

REGION 3

Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection & Restoration Act

28th Priority Project List



Region 3 Regional Planning Team Meeting

January 31, 2018
Morgan City, LA

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1. Welcome and Introductions



- RPT Region 3 Leader: [Ron Boustany](#) - NRCS

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Announcements

- Copies of the PPL 28 Selection Process & Schedule available at the sign-in table.
- PPL 28 RPT meetings to accept project nominees:
 - Region IV, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Jan. 30, 2018, 1:00 pm
 - **Region III, Port of Morgan City - Office, Jan. 31, 2018, 9:30 am**
 - Region II, USFWS SE LA Refuges Complex (Big Branch), Feb. 1, 2018, 10:00 am
 - Region I, USFWS SE LA Refuges Complex, Feb. 1, 2018, 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 3 Parishes

- Eligible parishes for basins in Region 3 include:
- Terrebonne Basin
 - **St. Mary Parish**
 - **Terrebonne Parish**
 - **Assumption Parish**
 - **Lafourche Parish**
 - **Iberia Parish**
 - **St. Martin Parish**
- Atchafalaya Basin
 - **St. Mary Parish**
 - **Iberia Parish**
 - **Terrebonne Parish**
- Teche-Vermilion Basin
 - **St. Mary Parish**
 - **Iberia Parish**
 - **Vermilion Parish**



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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 27th).
 - *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 28 Nomination Sign-Up Sheet for each project nominee (demo projects too).
- Presenters with factsheets, please give a factsheet each to Kaitlyn, Michelle & Lonnie before 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 20, 2018**.
- Limit comments/questions during meeting to PPL 28 subject proposals and processes.



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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 27, 2018**.
- The Technical Committee may or may not select a coastwide project in April 2018.



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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 27th** Coastwide Electronic Vote.
- The Technical Committee selects up to 3 demos in April 2018.
- Workgroups may recommend that no demos move forward to candidate stage
- Previous demo candidates must be **re-nominated** for PPL 28.



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Coastwide Electronic Vote (February. 27th) 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 20, 2018.**



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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 kaitlyn.m.carriere@usace.army.mil

All votes must be received by 10:30 am on February 27, 2018.



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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 28 criteria.



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PPL 28 Candidate
Project Selection

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 28 Timeline

- **Coastwide Electronic Vote, Feb. 27, 2018**
 - 21 basin-project nominees, 1 coastwide nominee, and 6 demos selected
- **Technical Committee Mtg. Apr. 12, 2018, Baton Rouge**
 - Selection of 10 candidates and up to 3 demos
- **Technical Committee Mtg. Dec. 6, 2018, Baton Rouge**
 - Typically recommend up to 4 projects for Phase 1 funding
- **Task Force Mtg. Jan. 2018, New Orleans**
 - Final Selection of projects for Phase 1 funding



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Written Comments

- Send written comments on projects & demos proposed today to the CWPPRA program manager
- **Deadline: February 20, 2018**

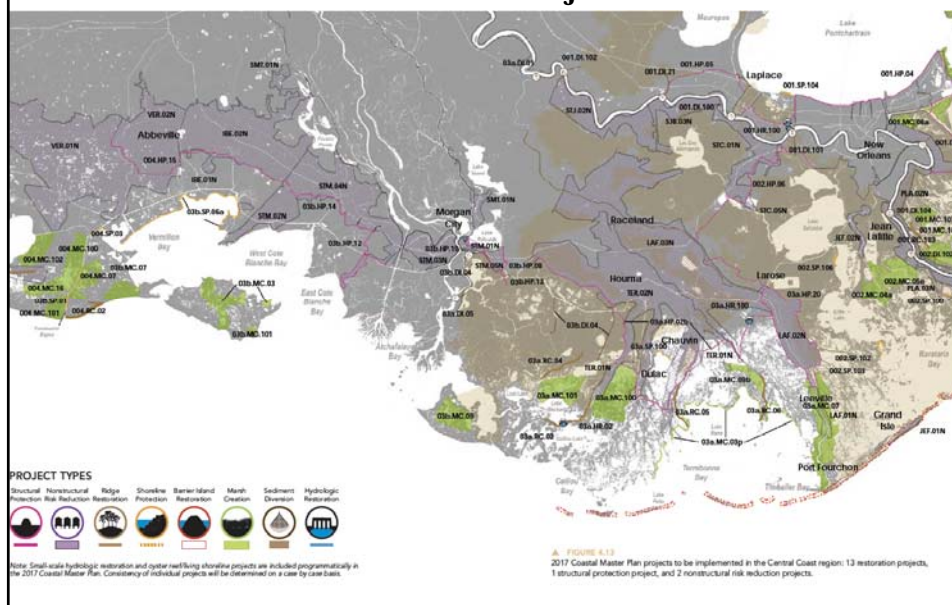
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(this information is on the back of the agenda)



2017 State Master Plan Central Coast Projects



Central Coast Projects									
Project Type	Project No.	Project Description	Implementation Period	Project Costs	Project Type	Project No.	Project Description	Implementation Period	Project Costs
Hydrologic Restoration	03a HR-02	Central Terrebonne Hydrologic Restoration: Construction of a sand plug in Grand Pass with a 150-foot by 75-foot navigable section to prevent saltwater intrusion from Calcasieu Lake into Lake Machant.	Years 1-10	\$19,000,000	Marsh Creation (downward)	03a MC-101	North Lake Machant Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 12,100 acres of marsh between Lake Dade and Lake Machant to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$1,023,400,000
Marsh Creation	03a MC-03p	Terrebonne Bay Rim Marsh Creation Study Planning, engineering, and design of marsh creation features to provide benefits to communities in Terrebonne Parish and the Atchafalaya to the Gulf protection system.	Years 1-10	\$90,600,000	Ridge Restoration	03a RC-02	Bayou Duhange Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 5,120 feet of historic ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVD83 to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and storm surge attenuation along Bayou Duhange.	Years 11-30	\$9,600,000
Ridge Restoration	03a RC-04	Mauvais Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 4,240 feet of historic ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVD83 at Mauvais Eche to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and storm surge attenuation.	Years 1-10	\$1,900,000		03a RC-05	Bayou Terrebonne Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 40,730 feet of historic ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVD83 to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and storm surge attenuation along the southern portion of Bayou Terrebonne.	Years 11-30	\$8,800,000
	03a RC-06	Bayou Pointe aux Chenes Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 4,240 feet of historic ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVD83 to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and storm surge attenuation along the southern portion of Bayou Pointe aux Chenes.	Years 1-10	\$10,600,000	Shoreline Protection	03a SP-100	North Lake Boudreaux Shoreline Protection: Shoreline protection through rock breakwaters designed to an elevation of 3.5 feet NAVD83 along approximately 11,600 feet of the northern shore of Lake Boudreaux east of Hog Point to preserve shoreline integrity and reduce wetland degradation from wave erosion.	Years 11-30	\$29,300,000
Sediment Diversion	03a DI-01	Bayou Lafourche Diversion: Diversion of the Mississippi River into Bayou Lafourche to increase freshwater flow down Bayou Lafourche with 1,000 cfs capacity (modeled with continuous operation at 1,200 cfs, independent of Mississippi River flow).	Years 1-10	\$196,300,000					
Nonstructural Risk Reduction	TER-01N	Terrebonne - Lower Nonstructural Risk Reduction: Project includes floodproofing non-residential properties where 100-year flood depths are 1-3 feet, elevating residential properties where 100-year flood depths are 3-14 feet, and acquiring residential properties where 100-year flood depths are greater than 14 feet.	Years 1-30	\$87,700,000					
	TER-02N	Terrebonne - Houma Nonstructural Risk Reduction: Project includes floodproofing non-residential properties where 100-year flood depths are 1-3 feet, elevating residential properties where 100-year flood depths are 3-14 feet, and acquiring residential properties where 100-year flood depths are greater than 14 feet.	Years 1-30	\$1,264,000,000					
Structural Protection	03a HP-03b	Morgans to the Gulf: Construction of a levee to an elevation between 15 and 26.5 feet NAVD83 around Houma and Terrebonne Ridge communities from Larose to Humphreys Canal. Project features 471,500 feet of earthen levee, 39,600 feet of T-wall, 225.6-foot dike gates, (1) 30-foot stop-log, (2) 20-foot stop-log, (1) 56-foot sector gate, (1) 250-foot sector gate, (1) 175-foot sector gate, (1) 125-foot sector gate, (1) 110-foot sector gate, (1) 90-foot sector gate, (1) 110-foot lock gate, (1) 13-foot roller gate, (6) 45-foot roller gates, (1) 54-foot large gate, (1) 30-foot large gate, and (6) pump stations.	Years 1-30	\$1,281,900,000					
Hydrologic Restoration	03a HR-100	Grand Bayou Hydrologic Restoration: Dredging of Margent Bayou and Grand Bayou in conjunction with the construction of a flood crest structure at Grand Bayou and the installation of (3) 48-inch Reginald Culverts on the western bank of Grand Bayou.	Years 11-30	\$8,700,000					
Marsh Creation	03a MC-07	Belle Pass-Golden Meadow Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 21,200 acres of marsh from Belle Pass to Golden Meadow to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$1,625,800,000					
	03a MC-09b	North Terrebonne Bay Marsh Creation - Component B: Creation of approximately 2,400 acres of marsh south of Montegut between Bayou St. Jean Charles and Bayou Pointe aux Chenes to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$295,200,000					
	03a MC-100	South Terrebonne Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 21,600 acres of marsh south of Dulac between Bayou Duhange and Houma Navigation Canal to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.	Years 11-30	\$1,813,300,000					



ATTENDANCE RECORD



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January 31 2018 9:30 A.M.	COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT	Port of Morgan City - Office 7327 Highway 182 Morgan City, LA
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REGION 3 – TERREBONNE BASIN

Project Number	Project Proposals
R3-TE-01	Bayou Rambio Marsh Restoration
R3-TE-02	Bay Raccourci Marsh Creation and Ridge Restoration <i>Project revised due to overlap with R3-TE-06</i>
R3-TE-03	Point au Fer Marsh Creation and Terracing
R3-TE-04	Bayou Barre Marsh Creation and Terracing
R3-TE-05	North Lake Boudreaux
R3-TE-06	Central Bayou De Cade Marsh Creation <i>Withdrawn due to overlap with R3-TE-02</i>
R3-TE-07	Lake Chapeau 2 Marsh Creation
R3-TE-08	Point au Fer Island Marsh Creation Using Permanent Pipeline
R3-TE-09	East Catfish Lake Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection
R3-TE-10	Small Bayou LaPointe Marsh Creation
R3-TE-11	West Raccourci Bay Marsh Creation
R3-TE-12	Pointe aux Chenes Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation
R3-TE-13	West Louisiana Hwy 1 Marsh Creation
R3-TE-14	Bayou Pierre et Lee Marsh Creation and Nourishment
R3-TE-15	Hackberry Marsh Creation and Nourishment
R3-TE-16	North Bayou Decade Ridge and Marsh Restoration
R3-TE-17	Timbalier Island Nourishment and Marsh Creation
R3-TE-18	Trinity Island Back Barrier Island Marsh Restoration Project

R3-TE-01

Bayou Rambio Marsh Creation

TE-01

PPL28 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET
January 2018

Project Name

Bayou Rambio Marsh Protection Project

Louisiana's 2017 Coastal Master Plan

Marsh Creation – 03a.MC.100

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish

Problem

Interior marshes between Bayou Grand Caillou and Bayou DuLarge have experienced recent rapid degradation and loss. Numerous north-south and east-west trenasses bisect this area. As the interior marshes degrade and convert to open water, the increased tidal prism has caused these trenasses to enlarge as they carry increasing volumes of water. As a result, the fragile interior marshes experience increased tidal exchange. This in turn causes more salinity flux which stresses the remaining marsh and the increased tidal exchange causes export of eroded soils.

Goals

The project goal is to construct marsh in open water areas to break up the fetch and to reduce tidal exchange across these expanding open water areas.

Proposed Solution

Using borrow material from Bayou Grand Caillou, three linear strips of marsh totaling 370 acres would be created in open water areas to impede north-south water exchange and wave fetch.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
Approximately 370 acres of marsh would be benefitted directly (342 ac from marsh creation, 28 acres from marsh nourishment). Indirect benefits may occur in adjoining open water areas due to reduced fetch, restoration of SAV beds, and reduced shoreline erosion of nearby marshes.
- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*
The total net acres protected/created over the project life is approximately 323 acres.
- 3) *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)?*
The anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefit is estimated to be 50%.
- 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?*
NO.
- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*
None.

- 6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?* This project would be synergistic with the freshwater introduction features that are part of the hurricane protection levee along Falgout Canal between Bayou DuLarge and the HNC.

Other Considerations

Borrow access without impeding navigation needs to be determined. No oyster leases are located in the borrow area.

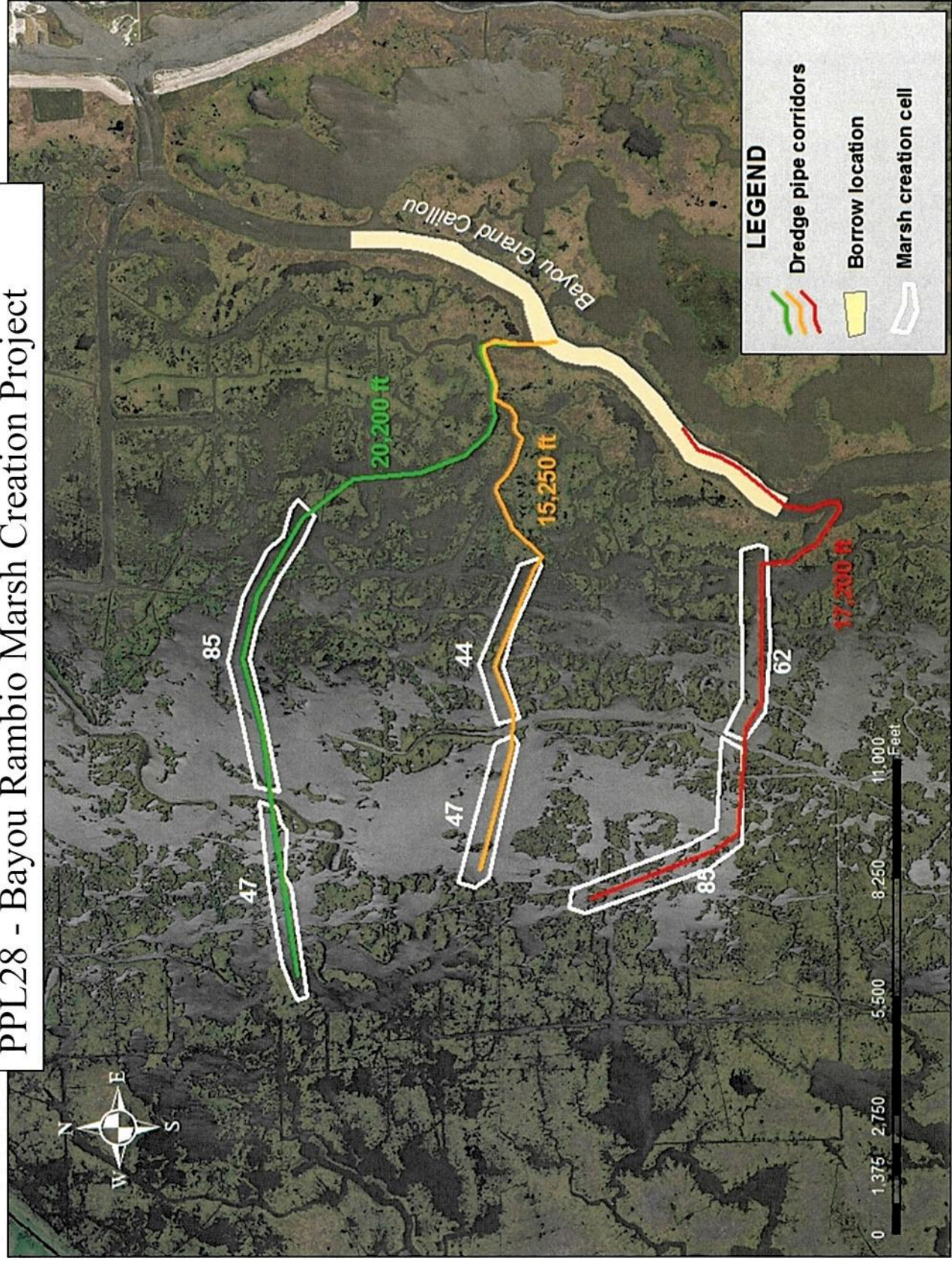
Preliminary Construction Costs:

