Resounding Success

The success of the CWPPRA program has been essential in providing critical ecosystem stabilization along Louisiana's coast and has provided pioneering solutions for land loss.

In addition to the physical land gains made by CWPPRA, this interagency organization has been instrumental in educating the public about Louisiana's land loss and in fostering public participation in coastal restoration activities. CWPPRA has also provided solid science and background information that helped in the identification and selection of Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Feasibility Study Plan, Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), State of Louisiana, and Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) projects.

Before and after images show newly created marsh at Lake Hermitage (BA-42).

Managing Agencies

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service

State of Louisiana

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Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act

Restoring Coastal Louisiana since 1990

January 2017

Superior Land Building

CWPPRA –The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act – is federal legislation enacted to identify, engineer and design, and fund the construction of coastal wetlands restoration projects. These projects provide for the long-term conservation of wetlands and dependent fish and wildlife populations. Projects funded by CWPPRA are cost-effective ways of restoring, protecting, and enhancing coastal wetlands. CWPPRA has a proven track record of superior coastal restoration science and monitoring techniques in Louisiana.

Restoration Techniques

- Hydrologic Restoration
- Barrier Island Restoration
- Terracing
- Dredged Material/Marsh Creation
- Vegetative Planting
- Shoreline Protection
- Freshwater & Sediment Diversions

Proven Experience

The current net Louisiana wetland area that CWPPRA has protected, created, or restored is 95,954 acres. Greater than 351,676 acres have also been enhanced.

Funding

This federal legislation is authorized through 2019 and administered through the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Safety Trust Fund.

The Trust Fund is currently being sustained by Congressional continuing resolution. Current CWPPRA funding for new construction projects will likely only last for an additional two or three years, unless CWPPRA is reauthorized beyond 2019. The remainder of the current funding would be used to complete CWPPRA's 20-year commitment for project operations and maintenance. Without renewal of the Trust Fund, the nature of CWPPRA's future work is in question.

152
Total Active Projects

108
Completed Projects

16
Active Construction Projects

23
Projects Currently in Engineering and Design