**Project Status**

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<th>Project Area: 471 acres</th>
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**Location**

The project is located adjacent to Bayou Dupont and southeast of Cheniere Traverse Bayou in the vicinity of Ironton in Plaquemines Parish and Lafitte in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The general area lies west of LA Hwy 23 and just north of the Myrtle Grove Marina within the Barataria Basin.

**Problems**

Marshes in the project area have degraded to open water with only scattered clumps of low-lying vegetation remaining. Marsh degradation has resulted from a combination of lack of natural fresh water and sediment input, subsidence and the dredging of oil and gas canals.

**Restoration Strategy**

The proposed project involves dredging sediment from the Mississippi River for marsh creation and pumping it via pipeline into an area of open water and broken marsh west of the Plaquemines Parish flood protection levee. The material will spread over the project area and be contained primarily with existing land features. Newly-constructed low containment dikes will be necessary only along a limited portion of the project area. Native intertidal marsh vegetation will be planted post construction.

The proximity of the project to the Mississippi River presents a prime opportunity to employ a pipeline delivery system that will utilize the sediment resources from the river to restore and create wetlands. Unlike most marsh creation projects that involve borrowing fill material from adjacent shallow water areas within the landscape, this project will utilize renewable river sediment, thus minimizing disruption of the adjacent water and marsh platform.

The Bayou Dupont project represents the first example of pipeline transport of sediment from the river to build marsh as a CWPPRA project. Results from this project should serve to demonstrate the value and efficacy of greater use of pipeline-conveyed river sediments for coastal restoration.

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