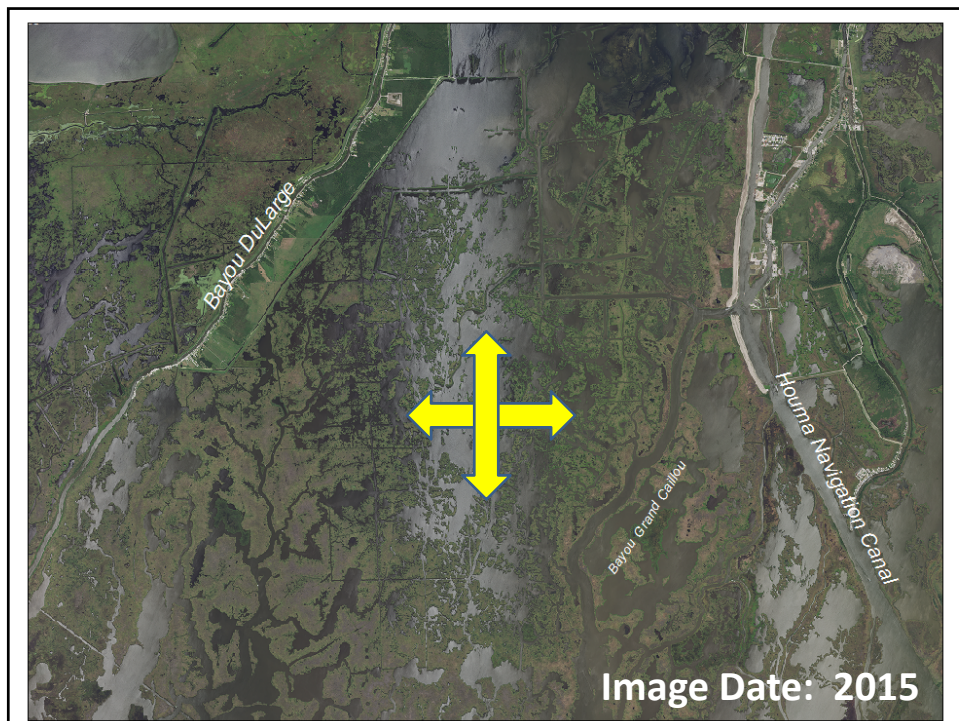
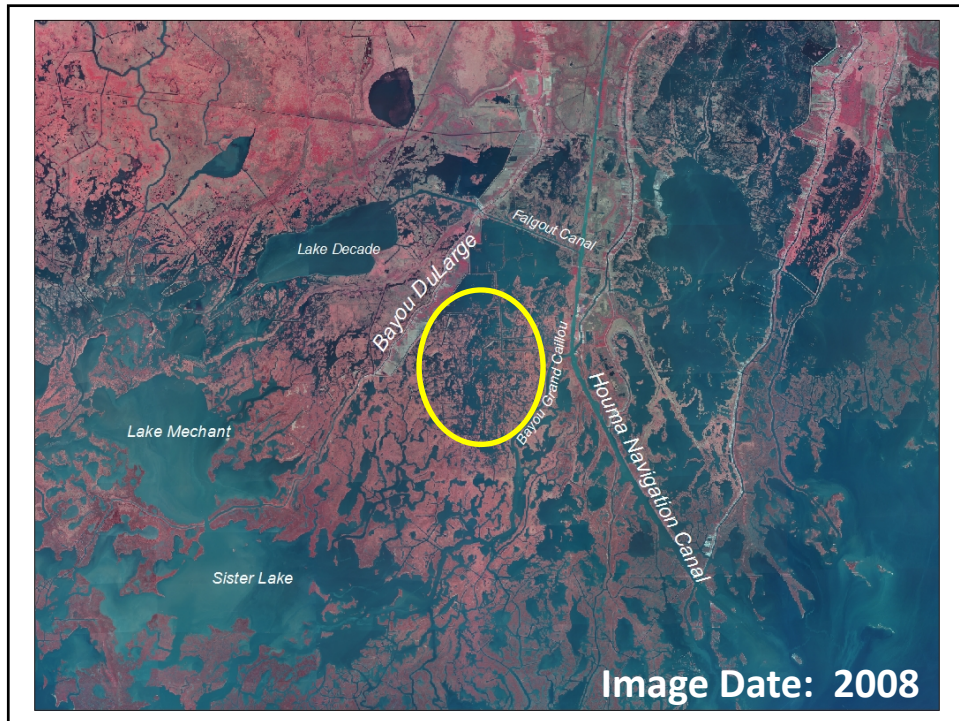
The estimated construction cost including 25% contingency is \$30 to 35M.

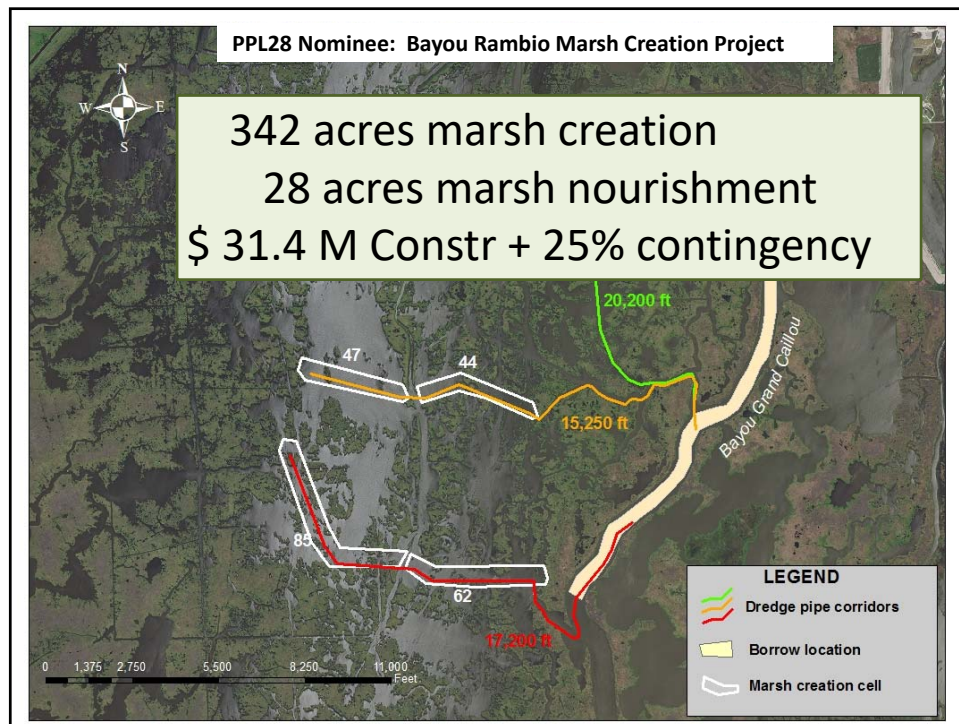
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PPL28 - Bayou Rambio Marsh Creation Project







R3-TE-02

Bay Raccourci Marsh Creation and Ridge Restoration

PPL28 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET
January 31, 2018

Project Name

Bay Raccourci Marsh Creation and Ridge Restoration

Project Location

Region 3, Mechant/de Cade Basin, Terrebonne Parish. This project is located north of Lake Mechant and south of Bayou Decade.

Problem

High saline waters from Lake Mechant have directly contributed to the loss and/or conversion of much of the historically intermediate marshes to low salinity brackish marshes north of Lake Mechant. Subsidence, canal dredging and storm damage have also contributed significantly to the loss of marsh in the area. The zone of intermediate marsh (transition zone between fresh and brackish marshes) is located just north of Lake Mechant. High salinity water entering Bay Raccourci via Bayou Raccourci/Lake Mechant effectively short circuits the TE-44 project and flows unimpeded into lower salinity marshes surrounding Bay Raccourci. USGS calculated a 19984-2011 loss rate of -0.995% per year for the TE-72 Lost Lake Marsh Creation.

Goals

The goal of this project is to slow the northern movement of high salinity water surrounding Bay Raccourci and to retain the zone of intermediate marsh that historically ran north and west of Bay Raccourci.

Specific goals: 1) Create approximately 350 acres and nourish approximately 85 acres of low salinity marsh around the perimeter of Bay Raccourci. 2) Create 6,500 linear feet of ridge along Bayou Decade. 3) Plant 20,000 ft. of newly constructed shoreline surrounding Bay Raccourci and Bayou Decade.

Proposed Features

1. Hydraulically dredge material from Lake Mechant to create/nourish 435 acres of marsh.
2. Earthen containment dikes would be constructed and gapped within 3 years of construction.
3. Create approximately 6,500 linear feet of ridge habitat along portions of Bayou Decade.
4. Plant approximately 13,000 linear feet of Bay Raccourci shoreline with *S. alterniflora* to reduce shoreline erosion.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
This total project area is 435 ac.
- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*
Approximately 325 net acres of marsh would result after the 20-year project life (without ridge benefits).

- 3) *What is the anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits over the project life (<25%, 25-49%, 50-74%, and >75%)?*

The anticipated land loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits is approximately 50% to 74% over the project life.

- 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?*

This project would help maintain portions of the Bay Raccourci shoreline and restore a portion of Bayou Decade shoreline and ridge habitat.

- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*

This project would protect many small camps along Bayou Decade and also help protect some oil and gas infrastructure in the area.

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

This project would work synergistically with the constructed TE-44, TE-39, and TE-34 projects as well as the TE-72 which is currently under construction.

Preliminary Cost

The construction cost range plus 25% contingency is estimated to be \$25-\$30M.

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Fish and Wildlife Service - Louisiana Ecological Services Field Office

PPL28 - Bay Raccourci Marsh Creation and Ridge Restoration



Legend

-  Marsh Creation
-  Bayou Decade Ridge
-  Borrow



BAY RACCOURCI MARSH CREATION AND RIDGE RESTORATION

Problem:

- **Subsidence, canal dredging, saltwater intrusion, wind and wave induced shoreline erosion and altered hydrology**
- **Saltwater short circuits the TE-44 project: Lake Mechant to Bayou Raccourci to Bay Raccourci**



BAY RACCOURCI MARSH CREATION AND RIDGE RESTORATION

Solution:

- Hydraulically dredge material from Lake Mechant to create intertidal marsh north and west of Bay Raccourci.
- Utilize material dredged from Bayou Decade (bucket dredge) to create a ridge along Bayou Decade.
- Plant the ridge habitat with appropriate vegetation and plant containment dikes along Bay Raccourci shoreline.

BAY RACCOURCI MARSH CREATION AND RIDGE RESTORATION

Goals:

- Create 405 acres of marsh.
- Nourish 130 acres of marsh.
- Restore 6,500 LF of ridge habitat (8 acres) along Bayou Decade southern shoreline.
- Plant 13,000 LF of Bay Raccourci shoreline.

Net Acres:

- Total net acres = 339 acres marsh and 8 acres ridge

Potential Issues:

- There are two existing borrow site that could be utilized if needed.

Preliminary Construction Costs

- The estimated construction cost range plus 25% contingency \$25-\$30M.

Species of Concern and Rare Species

- Least Bittern
- Black Rail
- Mottled Duck
- Brown Pelican
- King Rail

R3-TE-03

Point au Fer Marsh Creation and Terracing

TE-03

PPL28 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET
January 31, 2018

Project Name: Point au Fer Marsh Creation and Terracing

Project Location:

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish, Point au Fer Island, South of Locust Bayou

Problem:

Historic project area land loss includes subsidence, altered hydrology (from numerous canals), and wind and wave erosion. This area receives fresh to low salinity water from the Atchafalaya River via Four League Bay and higher saline water from the Gulf of Mexico via Locust Bayou. USGS calculated a 1985-2016 area loss rate of -1.80% per year.

Goals:

The goals of the project are to 1) create approximately 377 acres of marsh and nourish an additional 35 acres of marsh with dredged material from Four League Bay, 2) create 52,500 lf of Terraces (23 acres of marsh) and 3) close 4 openings into the interior marsh.

Service goals include the creation of habitat or improvement of habitat for rare species, species of concern, and threatened and endangered species. The creation of low salinity brackish and intermediate intertidal marsh habitat would benefit several species that are currently on the lists of rare species and species of concern. These include, but are not limited to Least Bittern, Black Rail, Mottled Duck, Brown Pelican, and King Rail.

Proposed Solutions:

The current proposed project would include the creation of 377 acres of brackish marsh and nourish 35 additional acres of marsh. The marsh would be created with material dredged from Four League Bay and contained with earthen dikes and existing spoil banks. Containment dikes would be degraded and/or gapped as necessary to reestablish hydrologic connectivity with adjacent wetlands. The current proposal would also create 52,500 LF of terraces (23 acres of marsh) in the open water area north of the created marsh with long reach excavators. These terraces would capture sediment and reduce wind induced erosion.

Preliminary Project Benefits:

1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?* Approximately 1,162 acres would be benefited.

2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?* The total net acres protected/created over the project life are approximately 339 acres.

3) *What is the anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits over the project life (<25%, 25-49%, 50-74% and >75%).* Loss rate reduction should be 50>74%.

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.* No

5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?* There several oil and gas facilities that would be protected.

6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?* This project would work synergistically with TE-26 Lake Chapau sediment Input and Hydrologic Restoration project and TE-22 Point au Fer Canal Plugs project.

Identification of Potential Issues:

There are oil and gas facilities and pipeline in the area.

Preliminary Construction Costs:

The estimated construction cost range including 25% contingency is \$25-\$30M.

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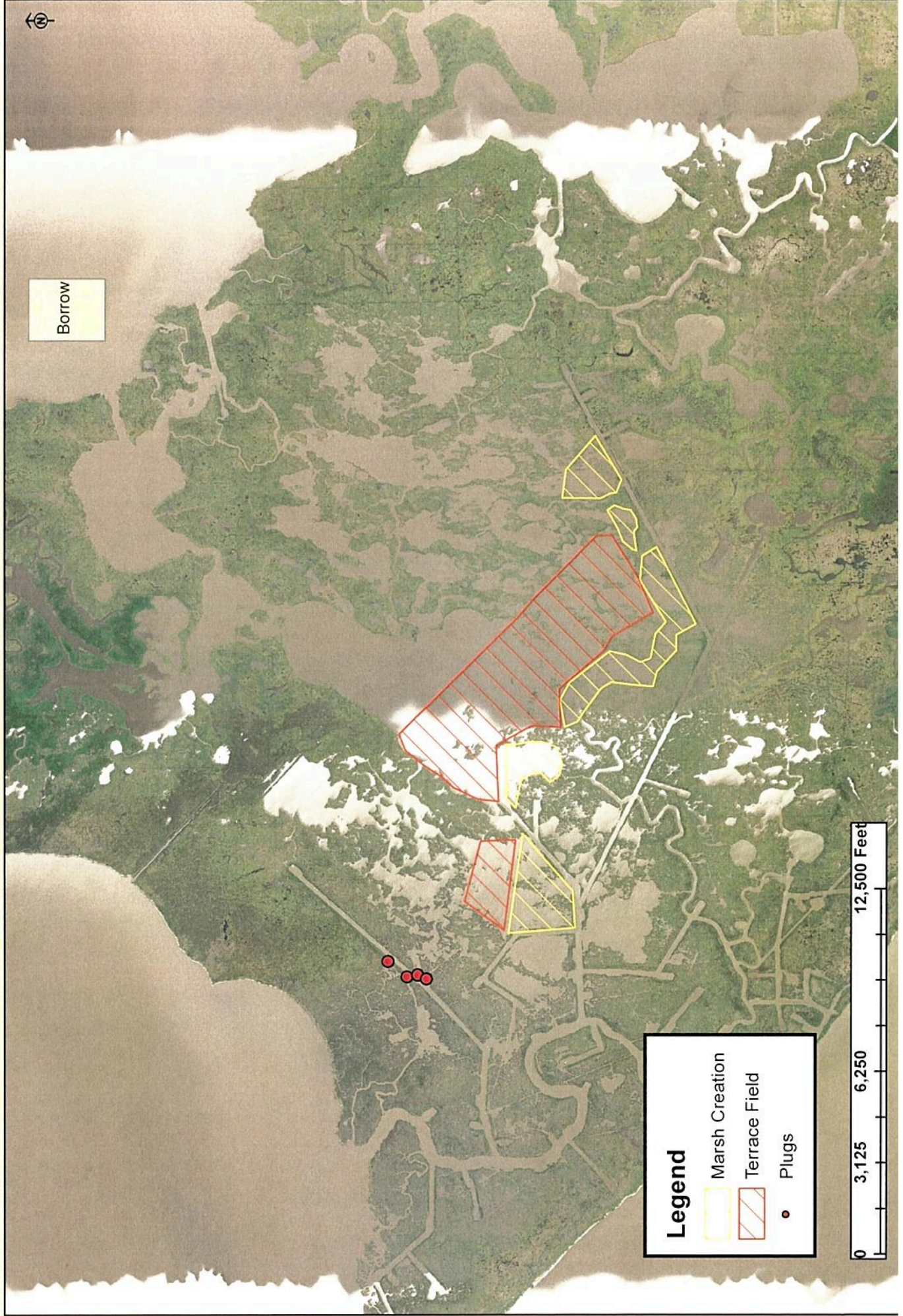
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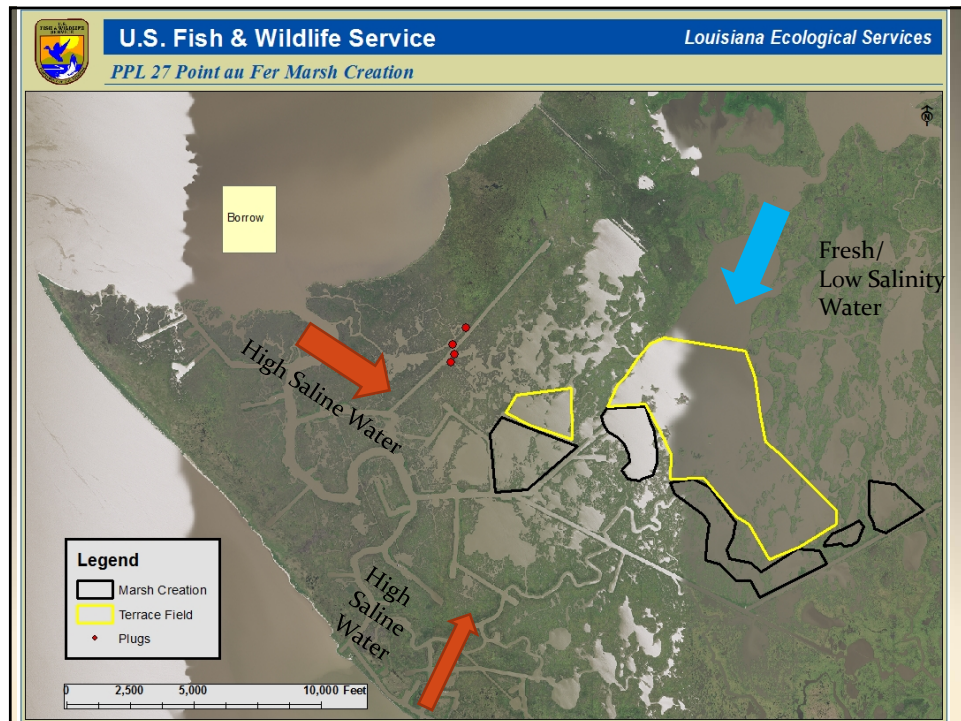




