



Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection & Restoration Act

Everything You Need to Know to Submit A Project to Be Considered for CWPPRA Funding

CWPPRA Priority Project List (PPL)

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) works to restore coastal wetlands in Louisiana! Have an idea for restoration in your community? **Anyone can submit a project for CWPPRA funding consideration!** Here are a few key steps and valuable resources to help develop a successful proposal that meets the requirements of the CWPPRA program.



Year at a Glance

Early February

**Regional Planning
Team Meetings**

Late February

Coastwide Electronic Vote

April & May

**PPL Phase O Candidate
Selection and Approval**

December

**Technical Committee
PPL Selection**

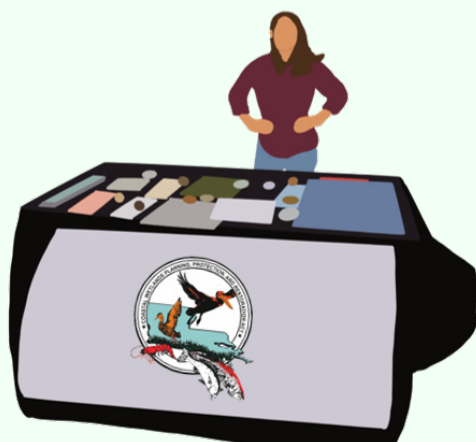
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**Task Force
PPL Approval**

I. Local Support

Gaining local support is a key first step in the development of successful projects!

We suggest you reach out to local groups, such as parish coastal zone managers, local nonprofits, and federal/state agency project managers, prior to the Regional Planning Team (RPT) meetings in January and February for assistance.



2. Consistency with CWPPRA Process and Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan

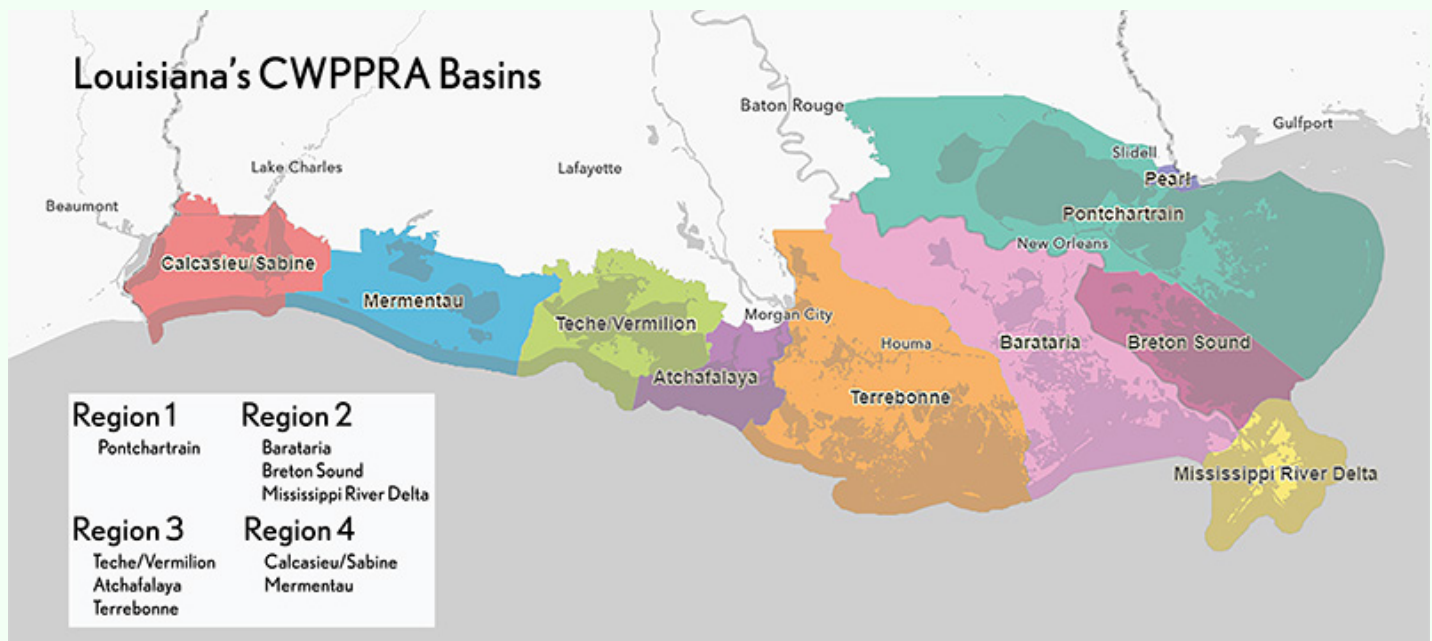
Work with representatives of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) prior to the RPT meeting to develop projects that are consistent with the State's 2023 Master Plan.

