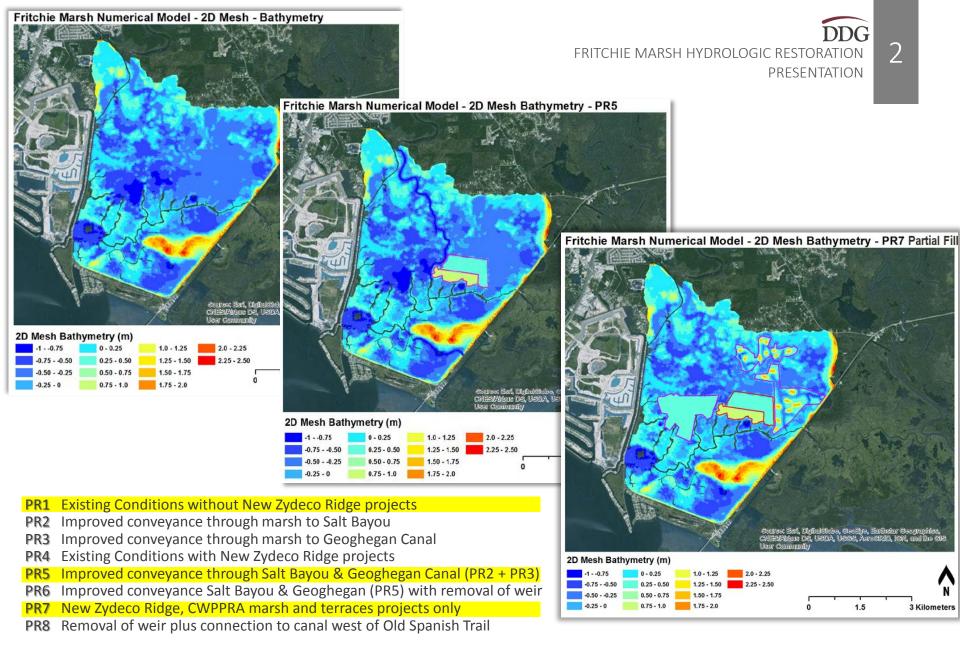
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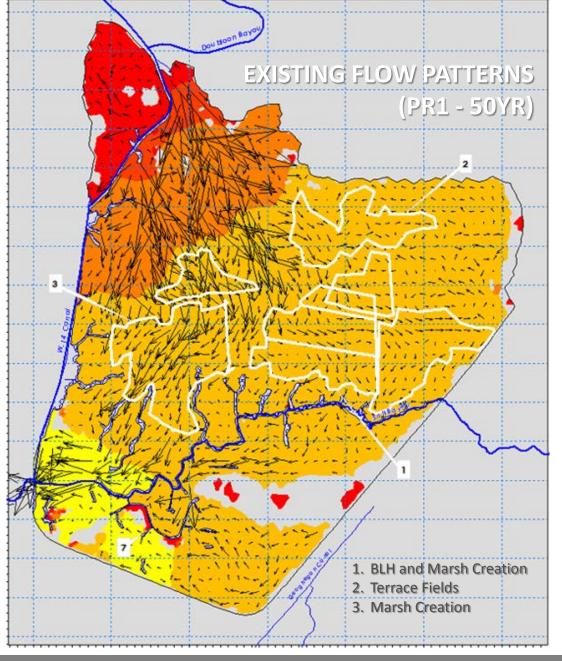
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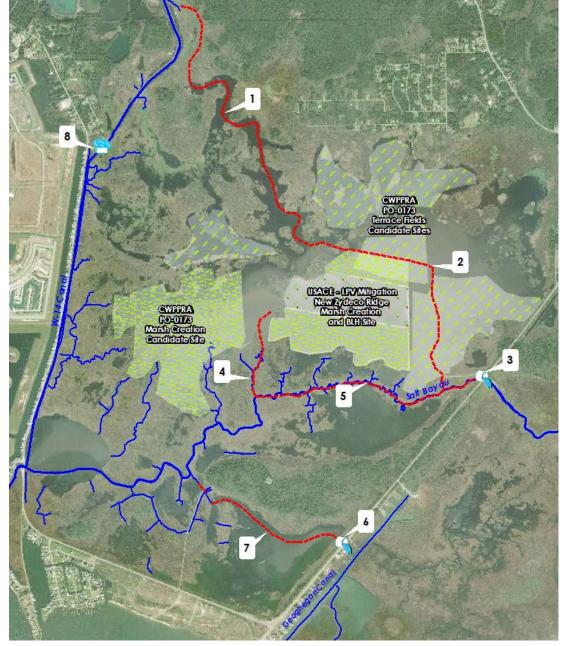






## **CONCLUSIONS**

- Existing flow patterns show limited circulation
- Existing flow divide in Salt Bayou
- Salt Bayou constrained by Hwy 90 culverts
- Significant impacts to existing flow patterns due to restoration projects



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