POINT AU FER MARSH CREATION AND TERRACING

Problem:

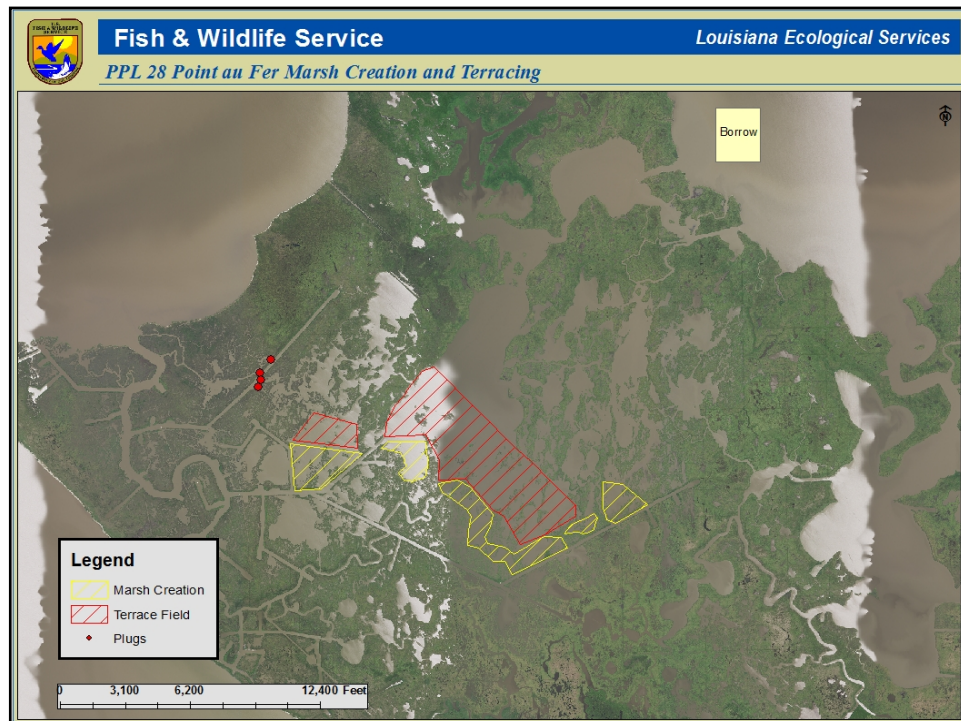
- Subsidence, canal dredging, saltwater intrusion, wind and wave induced shoreline erosion and altered hydrology



POINT AU FER MARSH CREATION AND TERRACING

Solution:

- Hydraulically dredge material from Four League Bay to strategically create emergent intertidal marsh
- Create a terrace field in open water areas between the area of higher salinities and lower salinities.
- Close several openings into the interior marsh
- These measures will should slow the rate at which the higher saline waters reach intermediate marshes.



POINT AU FER MARSH CREATION AND TERRACING

Goals:

- Create 377 acres of marsh.
- Nourish 35 acres of marsh.
- Create 52,500 LF of terraces (23 acres of marsh).

Net Acres:

- Total net acres = 339 acres

Preliminary Construction Costs

- The estimated construction cost range plus 25% contingency \$25-\$30M.

Species of Concern and Rare Species

- **Least Bittern**
- **Black Rail**
- **Mottled Duck**
- **Brown Pelican**
- **King Rail**

R3-TE-04

Bayou Barre Marsh Creation and Terracing

TE-04

PPL 28 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET
January 31, 2018

Project Name:

Bayou Barre Marsh Creation and Terracing

Project Location:

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish. Southeast Montegut between Wonder Lake and Madison Bay.

Problem:

The marshes near the Madison Bay area have experienced tremendous wetland loss due to a variety of factors, including subsidence, saltwater intrusion, a lack of sediment supply, and oil and gas activities. The loss of the marshes have exposed significant infrastructure to open water conditions and has made the area less suitable for various wildlife and fisheries. The 1985 to 2016 loss rate for the Wonder Lake area is 1.67%/yr. With high wetland loss in the vicinity, the Morganza Hurricane Protection Levee to the north of the project area has become extremely susceptible to high wave energies with the increase in fetch.

Goals :

This project would strategically tie together three ridges (Bayou Terrebonne Ridge, Bayou St. Jean Charles Ridge, and Point au Chene Ridge) and two other CWPPRA projects (Maddison Bay Marsh Creation and Terracing project and Island Road Marsh Creation project-Phase I).

Specific goals: 1) Create 440 acres of brackish intertidal marsh, 2) nourish 19 acres of brackish intertidal marsh, and 3) construct 21,000 LF of terraces.

Service goals include the creation of habitat or improvement of habitat for rare species, species of concern, and threatened and endangered species. The creation of brackish intertidal marsh habitat would be beneficial to several species that are currently on the lists of rare species and species of concern. These include, but are not limited to Least Bittern, Black Rail, Mottled Duck, Brown Pelican, King Rail, Louisiana Eyed Silkmoth and Saltwater topminnow. Keeping these species off the threatened and endangered list is a goal of FWS because at that point ALL Federal agencies must then address those species.

Proposed Solution:

This project would propose to create/nourish approximately 459 acres of emergent marsh by utilizing a small hydraulic dredge to pump material from Maddison Bay borrow area. That material would be placed in shallow open water areas between Wonder Lake and Maddison Bay. Utilizing a small dredge would reduce the height of the containment dikes needed to create marsh in open water areas. At this time there are remnant dikes that are still in tack surrounding most of the marsh creation cells. Dredge material would be placed to a height conducive for the creation of healthy intertidal marsh. All constructed containment dikes would be sufficiently gapped or degraded no later than 3 years post construction to allow for fisheries access.

Preliminary Project Benefits:

1) What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?

This total project area is 739 ac.

2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*

Approximately 381 ac of brackish marsh will be protected/created over the 20 year project life.

3) *What is the anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits over the project life (<25%, 25-49%, 50-74%, and >75%)?*

The anticipated land loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits would be 50-74% over the 20 year project life.

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 would help restore portions of the Wonder Lake shoreline and portions of the Bayou Barre bankline.

5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*

This project would help protect the Morganza Hurricane Protection Levee, Point Barre road, several camps, and some oil and gas infrastructure.

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

This project would work synergistically with two other projects (Maddison Bay Marsh Creation and Terracing project and Island Road Marsh Creation project) which would tie together three ridges (Bayou Terrebonne Ridge, Bayou St. Jean Charles Ridge, and Pointe aux Chene Ridge).

Identification of Potential Issues:

There would most likely be some pipeline issues, numerous oyster leases, and poor soils within the project area.

Preliminary Construction Costs:

The estimated construction cost range including 25% contingency is \$25 to 30M.

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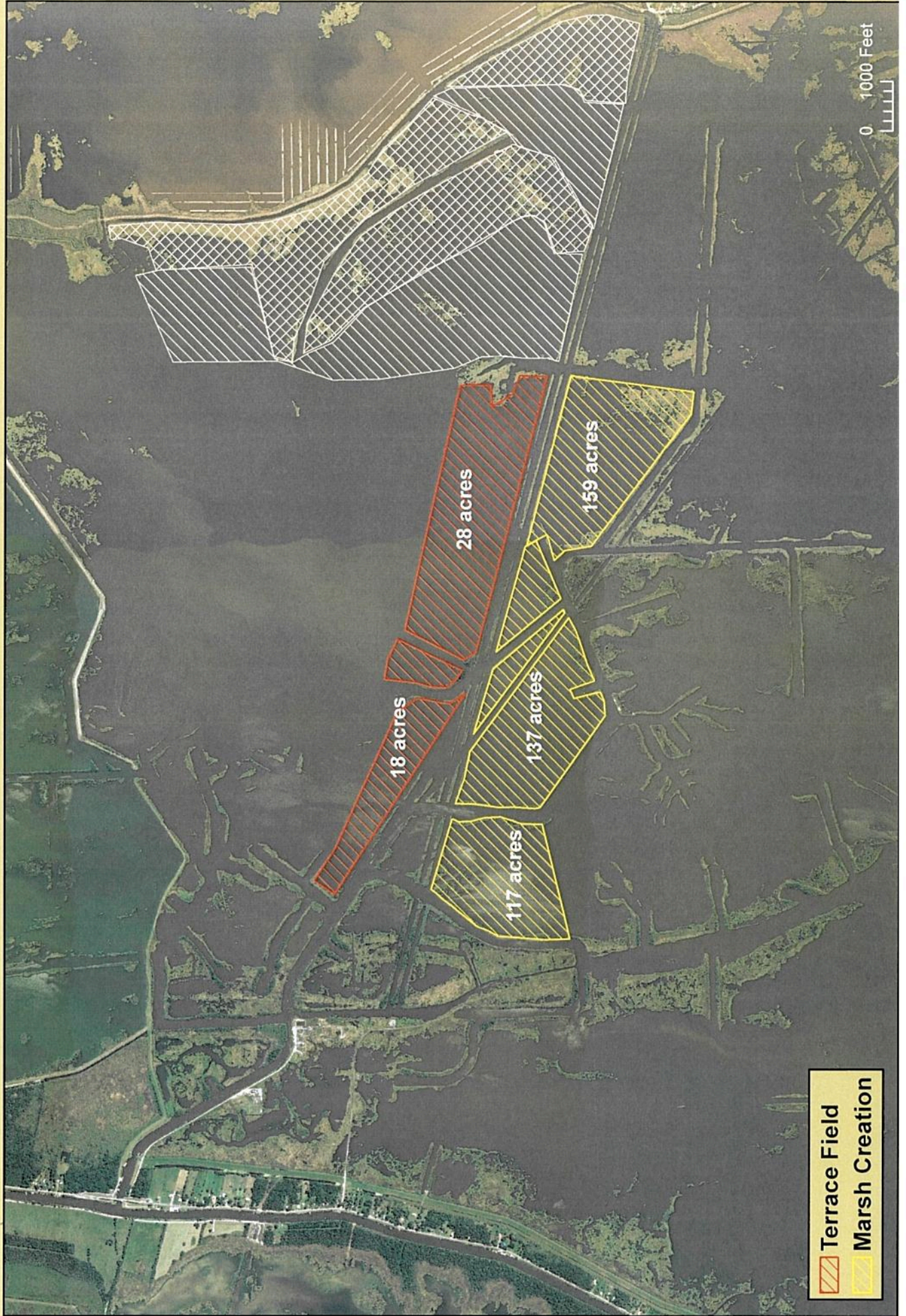
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Bayou Barre Marsh Creation and Terracing



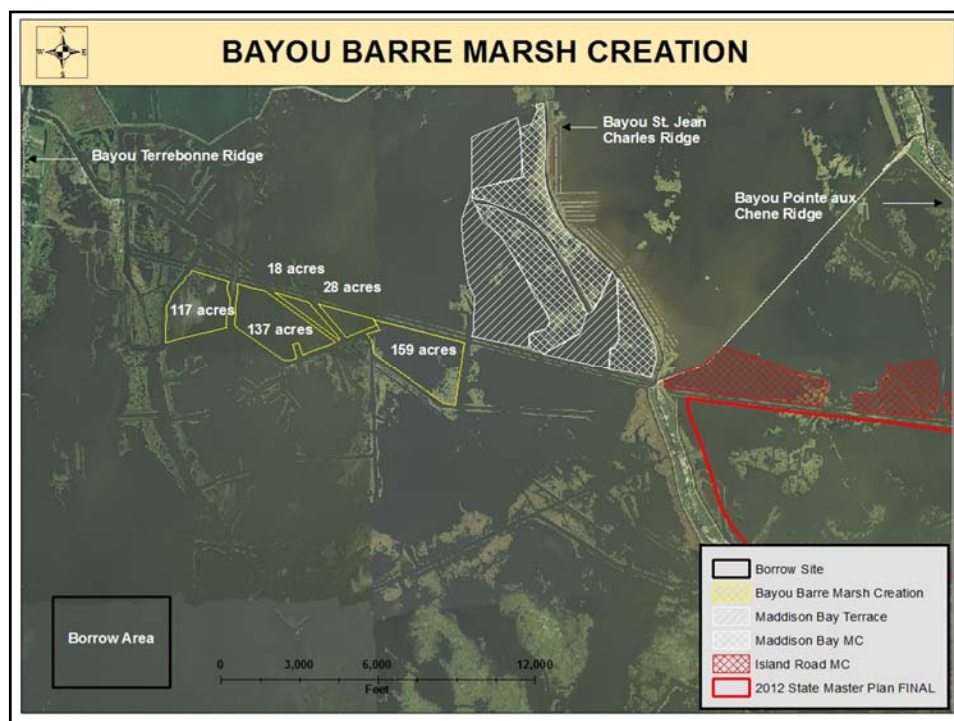
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Problem:

- Project area wetlands loss is due to subsidence, saltwater intrusion, a lack of sediment supply, and oil and gas activities.
- The 1985 to 2016 loss rate 1.67%/yr. (Wonder Lake)
- Losses have exposed infrastructure to open water conditions and has made habitats in the area less suitable for various fish and wildlife species.



BAYOU BARRE MARSH CREATION AND TERRACING

Real Problem:

Maddison Bay CWPPRA project was placed on the Inactive list

- 1) Issues with crossing pipeline (CPRA)
 - We have recently crossed pipeline with very little cover (Bayou Bonfouca)
 - Private pipeline companies have said this would not be a problem in this area with the depth of water above the pipeline to float the disposal pipeline
- 2) Issues with poor soils and constructing containment dikes
 - With the small dredge (18 inch dredge) overbuilt containment dikes are not needed with the medium to large marsh creation cells. There is not enough water and sediment being pumped to stack-up the water.
 - The area we are looking at building marsh are almost completely surrounded by some type of levee or containment dike. We have a base for the containment dikes.



BAYOU BARRE MARSH CREATION AND TERRACING

- This area is an incredible area of need. No CWPPRA project has been constructed in the entire Eastern Terrebonne area.
- This project would strategically tie together three ridges (Bayou Terrebonne Ridge, Bayou St. Jean Charles Ridge, and Point au Chene Ridge)
- Tie synergistically with two other CWPPRA projects (Maddison Bay Marsh Creation and Terracing project-Inactive and Island Road Marsh Creation project-Phase I)

BAYOU BARRE MARSH CREATION AND TERRACING

Solution:

- Create 440 acres of marsh and nourish an additional 19 acres of marsh with material hydraulically dredge from Maddison Bay with a small dredge.
- Create 21,000 lf of terraces

BAYOU BARRE MARSH CREATION AND TERRACING

Goals:

- Create 440 acres of marsh.
- Nourish 19 acres of marsh.
- Restore 21,000 LF of terraces

Net Acres:

- Total net acres = 381 acres marsh and 8 acres ridge

Potential Issues:

- Multiple pipelines, poor soils, and mindset of “we can not build anything in that area because.....”

Preliminary Construction Costs

- The estimated construction cost range plus 25% contingency is \$25-\$30M.

Species of Concern and Rare Species

- Least Bittern
- Black Rail
- Mottled Duck
- Brown Pelican
- King Rail

R3-TE-05

**North Lake Boudreaux Shoreline Protection and Marsh
Creation**

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Project Name: North Lake Boudreaux Shoreline Protection and Marsh Creation

Project Location:

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish, South of Houma, Northern Shoreline of Lake Boudreaux

Problem:

Historic aerial photography indicates significant marsh loss in the project area north of Lake Boudreaux. Subsidence, canal dredging, saltwater intrusion, and altered hydrology (levees) are all important factors contributing to the loss of marsh habitat within and surrounding the project area. High saline waters enter Lake Boudreaux via Robinson and Boudreaux Canals impacting low salinity marshes north of Lake Boudreaux. USGS calculated a 1985-2016 area loss rate of -1.52% per year. Shoreline erosion rates in the areas without rock or a maintained earthen shoreline ranged from 60 ft./yr. to 9 ft./yr. Much of the lake shoreline has shoreline protection through the Corps and Parish Mitigation projects and CWPPRA West Lake Boudreaux TE-46 project. There are approximately 8,300 feet of shoreline between and adjacent to these existing projects that are in need of protection.

Goals:

The goals of the project are to 1) protect approximately 8,300 feet of critical shoreline, 2) protect approximately 55 acres of marsh habitat, 3) create approximately 300 acres of marsh and nourish an additional 115 acres of marsh with material dredged from Lake Boudreaux, and 4) create 56,000 LF of terraces (30 acres of marsh).

