



# Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Priority Project List (PPL) Selection Process

## Project Nominations

The 4 Regional Planning Teams (RPTs) will meet to propose projects to be included on the new PPL. Project nominations will be accepted in all the hydrologic basins below, except the Mississippi River Delta Basin as strategies for this basin are not included in the State Master Plan. *All proposals must be consistent with the 2012 State Master Plan to be considered as possible nominees; therefore, those wishing to propose projects are encouraged to work with representatives of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority prior to the RPT meetings to develop projects that are consistent.* A lead agency will be assigned to each nominated project to prepare preliminary project support information (factsheet, maps, and potential designs, and benefits).

## Louisiana's CWPPRA Basins



- Region 1**  
Pontchartrain
- Region 2**  
Barataria  
Breton Sound
- Region 3**  
Teche/Vermilion  
Atchafalaya  
Terrebonne
- Region 4**  
Calcasieu/Sabine  
Mermentau

- Project nominations that provide benefits or construct features in more than one basin shall be presented in the basin receiving the majority of the project's benefits.
- Multi-basin projects can be broken into multiple projects to be considered individually in the basins which they occur.
- Project nominations that are legitimate coastwide applications will be accepted separate from the 8 basins at any of the 4 RPT meetings.
- If similar projects are proposed within the same area, the RPT representatives will determine if those projects are sufficiently different to allow each of them to move forward. If not sufficiently different, such projects will be combined into one project nominee.

Prior to voting on project nominees, the Environmental Work Group (EnvWG) and Engineering Work Group (EngWG) will screen coastwide project and demonstration project nominations to ensure that each qualifies for its respective category as set forth in the CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

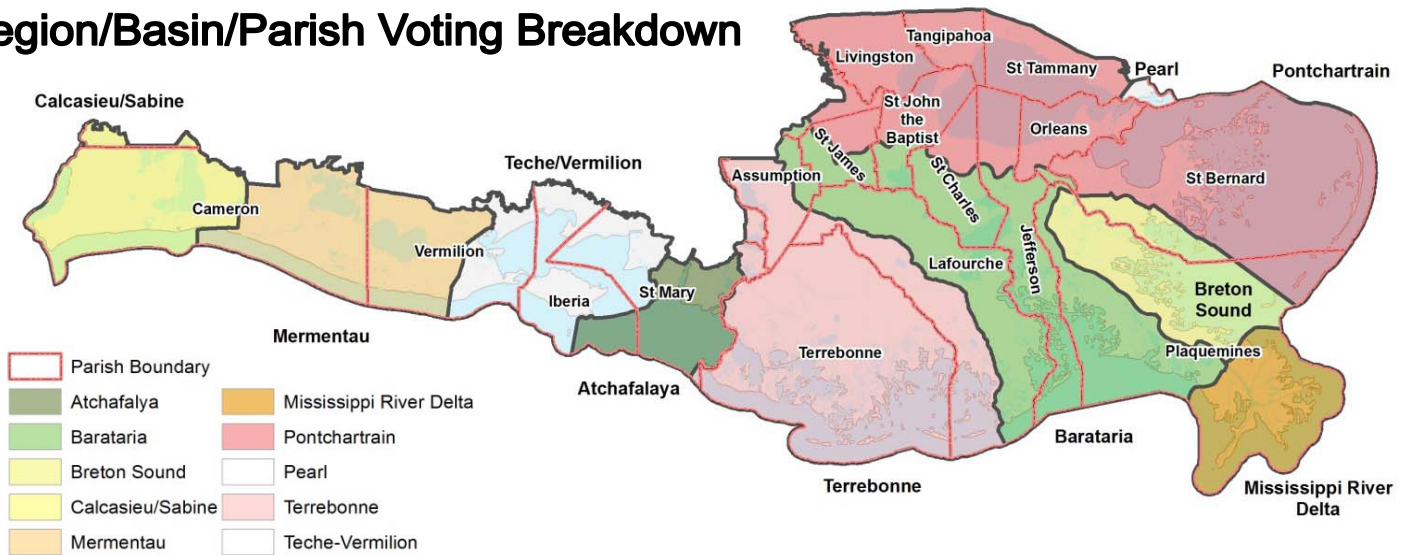
Nominees	Basin
4	Barataria
4	Terrebonne
3	Breton Sound
3	Pontchartrain
2	Mermentau
2	Calcasieu/Sabine
2	Teche/Vermilion
1	Atchafalaya
1	Coastwide
22	TOTAL

## Coastwide Electronic Vote

The RPTs will vote after the individual RPT meetings via email or fax to select nominee projects. The RPTs will select projects per basin based on land loss rates (see table on left) and up to 6 demonstration projects.

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 during the RPT meetings. Each officially designated parish representative in the basin will have one vote and each federal agency and the State will have one vote.