Please read the Master Plan on coastal.la.gov to assist in the development of projects that are consistent.

If you have any questions or would like guidance on the development of projects that are consistent with master plan, please contact Joe Johnston with CPRA (joseph.johnstoniii@la.gov).

3. Regional Planning Team (RPT) Meetings

Projects can only be submitted at RPT Meetings in February of each year. RPT Meetings are based upon the hydrologic basin where the project is located.



The RPT Lead will open up nominations for each basin individually. Projects should be proposed in the basin in which the project is located. If a project spans multiple basins, the project should be proposed in the basin in which most of the benefits are recieved. Larger projects spanning multiple basins should be broken into multiple projects to be considered individually in the basins in which they occur.

More information on date, time, and location of CWPPRA RPT Meetings will be shared through the CWPPRA Newsflash and CWPPRA social media pages.



4. Coastwide and Demonstration Projects

Coastwide Project applications will be accepted separate from the 8 basins at any of the RPT Meetings.

Demonstration Projects contain new technology that can be transferred to other areas of the coastal zone.

Nominations for Coastwide and Demonstration projects will be held after the basin nominations at the end of each RPT Meeting.

Coastwide and Demonstration Projects can be presented at any or all RPT Meetings but will only be nominated once. It is recommended that presentations for Coastwide and Demonstration Projects include how the project meets the guidelines for the category in which the project is being proposed.

The Demonstration Project guidelines are found in Appendix E and the Coastwide Project Guidelines are found in Appendix F in the CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures.

5. RPT Proposals and Meeting Presentation Requirements

- Presentations must be less than five minutes.
- Projected construction costs, including contingency, must be presented in \$5 Million increments (\$0-5M, \$5-10M, \$10-15M, etc).
- It is recommended that a project and vicinity map be included in your proposal.
- Project Nomination Forms must be sent before the RPT Meeting. Send nominations to Cecilia.Allen@usace.army.mil by the deadline to secure a spot on the agenda.
- An example candidate project factsheet can be found [here](#). Project proposers are encouraged to reference selection criteria and include as much detail as possible in their submission.
- Presentations should be emailed to Cecilia.Allen@usace.army.mil before RPT Meeting. If needed, a digital copy on removable media of the presentation can be brought to the meeting 60 minutes prior to the meeting start time. Those attending virtually will have an opportunity to share their screen. Please bring two hard copies of the factsheets in person as well or send through email the day of the meeting.
- Letters of support can be sent to Terri.M.VonHoven@usace.army.mil by the deadline.



6. Coastwide Electronic Vote - Late February

The RPT members will vote after the individual RPT meetings via email to select nominee projects. The RPT will select a varying number of projects per basin. The number of projects per basin is based on land loss rates within each basin. Up to 6 demonstration projects will be selected.

During the RPT meetings, all CWPPRA agencies and parishes will be required to provide the name and contact information for the official representative who will vote to select nominee projects. The designated parish representatives, the federal agency representatives, and the state representative will have one vote each.

[Click here for CWPPRA's Strategy and Criteria for Project Selection](#)

7. Phase O Project Selection

The Technical Committee selects 10 candidate projects out of the projects nominated in the coastwide vote. The Task Force approves these projects at May Meeting. These projects undergo engineering and habitat evaluations by the CWPPRA Engineering, Environmental, and Academic Advisory Workgroups.

8. PPL/Phase I Project Selection

The PPL selection will occur at the winter Technical Committee and Task Force meetings. The Technical Committee meets and considers matrix, project factsheets, and public comments. Up to 4 projects and up to 1 demonstration project will be recommended. The Task Force will review the Technical Committee recommendations and determine which projects will receive Phase I (design) funding for the PPL.

9. Phase II Project Selection

Once a project completes Phase I, Phase II (construction) funding must be requested from the Task Force. The Technical Committee will recommend projects for construction at the December Meeting based on recent design reports and public comments.



[Click here for the PPL 36 Process](#)



10. Stay Connected!

Sign up for the CWPPRA Newsflash on LAcoast.gov for RPT, Technical Committee, and Task Force Meeting dates and more information on the complete PPL process.

Follow CWPPRA on facebook, instagram, and twitter for updates.

More Questions?

Have more questions about CWPPRA's PPL Process?

Contact the CWPPRA Public Outreach Program at cwppra@USGS.gov for more information and resources.