Service goals include the creation of habitat or improvement of habitat for rare species, species of concern, and threatened and endangered species. The creation of brackish intertidal marsh habitat would benefit several species that are currently on the lists of rare species and species of concern. These include, but are not limited to Least Bittern, Black Rail, Mottled Duck, Brown Pelican, King Rail, Louisiana Eyed Silkmouth and Saltwater topminnow.

Proposed Solutions:

The current proposed project would include 8,300 ft. of rock foreshore dike built to a settled height of +3.0 NAVD 88 along Lake Boudreaux shoreline at the -2 ft. contour. The proposed project would also create 300 acres of marsh and nourish an additional 115 acres of marsh using sediment hydraulically dredged from Lake Boudreaux. Existing canal spoil banks, emergent marsh, and segments of containment dikes will be used to contain the dredge material. Containment dikes will be degraded and/or gapped as necessary to reestablish hydrologic connectivity with adjacent wetlands. The current proposal would also create 56,000 LF of terraces (30 acres of marsh) in the open water area north and east of the lake which would protect the Ward 7 levee.

Preliminary Project Benefits:

1) What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly? Approximately 1,215 acres would be benefited.

2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?* The total net acres protected/created over the project life are approximately 308 acres.

3) *What is the anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits over the project life (<25%, 25-49%, 50-74% and >75%).* Loss rate reduction should be 50>74%.

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.* This project would contribute to protection of the Lake Boudreaux shoreline and the Ward 7 Levee.

5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?* Oil and gas facilities would be protected along with the newly constructed Terrebonne Non-Federal Levee, and Ward 7 Levee. The project would also help protect the city of Houma, Chauvin, and Boudreaux.

6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?* This project would work synergistically with TE-46 and the Terrebonne Parish Ward 7 mitigation.

Identification of Potential Issues:

There are two nearby existing borrow site that are cleared for dredging.

Preliminary Construction Costs:

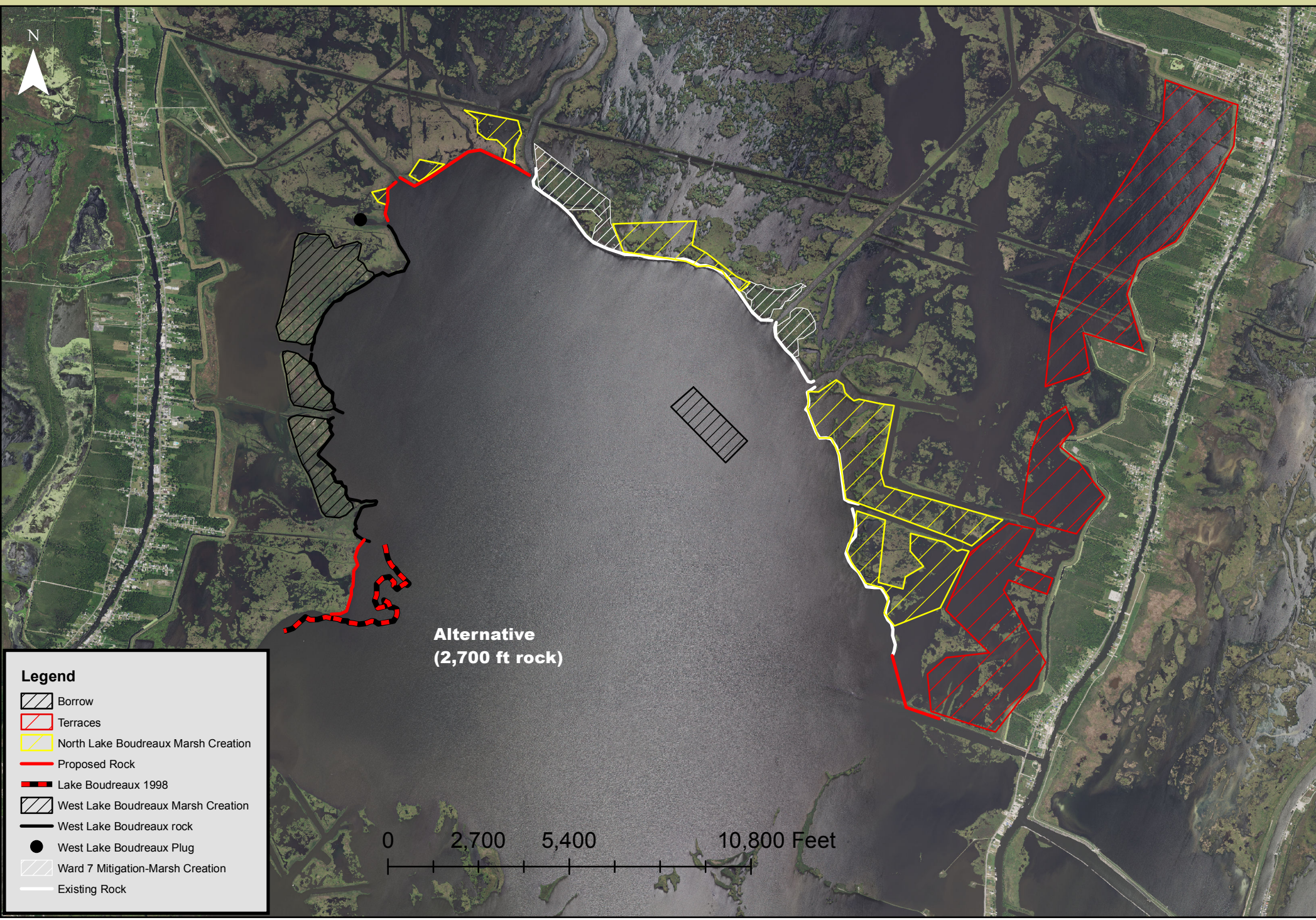
The estimated construction cost range including 25% contingency is \$25-\$30M.

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PPL₂₈ NORTH LAKE BOUDREAUX MARSH CREATION AND SHORELINE PROTECTION



NORTH LAKE BOUDREAUX MARSH CREATION AND SHORELINE PROTECTION

Problem:

- **Subsidence, canal dredging, saltwater intrusion, and altered hydrology**
- **Shoreline Erosion**
- **Erosion rates between 9-60 ft./yr.**



NORTH LAKE BOUDREAUX MARSH CREATION AND SHORELINE PROTECTION

Solution:

- Build 8,300 ft. of foreshore rock dike along the -2 ft. contour and built to a height of +3.0 ft.
- Hydraulically dredge material from Lake Boudreaux water bottom to create 300 acres and nourish 115 acres of marsh.
- Construct 56,000 lf of Terraces (30 acres of Marsh).

NORTH LAKE BOUDREAU MARSH CREATION AND SHORELINE PROTECTION

Goals:

- Protect +11,000 feet of critical shoreline and 75-100 acres of marsh.
- Create 300 acres of marsh.
- Nourish 115 acres of marsh.
- Create 56,000 lf of terraces (30 acres of marsh).

Net Acres:

- Total net acres = 308 acres marsh (not including shoreline protection)

Potential Issues:

- There are two existing borrow site that could be utilized if needed.

Preliminary Construction Costs

- The estimated construction cost range plus 25% contingency \$25-30M.

Species of Concern and Rare Species

- Least Bittern
- Black Rail
- Mottled Duck
- Brown Pelican
- Louisiana Eyed Silkmoth
- King Rail

~~R3-TE-06~~

~~Central Bayou DeCade Marsh Creation~~

Withdrawn due to project overlap with R3-TE-02

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Project Name

Central Bayou De Cade Marsh Creation

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish

Problem

The Terrebonne Basin is an abandoned delta complex with a network of old distributary ridges extending southward from Houma. The area is characterized by a thick section of unconsolidated sediments that are undergoing dewatering and compaction, which contributes to high subsidence rates. Historically, subsidence and numerous oil and gas canals and pipelines in the area have contributed to wetland loss. Since 1932, the Terrebonne Basin has the greatest decrease in wetland area than any other Louisiana basin, losing 29% of its wetlands. The wetland loss rate for this area range from -0.79% to -0.92%/year based on USGS hyper-temporal data from 1984 to 2016 from two adjacent CWPPRA project and candidate, Bayou De Cade Ridge and Marsh Creation (TE-138), and North Bayou De Cade Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation (PPL27).

Goals

The project goals are to create and nourish approximately 292 acres of intermediate marsh along the southern bank of Bayou De Cade and a portion of the northern shoreline of Raccourci Bay.

Proposed Solution

The proposed project's primary feature is to create approximately 258 acres and to nourish 34 acres of intermediate marsh adjacent to Bayou De Cade. Sediment for marsh creation will be hydraulically pumped from a borrow source in Lake Mechant. The borrow area in Lake Mechant will be located and designed in a manner to avoid and minimize environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Containment dikes will be constructed around the marsh creation area to retain sediment during pumping. Containment dikes will be gapped within three years post construction.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
The total project area is approximately 292 acres.
- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*
The net acre benefit range is 200-250 acres after 20 years.
- 3) *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 hyper-temporal data from 1984 to 2016 shows an average of -0.86%/year from two adjacent CWPPRA project and candidate in the area)

- 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 Bayou De Cade bankline and a portion of the Raccourci Bay northern shoreline.

- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*

Some of the marsh creation can provide protection from wave erosion to non-critical infrastructure such as nearby camps.

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

The project would work synergistically with the (TE-39) South Lake De Cade Freshwater Introduction, (TE-44) North Lake Mechant Landbridge Restoration Projects, and the Bayou De Cade Ridge and Marsh Creation (TE-138).

Considerations

Pipelines/utilities and oysters are potential considerations with project design and implementation.

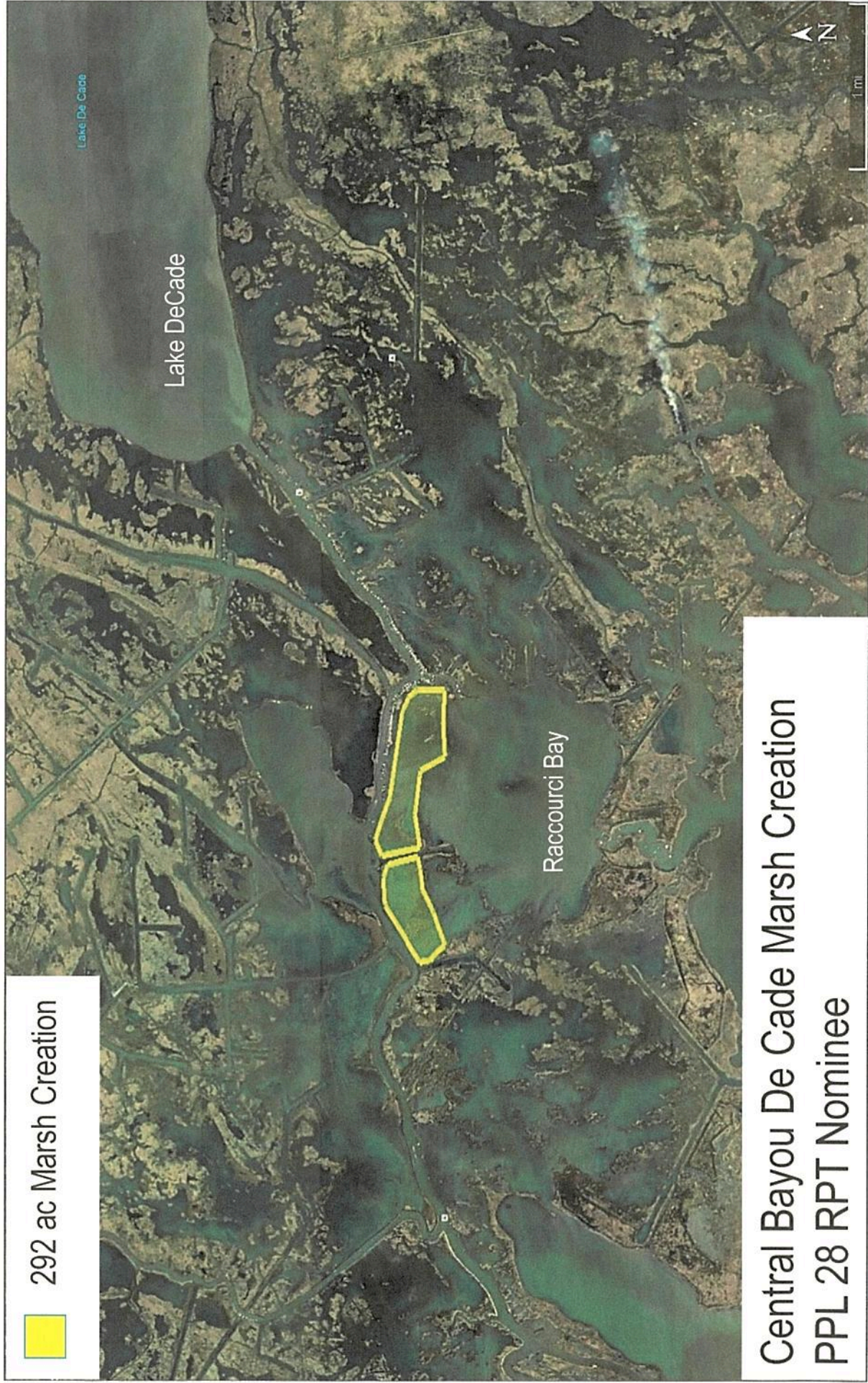
Preliminary Construction Costs

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

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292 ac Marsh Creation



Central Bayou De Cade Marsh Creation PPL 28 RPT Nominee



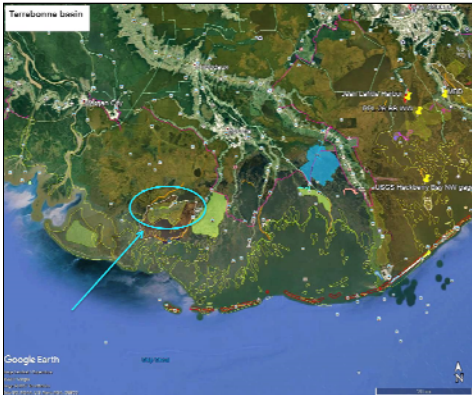


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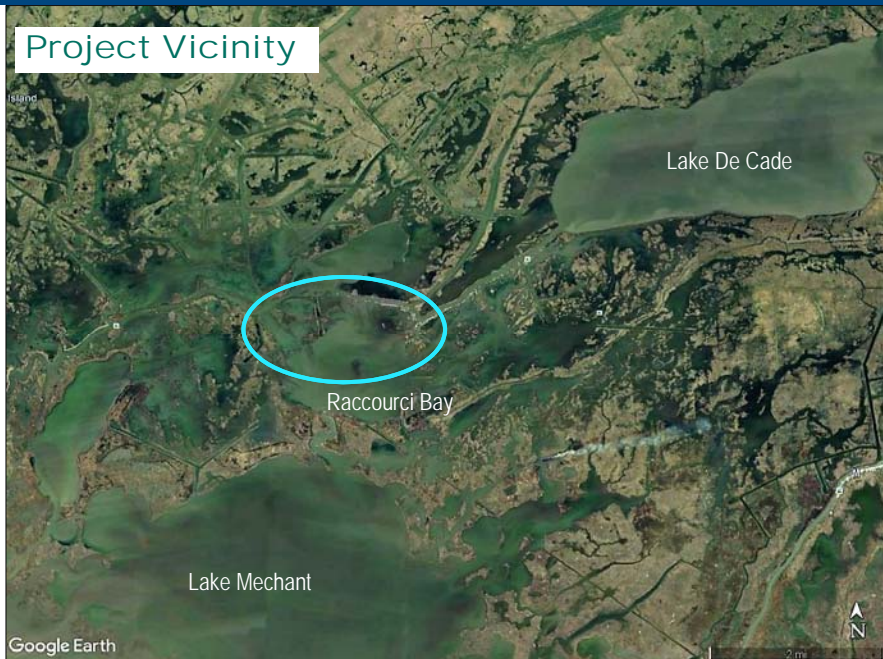
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Project Vicinity