## Region/Basin/Parish Voting Breakdown



### Region 1

#### Pontchartrain

Plaquemines  
Jefferson  
Orleans  
St. Bernard  
Ascension  
Livingston  
St. James  
St. Charles  
St. John the Baptist  
St. Tammany  
Tangipahoa

### Region II

#### Barataria

Plaquemines  
Jefferson  
Orleans  
Ascension  
Assumption  
St. James  
St. Charles  
Lafourche  
St. John the Baptist

#### Breton Sound

Plaquemines  
St. Bernard

### Region III

#### Teche-Vermilion

St. Mary  
Iberia  
Vermilion

#### Atchafalaya

St. Mary  
Iberia  
Terrebonne

#### Terrebonne

St. Mary  
Terrebonne  
Assumption  
Lafourche  
Iberia  
St. Martin

### Region IV

#### Calcasieu-Sabine

Cameron  
Calcasieu

#### Mermentau

Cameron  
Vermilion

## **Preliminary Assessment of Nominated Projects**

Agencies, parishes, landowners, and other individuals will informally confer to further develop projects. The lead agency designated for each nominated project will prepare a brief project description that discusses possible features. Factsheets will also be prepared for demonstration project nominees.

During this preliminary assessment, the EngWG and EnvWG meet to review project features, discuss potential benefits, and estimate preliminary fully funded cost ranges for each project. The Work Groups also review the nominated demonstration projects. If it is determined that a demonstration project is unlikely to be utilized in restoration or has been evaluated previously, the Work Groups may recommend to the Technical Committee that these projects not move forward.

The P&E Subcommittee prepares a matrix of cost estimates and other pertinent information for nominees and demonstration project nominees.

## **Selection of Phase 0 Candidate Projects**

The selection of the Phase 0 candidate projects occurs at the spring Technical Committee meeting. The Technical Committee meets to consider the project costs and potential wetland benefits of the nominees. They will select 10 candidate projects regardless of basin and may select up to 3 demonstration project candidates for detailed assessment by the EngWG, EnvWG, and Economic Work Group (EcoWG).

## **Phase 0 Analysis of Candidate Projects**

During Phase 0 analysis, the EngWG, EnvWG and Academic Advisory Group meet to refine project features and develop boundaries for the project and extended boundaries for estimating land loss.

The sponsoring agencies coordinate site visits for each project to observe the conditions in the project area. There will be no site visits conducted for demonstration projects. The sponsoring agencies develop draft WVAs and prepare Phase 1 engineering and design cost estimates and Phase 2 construction cost estimates, using formats approved by the applicable work group. Demonstration project candidates will be evaluated as outlined in Appendix E of the SOP.

The EngWG reviews and approves Phase 1 and 2 cost estimates, the EcoWG reviews cost estimates and develops annualized (fully funded) costs, and the EnvWG reviews and approves all draft WVAs.

The Corps of Engineers staff prepares an information package for Technical Committee review and public distribution consisting of:

- 1) Updated project factsheets
- 2) A matrix that lists projects, fully funded cost, average annual cost, WVA results in net acres and Average Annual Habitat Units (AAHUs), and cost effectiveness (average annual cost/AAHU)
- 3) A qualitative discussion of supporting partnerships and public support

## **Selection of the PPL**

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

Once a project completes Phase I, Phase II (construction) funding must be requested from the Task Force and much of the evaluation is updated using additional information gained since original analysis.



## Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA)

### PPL 25 Schedule

January 27, 2015	Region IV Planning Team Meeting (Lafayette)
January 28, 2015	Region III Planning Team Meeting (Houma)
January 29, 2015	Regions I and II Planning Team Meetings (Lacombe)
February 24, 2015	Coastwide RPT Electronic Vote
February - March, 2015	Agencies prepare factsheets for RPT-nominated projects
March 2015	Engineering/Environmental Work Groups review project features, benefits, & prepare preliminary cost estimates for nominated projects (Baton Rouge)
March 2015	P&E Subcommittee prepares matrix of nominated projects showing initial cost estimates and benefits
April 16, 2015	Spring Technical Committee Meeting, select PPL 25 candidate projects (New Orleans)
May/June 2015	Candidate project site visits
May 14, 2015	Spring Task Force Meeting (Lafayette)
July/August/ September 2015	Eng/Eng/Econ Work Group project evaluations
September 10, 2015	Fall Technical Committee Meeting, O&M and Monitoring funding recommendations (Baton Rouge)
October 15, 2015	Fall Task Force Meeting, O&M and Monitoring approvals (New Orleans)
October 2015	Economic, Engineering, and Environmental analyses completed for PPL 25 candidates
December 10, 2015	Winter Technical Committee Meeting, recommend PPL 25 and Phase I and II approvals (Baton Rouge)
January 2016	Winter Task Force Meeting, select PPL 25 and approve Phase II requests (New Orleans)

***\*DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE\****

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