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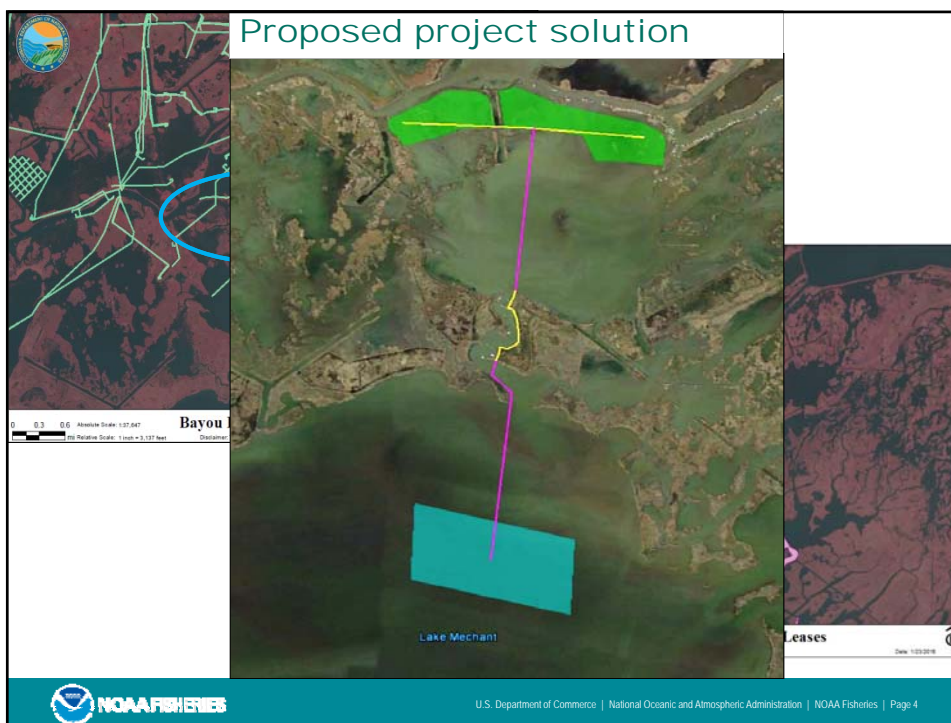
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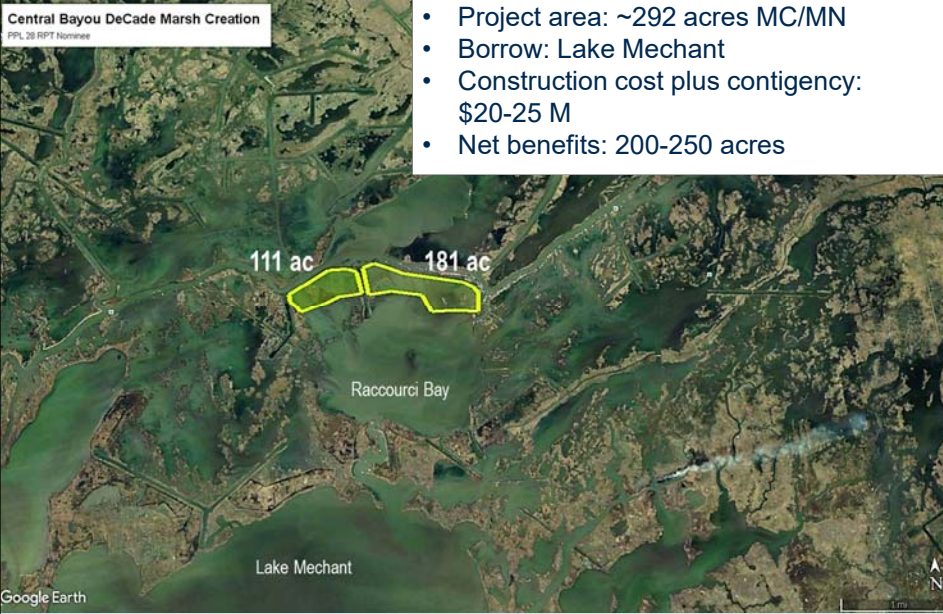
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Proposed project solution




Central Bayou DeCade Marsh Creation
PPL 28 RPT Nominee



Google Earth

Project Features and Benefits

- Project area: ~292 acres MC/MN
- Borrow: Lake Mechant
- Construction cost plus contingency: \$20-25 M
- Net benefits: 200-250 acres




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Lake Chapeau 2 Marsh Creation

TE-07

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Project Name

Lake Chapeau 2 Marsh Creation

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish

Problem

The loss rate for Point au Fer Island is -0.06%/yr based on 1985 to 2016 USGS data from the Point au Fer mapping unit. Since 1973, Point au Fer has experienced freshening as a result of sediments and freshwater from the Atchafalaya River. Although there is a low marsh loss rate, this freshwater flow and sediment source has not been effective in restoring marsh. Lake Chapeau has increased in size as the shorelines fragmented and interior marsh loss occurred. A reach of Locust Bayou has coalesced with Lake Chapeau. As lake and bayou banks disappeared, tidal flows have increased and circumvented natural flow patterns.

Goals

The project goal is creating marsh in the project area to replace marsh lost, restore the west and southern shorelines of Lake Chapeau, and restore a reach of Locust Bayou. Specifically, the goal is to create and nourish approximately 514 acres of marsh (360 acres creation and 154 acres nourishment).

Proposed Solution

The proposed project would further restore the structural framework of Lake Chapeau and Locust Bayou by creating approximately 360 acres of marsh and nourish 154 acres of existing marsh utilizing dedicated dredging and confined disposal. Sediment would be mined from Atchafalaya Bay. The borrow area would be designed to avoid adverse impacts to the existing shorelines of Point au Fer Island. The created marsh would be planted with smooth cordgrass. During Phase 0 and Phase 1, opportunities would be explored to increase the amount of marsh creation to further complete restoration of Lake Chapeau.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
This total project area is 514 ac.
- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*
Approximately 364 acres of marsh will be protected/created over the project life.
- 3) *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)?*
The anticipated land loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits will be 50% over the projects life.
- 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 would further restore the structural framework of Lake Chapeau.

- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*
The project would have minor net positive impact to non-critical oil and gas infrastructure.
- 6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?*
This project would provide a synergistic effect with the Lake Chapeau Sediment Input and Hydrologic Restoration Project (TE-26), Point au Fer Canal Plugs (TE-22), and the State Small Dredge Project.

Considerations

The proposed project has potential utility/pipeline considerations.

Preliminary Construction Costs

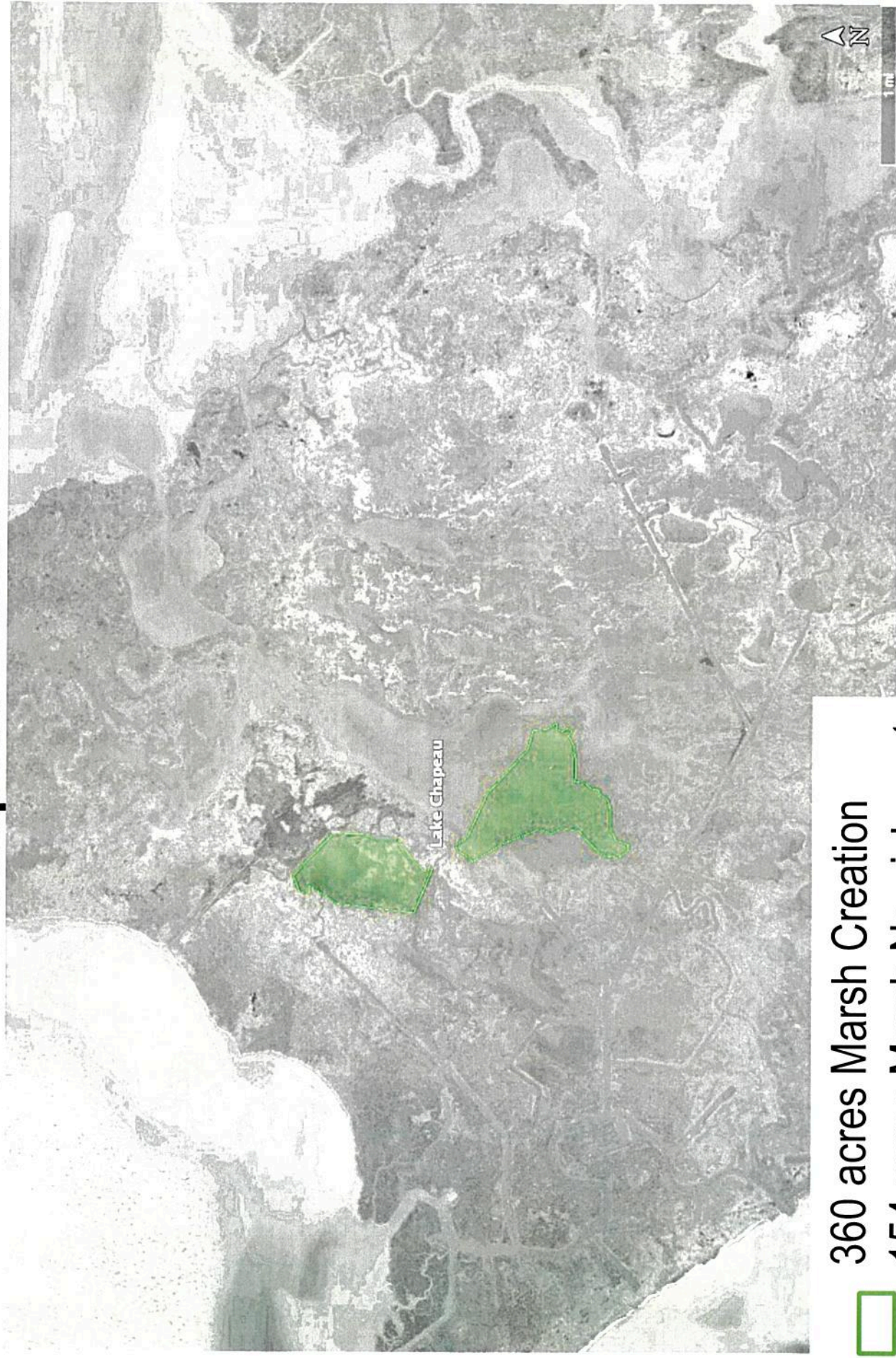
The construction + 25% contingency cost range is \$20M-\$25M.

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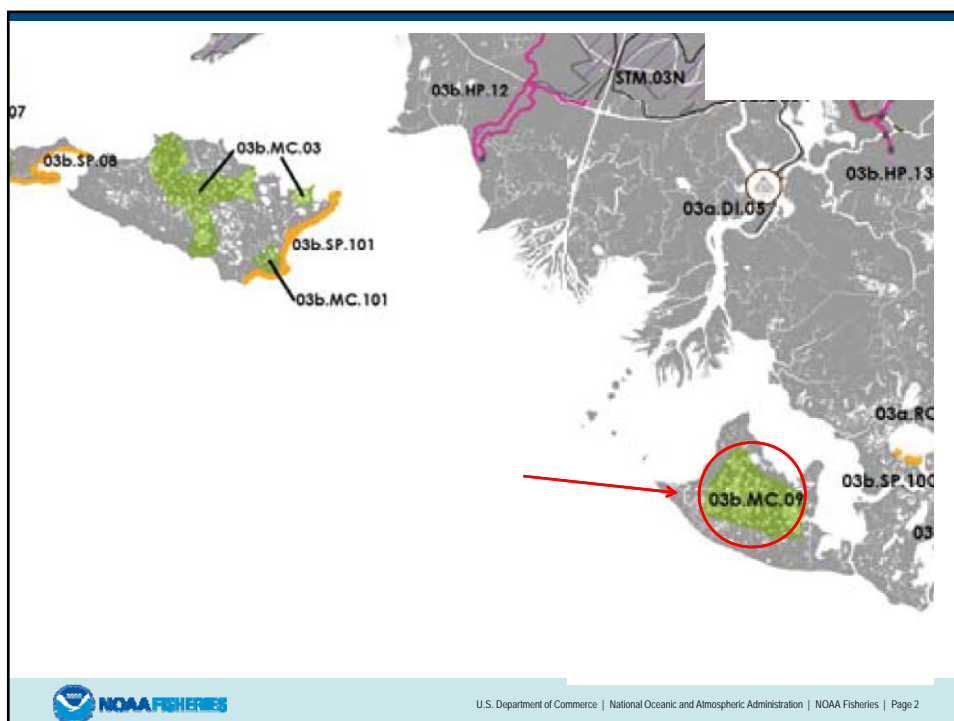
360 acres Marsh Creation
154 acres Marsh Nourishment

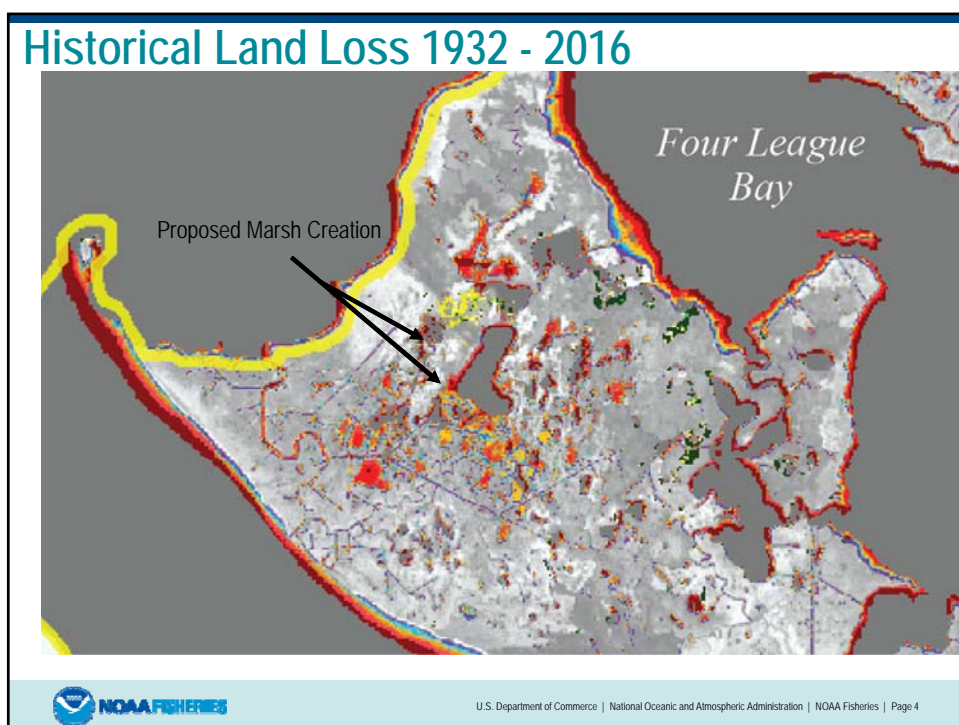
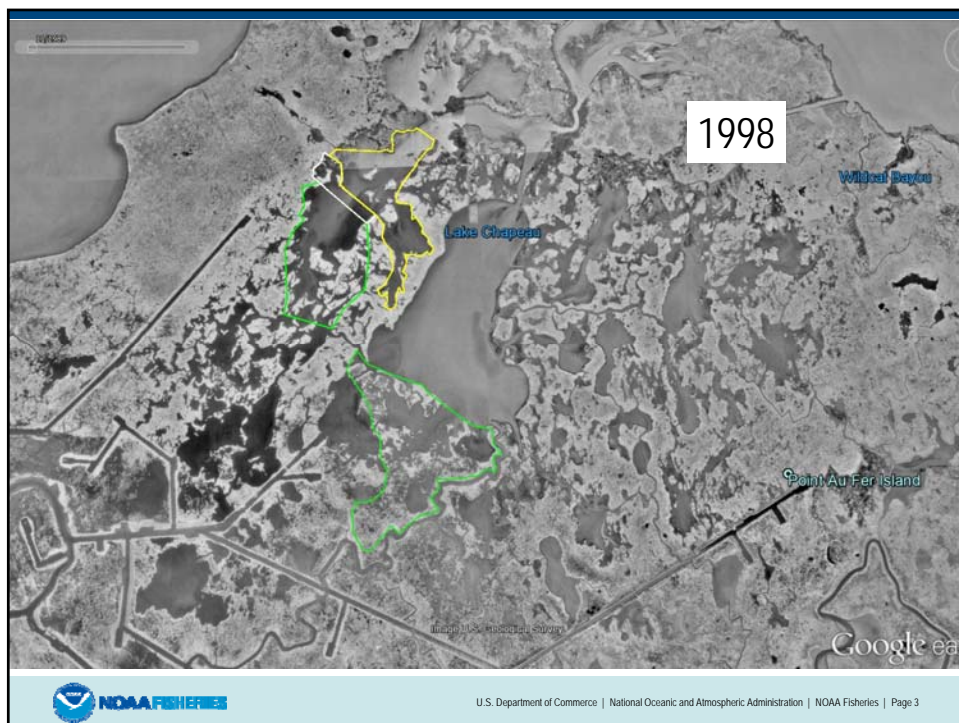




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PPL28 Lake Chapeau 2 Marsh Creation



Summary:

- Total: 514 ac
- Marsh Creation: 360 ac
- Marsh Nourishment: 154 ac
- Net Acres: 364 ac
- Atchafalaya Bay Borrow
- Construction +25% Range: \$20M - \$25M



R3-TE-08

**Point Au Fer Island Marsh Creation Using Permanent
Pipeline**

Point Au Fer Island Marsh Creation Using Permanent Pipeline

2017 Coastal Master Plan Strategy

Marsh Creation -03b.MC.09 Point Au Fer Island Marsh Creation: Creation of approximately 13,000 acres of marsh on Point Au Fer Island to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish

Point Au Fer Island, approximately 30 miles south of Morgan City, Louisiana.

Problem

Pipelines, well locations, and access channels on Point Au Fer Island have contributed to saltwater intrusion into the island's interior marshes. During periods of low river flow in which the input of fresh water declines, the elevated salinity levels cause the breakup of the island's marshes. In addition, storm-induced breaches along sections of the gulf shoreline immediately adjacent to oilfield canals also allow salt water to penetrate the island's interior. In total, it has been estimated that over 30% of the island's interior marsh has been lost over the past 60-70 years.

Proposed Solution

The Port of Morgan City and Corps of Engineers maintains the channel depth of the lower Atchafalaya River. They have reported that on a regular basis, a sill forms and must be dredged and disposed of at an alternate location to maintain an open navigation channel. This action supplies this project with a renewable resource of dredge material. This project will construct a permanent dredged material disposal pipeline, approximately 58,000 feet in length, to reach Point Au Fer Island. The pipeline is to be used in conjunction with the Corps of Engineers' maintenance dredging of the Atchafalaya River Bay Channel. The initial dredging action, and each subsequent event, could remove up to approximately 2 million cubic yards of material per event from the Atchafalaya River, which will be pumped to Point Au Fer Island to create marsh.

Goals

The project goal is to establish permanent infrastructure that could be utilized to restore the degraded marshes on Point Au Fer Island. An estimated 4000 acres of shallow open water exists that could be returned to healthy wetland habitat, with additional opportunities to nourish the existing areas of subsided marsh platform.

Preliminary Construction Costs:

The estimated construction cost including 25% contingency is \$35M-40M.

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Cost estimate performed by USACE



R3-TE-09

East Catfish Lake Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection

PPL28 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET
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Project Name

East Catfish Lake Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Lafourche Parish, east of Catfish Lake

Problem

Examination of historical aerial photography clearly indicates significant marsh loss around Catfish Lake. Subsidence, canal dredging, a lack of freshwater input, saltwater intrusion, and altered hydrology are all important factors contributing to this loss. Of particular note, is the area between Catfish Lake and Golden Meadow. Canal dredging, associated with oil and gas activities, has resulted in the rapid deterioration of this area. USGS calculated a 1984-2016 loss rate of -1.11% per year for the PPL27 candidate project. Shoreline erosion rates (1998-2015) range from 10 ft/yr along the eastern lake shoreline to 23 ft/yr along the southern lake shoreline.

Goals

The primary goals of this project are; 1) restore marsh habitat in the open water areas east and south of Catfish Lake, and 2) restore and protect the eastern and southern Catfish Lake shoreline.

The specific goals of this project are; 1) create 231 acres of marsh, 2) nourish 75 acres of marsh, 3) protect the marsh creation cells from shoreline erosion.

Service goals include restoration/protection of habitat for threatened and endangered species and other at-risk species. This project would restore habitat potentially utilized by the black rail, saltmarsh topminnow, and Louisiana eyed silkmoth, which are petitioned for listing as threatened/endangered species.

Proposed Solution

Sediments from Catfish Lake will be hydraulically dredged and pumped via pipeline to create/nourish 306 acres of marsh (Figure 1). Dewatering and compaction of dredged sediments should produce elevations conducive to the establishment of emergent marsh and within the intertidal range. Containment dikes will be constructed around each marsh creation cell. Where practicable, material will be borrowed from perimeter oil/gas canals. Containment dikes will be gapped at the end of construction or by TY3. Approximately 2,566 linear feet of sheet pile wall will also be installed as a containment feature.

Approximately 12,479 linear feet of shoreline protection (gabion mattresses) will be installed along the lakeside boundary of the marsh creation cells on the constructed containment dikes.

Preliminary Project Benefits

1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?* Approximately 306 acres would be benefited directly and indirectly. Direct benefits include 231 acres of marsh creation

and 75 acres of marsh nourishment. Indirect benefits could occur to surrounding marsh and open water areas.

2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?* The total net acres protected/created over the project life is approximately 243 acres.

3) *What is the anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits over the project life (<25%, 25-49%, 50-74% and >75%).* The anticipated interior loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefit is estimated to be 50%. The shoreline protection feature would prevent shoreline erosion along the eastern and southern lake shorelines.

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.* Yes. The project would protect and restore marsh along the eastern Catfish Lake shoreline.

5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?* The project would afford protection to the Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection Levee and nearby oil/gas infrastructure.

6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?* The project would complement other restoration projects in the area including the PPL22 North Catfish Lake Marsh Creation Project and CIAP/Parish marsh creation projects in the Catfish Lake area. Other projects in the area include marsh creation and terracing projects funded under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA).

Considerations

Considerations for this project include oyster leases, oil and gas infrastructure, and maintenance.

Preliminary Cost

The estimated construction cost plus contingency is \$25M - \$30M.

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East Catfish Lake Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection (PPL28 Nominee)

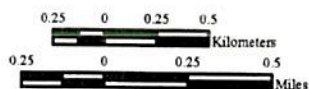


Shoreline Protection *

Marsh Creation *

Project Boundary

* denotes proposed features



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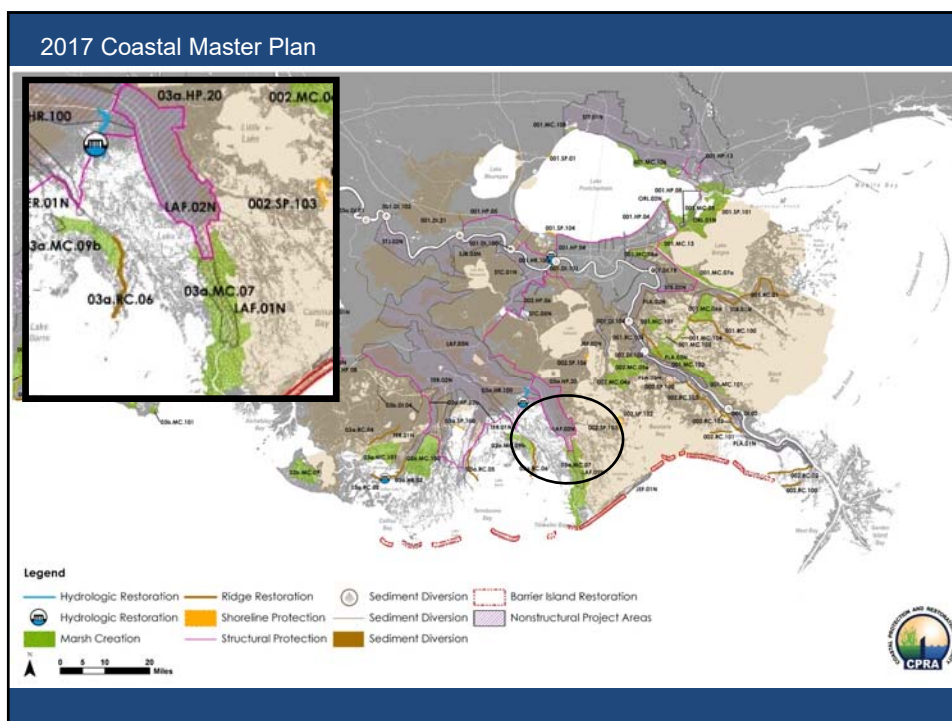
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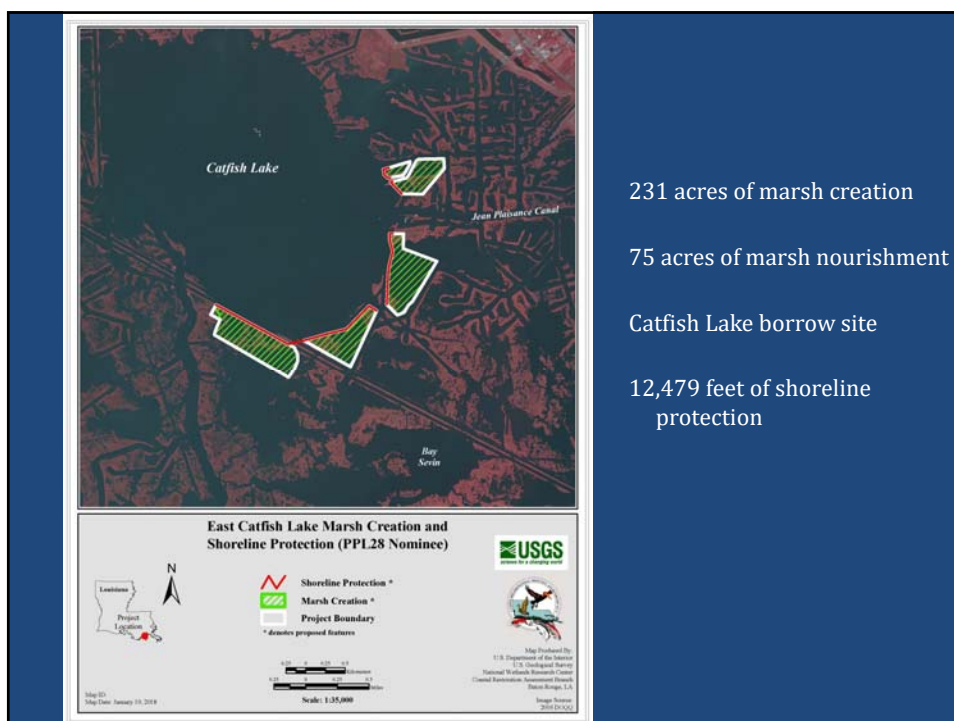
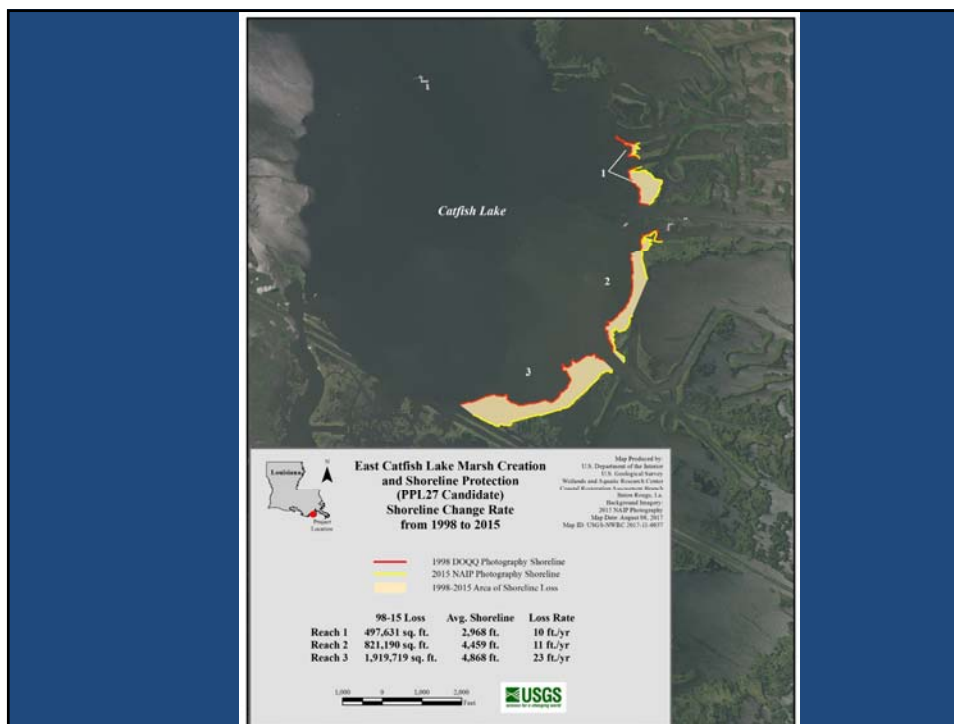
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231 acres of marsh creation
 75 acres of marsh nourishment
 Catfish Lake borrow site
 12,479 feet of shoreline protection

East Catfish Lake Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection

- Catfish Lake borrow site
- Pump distance of 9,100 feet
- 306 acres of marsh creation/nourishment
- 12,479 LF of shoreline protection
- Net acres = 243
- Construction plus contingency = \$25M - \$30M

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Small Bayou LaPointe Marsh Creation

PPL28 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET
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Project Name

Small Bayou LaPointe Marsh Creation

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish, east of Raccourci Bay, adjacent to Small Bayou LaPointe

Problem

Examination of historical aerial photography clearly indicates significant marsh loss in the vicinity of the project area, particularly in the area between Small Bayou LaPointe and Bayou DeCade. Subsidence, canal dredging, saltwater intrusion, and altered hydrology are all important factors contributing to marsh loss in the area. USGS calculated a 1985-2016 loss rate of -0.53% per year for the Lake Mechant LCA polygon.

Goals

The goals are to: 1) Restore 380 acres of intermediate/brackish marsh habitat along the northern side of Small Bayou LaPointe.

Service goals include restoration/protection of habitat for threatened and endangered species and other at-risk species. This project would restore habitat potentially utilized by the black rail which is petitioned for listing as a threatened/endangered species. The project could also benefit other at-risk species including the seaside sparrow. The mottled duck, a priority species for the Gulf Coast Joint Venture, would also be benefited by the restoration of intermediate/brackish marsh habitat.

Proposed Project Features

1. Sediments will be hydraulically dredged in Lake Mechant and pumped via pipeline to create/nourish approximately 380 acres of marsh.
2. Containment dikes will be constructed as necessary and gapped upon project completion.
3. The maximum pump distance for the Lake Mechant borrow site is approximately 33,000 feet.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?* Approximately 380 acres of marsh would be benefited directly from marsh creation.
- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?* The total net acres protected/created over the project life is approximately 250-300 acres.
- 3) *What is the anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits over the project life (<25%, 25-49%, 50-74% and >75%).* The anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefit is estimated to be 50%.

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.*

Yes. The project would afford some protection to what remains of the Small Bayou LaPointe ridge.

5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?* None.

6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?* The project would provide a synergistic effect with the North Lake Mechant Landbridge Restoration Project (TE-44) located to the west. Both projects would work together to maintain a ridge/marsh landbridge along the intermediate zone between Lake Mechant and Bayou Decade.

Identification of Potential Issues

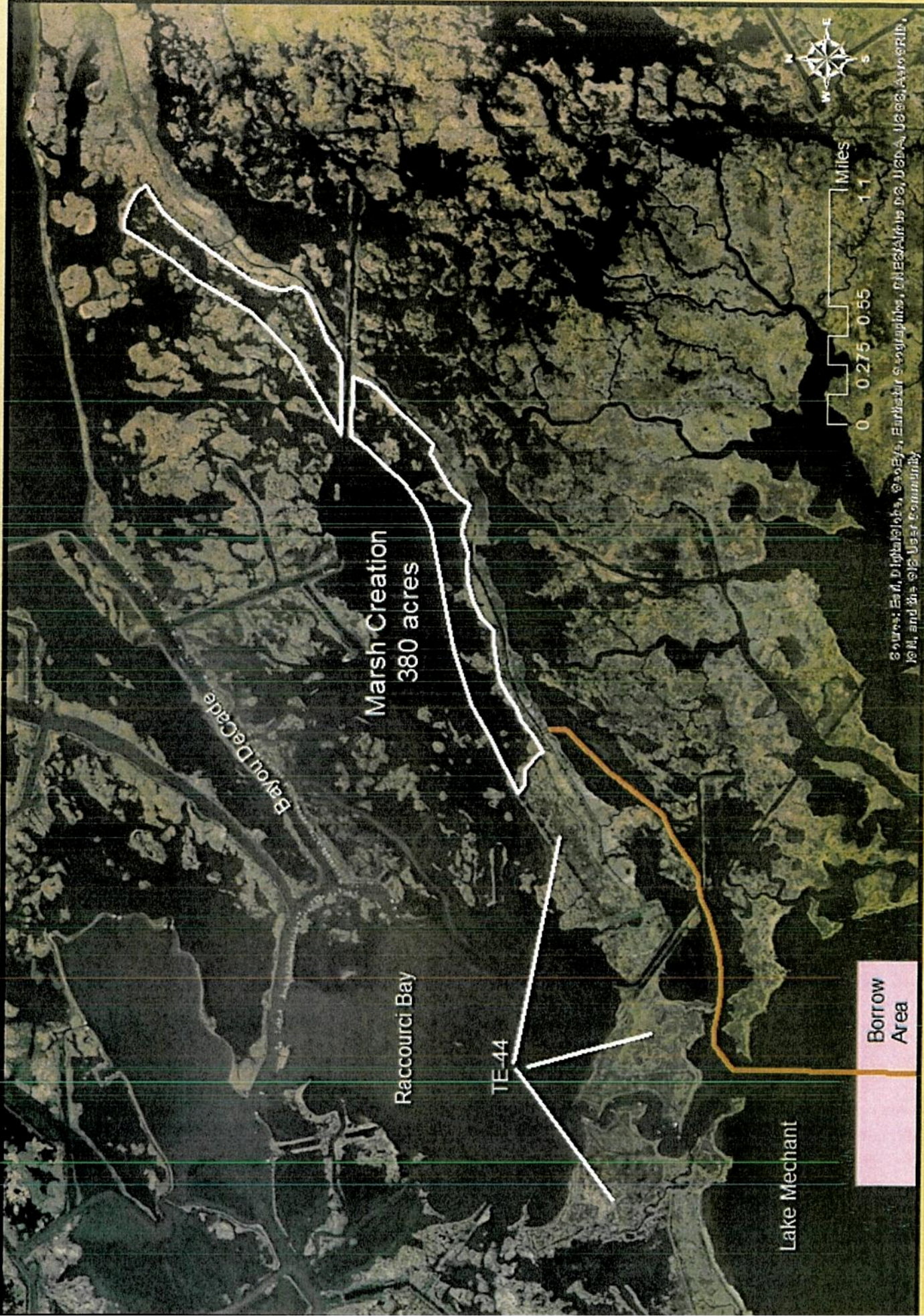
Oyster leases in Lake Mechant.

Preliminary Construction Costs

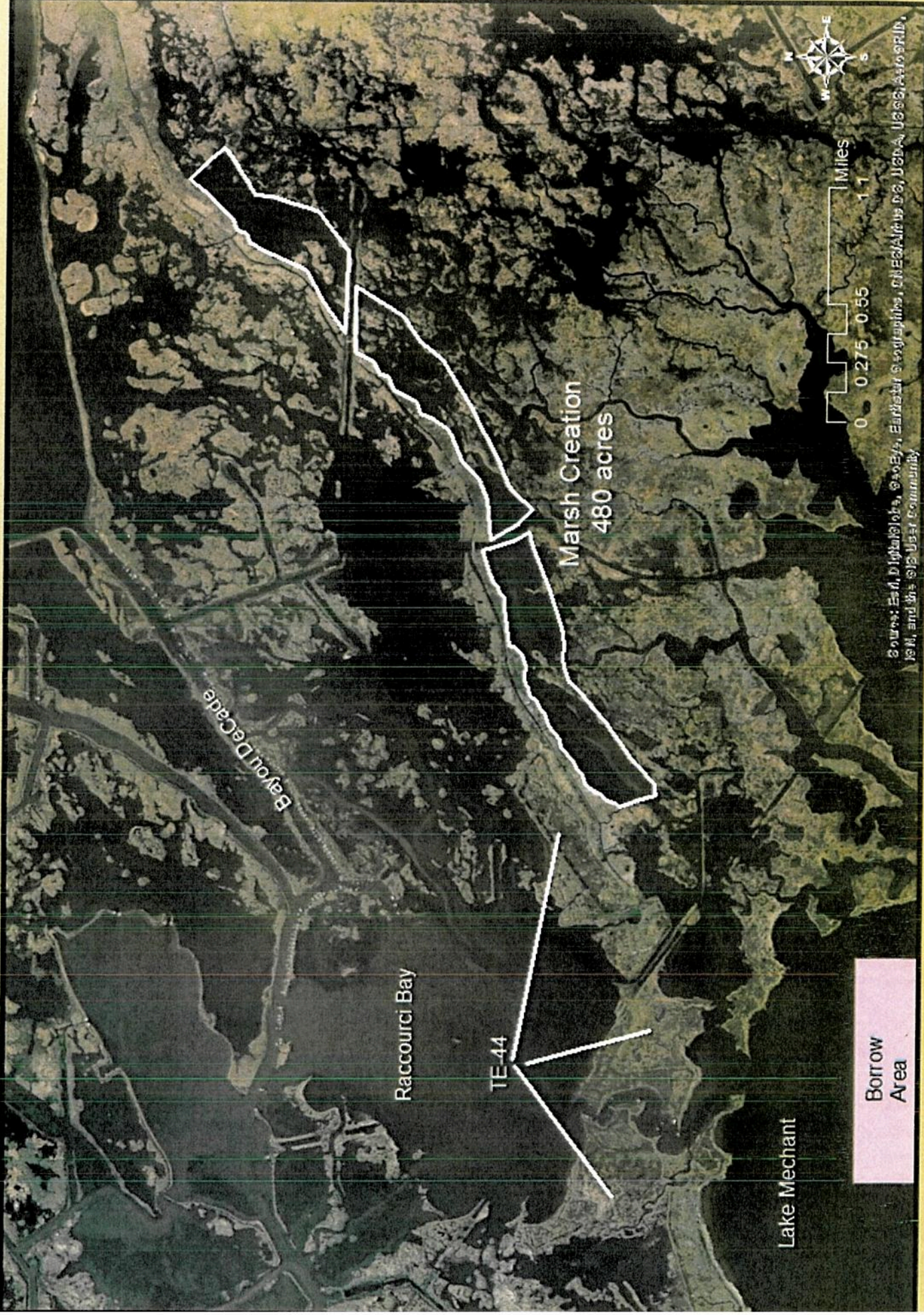
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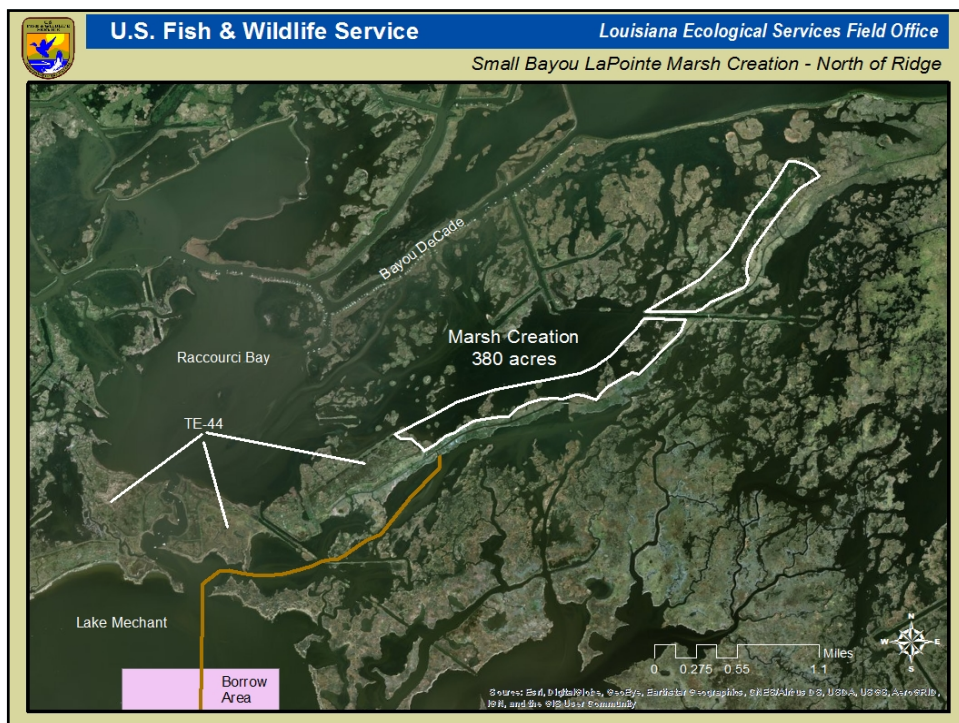
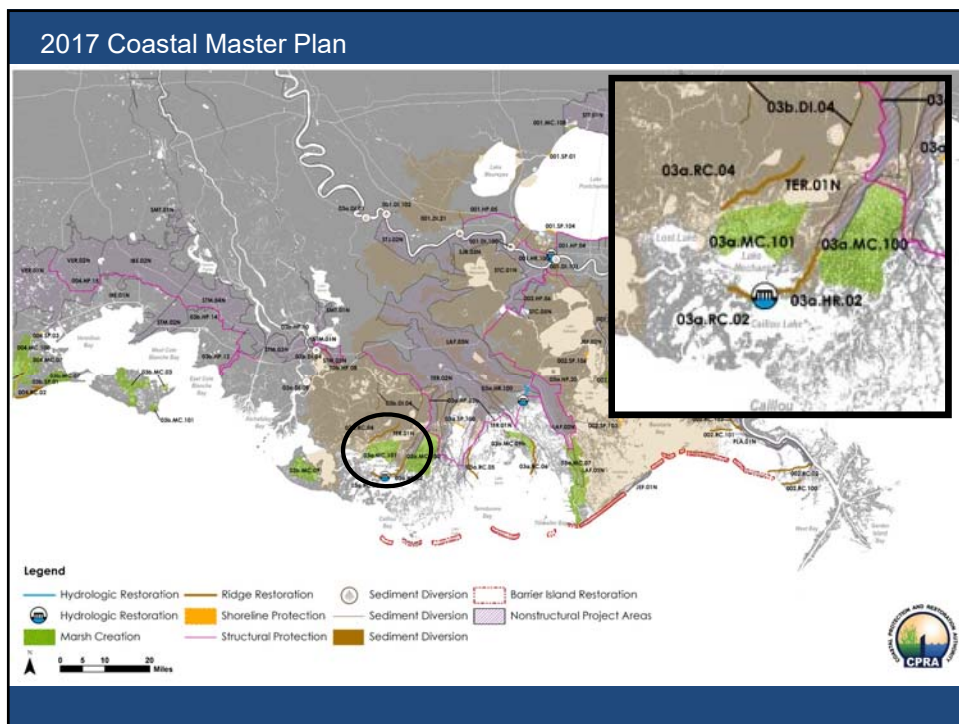
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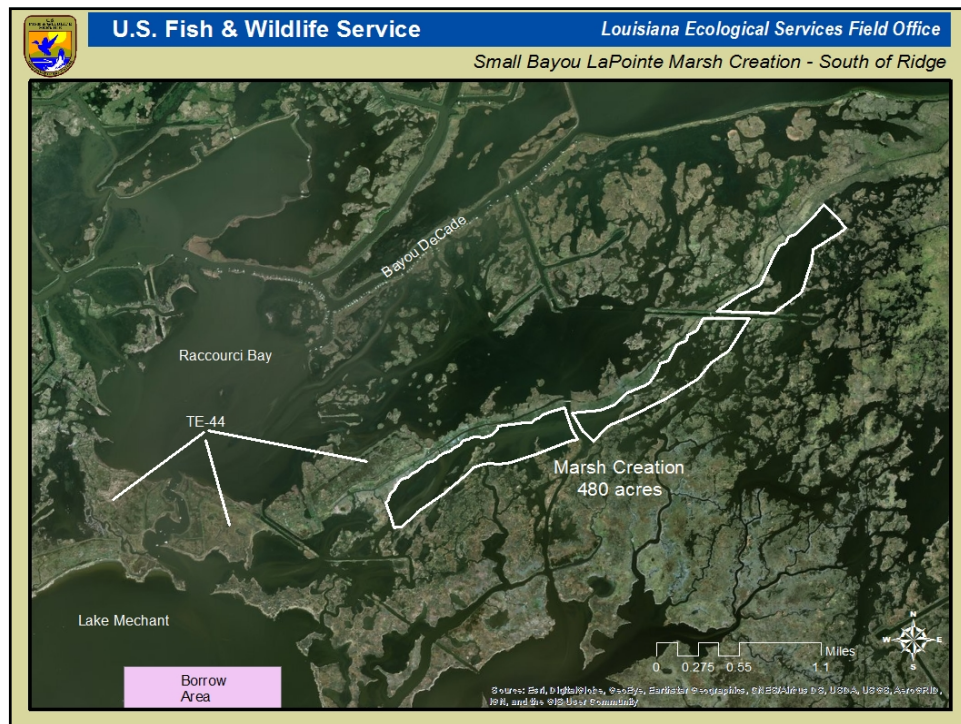


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Small Bayou LaPointe Marsh Creation

- Lake Mechant borrow site
- 380 acres of marsh creation/nourishment
- Net acres = 250-300
- Construction plus contingency = \$20M - \$25M
- Project synergy – North Lake Mechant Landbridge Restoration (TE-44)

R3-TE-11

West Raccourci Bay Marsh Creation

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Project Name

West Raccourci Bay Marsh Creation and Terracing

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish, west of Raccourci Bay, north of Lake Mechant

Problem

Examination of historical aerial photography indicates significant marsh loss in the vicinity of the project area, particularly in the area between Raccourci Bay and Lake Pagie. Subsidence, canal dredging, storm damage, and altered hydrology are all important factors contributing to marsh loss in the area. USGS calculated a 1984-2011 loss rate of -0.995% per year for the TE-72 Lost Lake Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration Project.

Goals

The primary goals of this project are; 1) restore marsh habitat in the open water areas via marsh creation and terracing and 2) reduce fetch and wave energy in open water areas via the construction of terraces. Specific goals of the project are: 1) Create approximately 550 acres of marsh with dredged material from Lost Lake and 2) create 18,200 linear feet (10 acres) of terraces.

Service goals include restoration/protection of habitat for threatened and endangered species and other at-risk species. This project would restore habitat potentially utilized by the black rail, which is petitioned for listing as a threatened/endangered species. The project could also benefit other at-risk species such as the seaside sparrow. The mottled duck, a priority species for the Gulf Coast Joint Venture, would also be benefited by the restoration of intermediate/brackish marsh habitat.

Proposed Project Features

1. Sediments will be hydraulically dredged in Lake Mechant and pumped via pipeline to create/nourish approximately 550 acres of marsh.
2. Containment dikes will be constructed as necessary and gapped upon project completion.
3. Approximately 18,200 ft (10 acres) of terraces will be constructed and planted with appropriate vegetation.

Preliminary Project Benefits

1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?* Approximately 875 acres of marsh and open water habitat would be benefited by the project. Approximately 550 acres would benefit directly from marsh creation/nourishment. The terrace field encompasses 325 acres and would result in the creation of 10 acres of marsh.

2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?* The total net acres protected/created over the project life is approximately 400-450 acres.

3) *What is the anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits over the project life (<25%, 25-49%, 50-74% and >75%).* The anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefit is estimated to be 50%.

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 would restore a portion of the Raccourci Bay shoreline.

5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?* None.

6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?* The project would provide a synergistic effect with the North Lake Mechant Landbridge Restoration Project (TE-44) located to the south and east and the Lost Lake Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration Project (TE-72) located to the west. All of these projects would work together to maintain a marsh land bridge along the intermediate zone between Lost Lake and Lake Decade.

Identification of Potential Issues

Oyster leases in Lake Mechant.

Preliminary Construction Costs

The estimated construction cost including 25% contingency is \$25M - \$30M.

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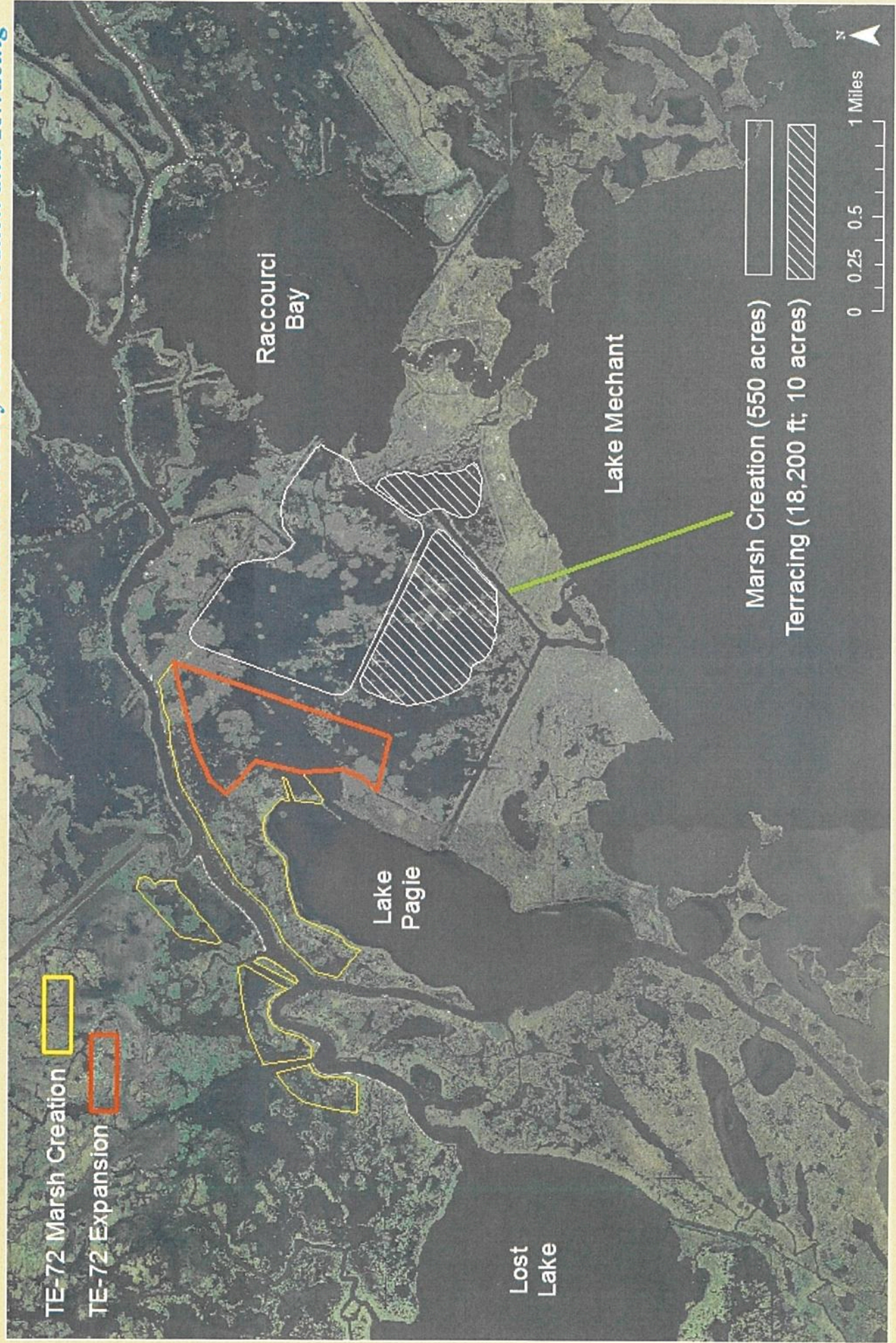
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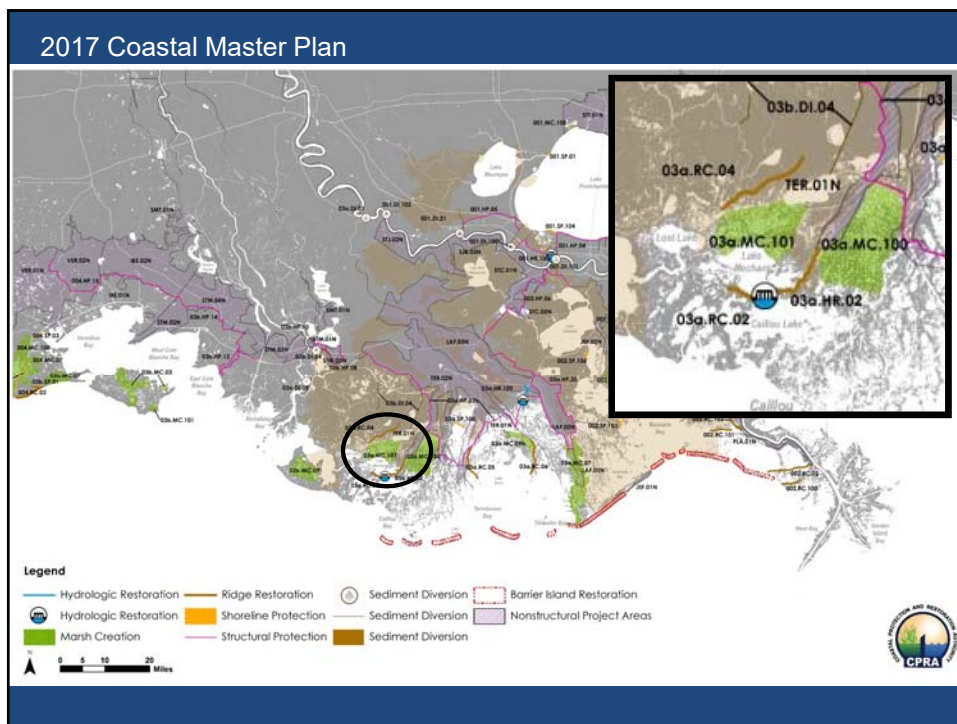


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West Raccourci Bay Marsh Creation and Terracing





West Raccourci Bay Marsh Creation and Terracing

- Lake Mechant borrow site
- 550 acres of marsh creation/nourishment
- 18,200 ft of terraces (10 ac)
- Net acres = 400 - 450
- Construction plus contingency = \$25M - \$30M
(barely over \$25M)
- Project synergy – Lost Lake Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration (TE-72); North Lake Mechant Landbridge Restoration (TE-44)

R3-TE-12

Point aux Chenes Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation

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Project Name

Pointe aux Chenes Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation

Master Plan Strategy

Bayou Pointe aux Chenes Ridge Restoration (2017 Master Plan 03a.RC.06). Restoration of approximately 43,600 feet of historic ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVD88 to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and storm surge attenuation along the southern portions of Bayou Pointe Aux Chenes.

North Terrebonne Bay Marsh Creation—Component B (2017 Master Plan 03a.MC.09b). Creation of approximately 5,400 acres of marsh south of Montegut between Bayou St. Jean Charles and Bayou Pointe Aux Chenes to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Lafourche Parish and Terrebonne Parish

Problem

Ridges only build up when they are being formed along the banks of active distributaries or as active gulf beaches. Surface elevations of all relict natural levee ridges, chenier ridges, artificial ridges, embankments, levees, and uplands become lower through time in response to subsidence. As a result, both the Deltaic and Chenier Plain systems are badly degraded (Coast 2050: Toward a Sustainable Coastal Louisiana).

Proposed Solution

The proposed project would create and fortify 31,907 linear feet of ridge. The proposed project will create/nourish 449 acres of marsh by dredging sediment from designated borrow sources in Lake Raccourci. Containment features would be degraded or gapped as needed to promote tidal exchange after consolidation of the fill material. 50% of the newly created area will include vegetative plantings.

Project Benefits

This project would create 31,907 linear feet of ridge along southern portions of Bayou Terrebonne. It would also create/nourish 449 acres (create 219 acres and nourish 230 acres) of emergent marsh with sediment from Lake Raccourci.

Preliminary Cost

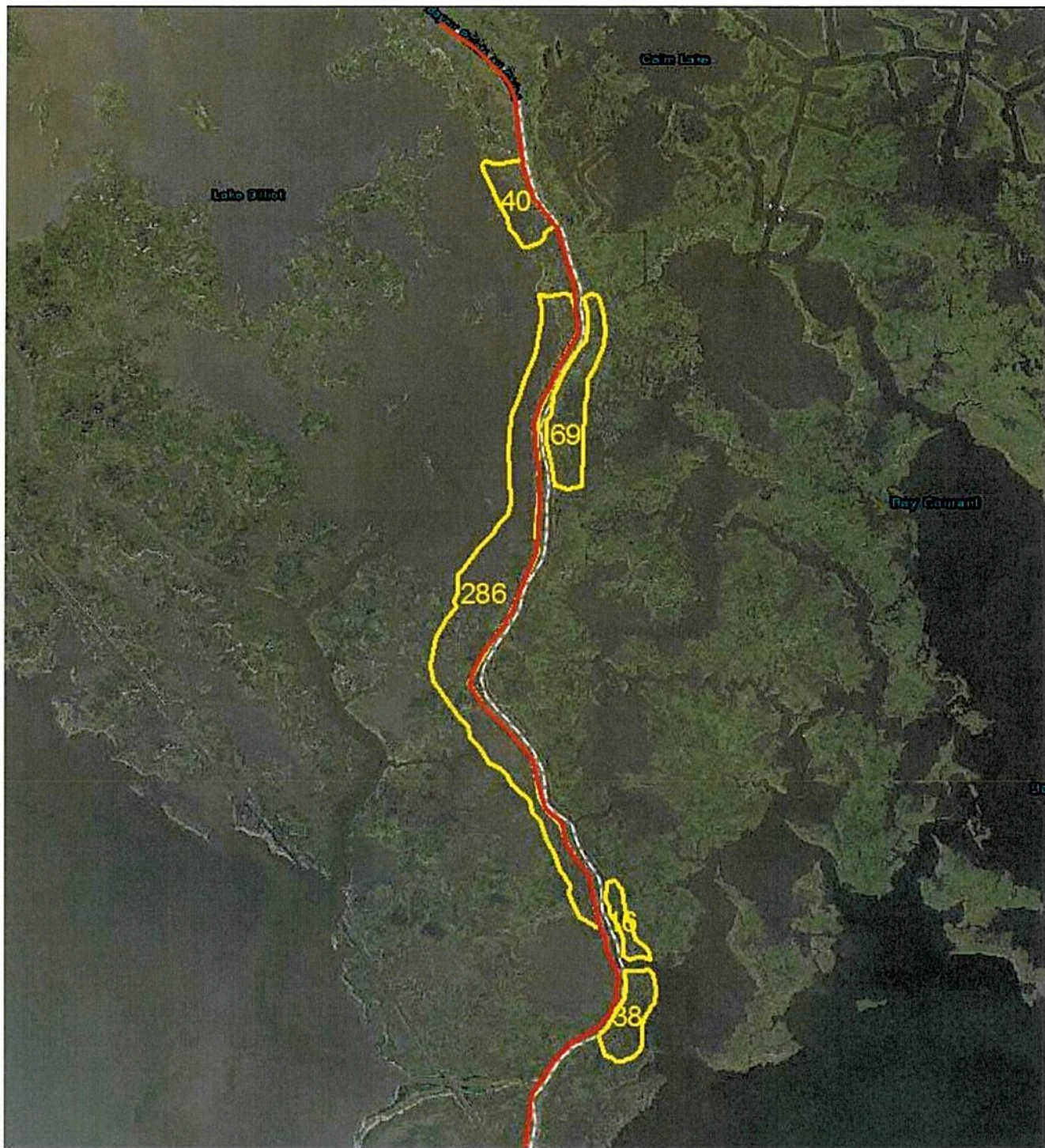
The estimated construction cost including 25% contingency is \$20M - \$25M.

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Point aux Chenes Ridge Restoration & Marsh Creation

- Point aux Chenes Ridge Feature 31,907ft
- Point aux Chenes Marsh Creation Cells 449ac



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Pointe aux Chenes Ridge Restoration & Marsh Creation





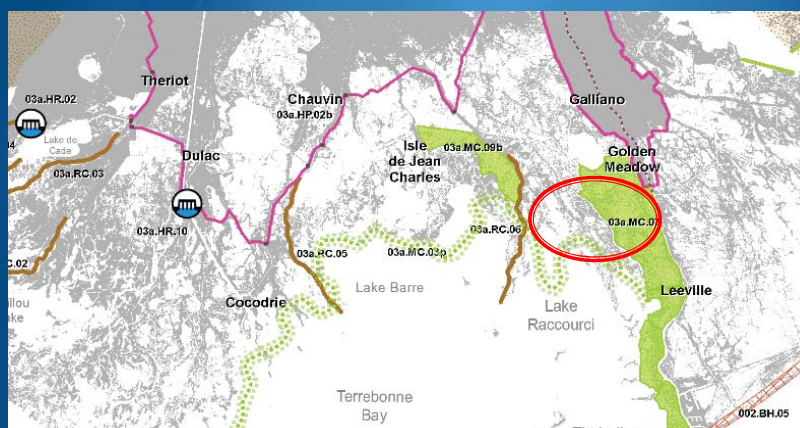


Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection
and Restoration Act

2017 Master Plan Solution

03a.RC.06 Bayou Pointe aux Chenes Ridge Restoration: Restoration of approximately 43,600 feet of historic ridge to an elevation of 5 feet NAVD88 to provide coastal upland habitat, restore natural hydrology, and provide wave and storm surge attenuation along the southern portions of Bayou Pointe Aux Chenes.

03a.MC.09b North Terrebonne Bay Marsh Creation—Component B: Creation of approximately 5,400 acres of marsh south of Montegut between Bayou St. Jean Charles and Bayou Pointe Aux Chenes to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.



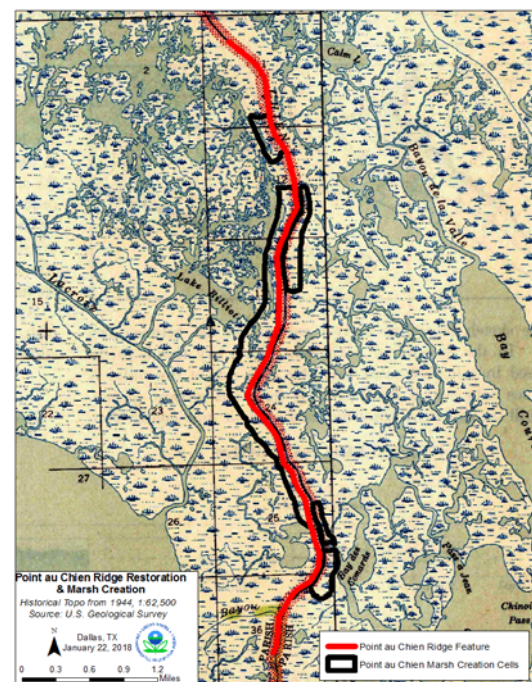
2017 Master Plan Consistency & Project Synergy



Problems

- High subsidence of soils & sediment deficit
- Saltwater intrusion
- Construction of access/pipeline canals; historic oil and gas activity
- Historic ridges have been damaged or eliminated due to storm surge and erosion
- Natural hydrologic patterns have been affected by the lack of historic ridge features
- Terrebonne Parish could experience the second highest land loss of any parish (2017 MP)
- LaFourche Parish faces severely increased wetland loss in the next 50 years (2017 MP)

Historical Reference



Project Features



Species & Habitats Protected or Restored

T & E Species

- Piping Plover
- Red Knot
- Sea Turtles
- Sturgeon
- Manatee

Migratory Birds

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

Project Goals

- Restore 31,907 linear feet of historical ridge
- Create/nourish 449 acres (create 219 acres and nourish 230 acres) of marsh with sediment from Lake Raccourci as additional support for the ridge feature
- Restore wetland habitat
- Attenuate storm surge impacting the area
- The estimated construction cost + 25% contingency is \$20M - \$25M

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West Louisiana Hwy 1 Marsh Creation

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Project Name

West Louisiana Highway 1 Marsh Creation

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Lafourche Parish

Problem

The Terrebonne Basin is an abandoned delta complex, characterized by a thick section of unconsolidated sediments that are undergoing dewatering and compaction, contributing to high subsidence, and a network of old distributary ridges extending southward from Houma. Historically, subsidence and numerous oil and gas canals and pipelines in the area have contributed significantly to wetland losses. Since 1932, the Terrebonne Basin has lost approximately 20% of its wetlands. Current loss rates range from approximately 4,500 to 6,500 acres/year. This loss amounts to up to 130,000 acres during the next 20 years. One-third of the Terrebonne Basin's remaining wetlands would be lost to open water by the year 2040. The wetland loss rate for the project area is -1.05%/year based on USGS hyper temporal data from 1984 to 2016.

Goals

The project goals are to create and/or nourish up to 346 acres of emergent brackish marsh

Proposed Solution

The proposed project's primary feature is to create and/or nourish approximately 346 acres of emergent brackish marsh (292 marsh creation and 54 marsh nourishment). In order to achieve this, sediment will be hydraulically pumped from a borrow source in Catfish Lake. Containment dikes will be constructed around the marsh creation area to retain sediment during pumping. The containment dikes will be degraded and/or gapped no later than three years post construction. The project will include planting smooth cordgrass plugs installed in strategic locations based on 10% of the acreage. A robust engineering and design cost is included to investigate additive or alternate marsh creation features to the west and possibly north of the proposed project.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
This total project area is approximately 346 acres (292 acres of marsh creation and 54 acres of marsh nourishment).
- 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.
- 3) *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 nourishment.
- 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 the backside of the natural Bayou Lafourche bank.

- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*
The project will provide additional protection to LA 1 south of Golden Meadow. The project would also provide positive impacts to non-critical (i.e., minor oil and gas facilities) infrastructure. Minor oil and gas facilities and pipelines in the area would benefit from an increase in marsh acreage.
- 6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?*
This is an area of need due to the lack of previous restoration efforts.

Considerations

The proposed project has potential utility/pipeline issues along with oyster leases along the dredge pipeline path.

Preliminary Construction Costs

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

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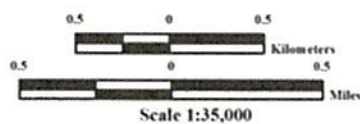
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 Marsh Creation *
Project Boundary
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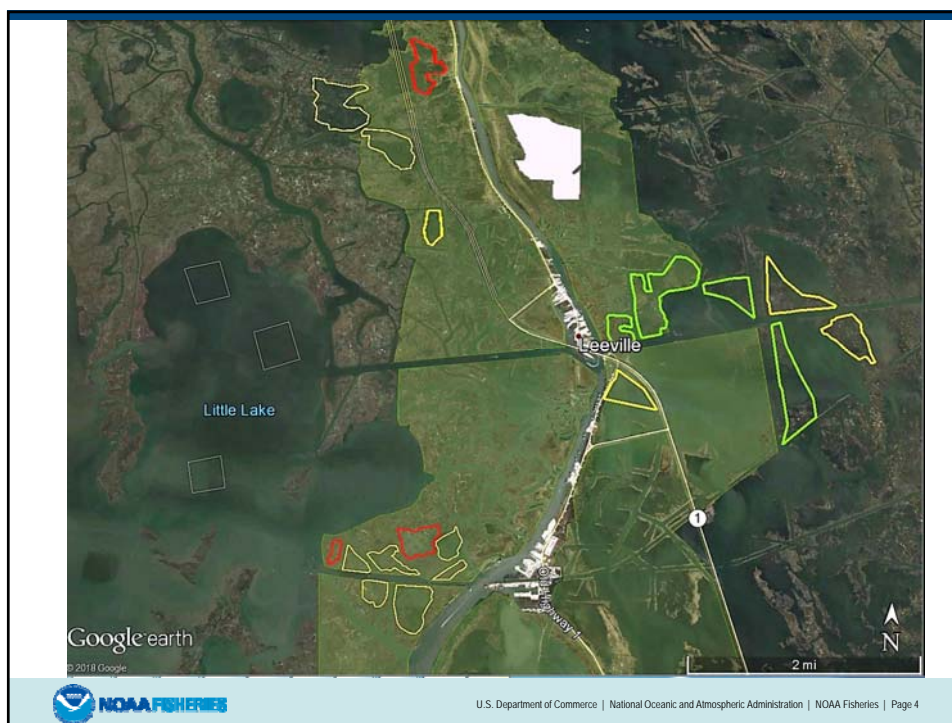
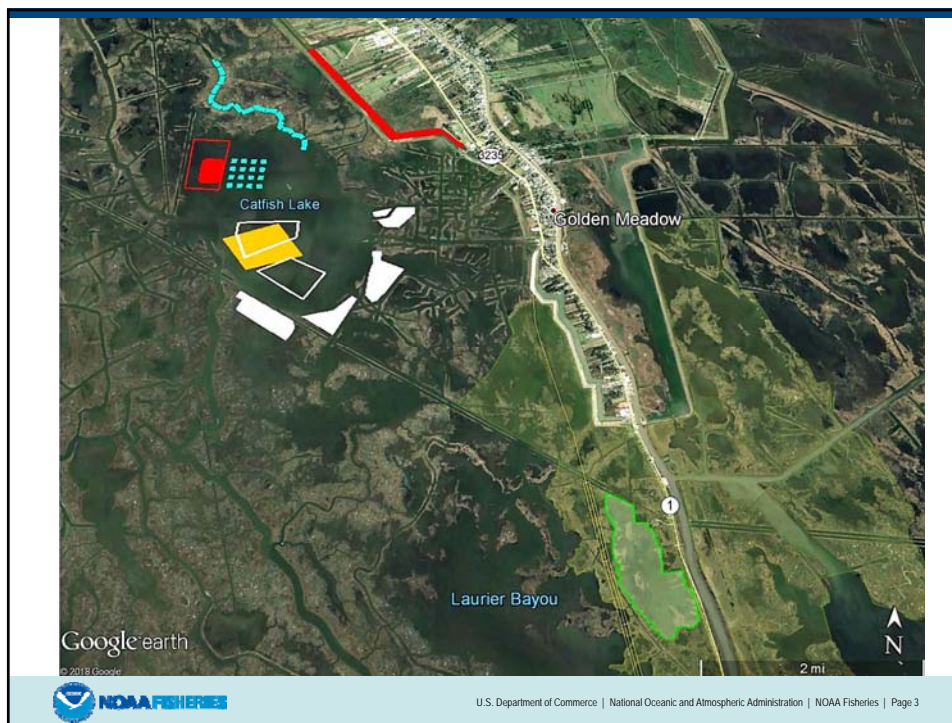


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West Louisiana Highway 1 Marsh Creation

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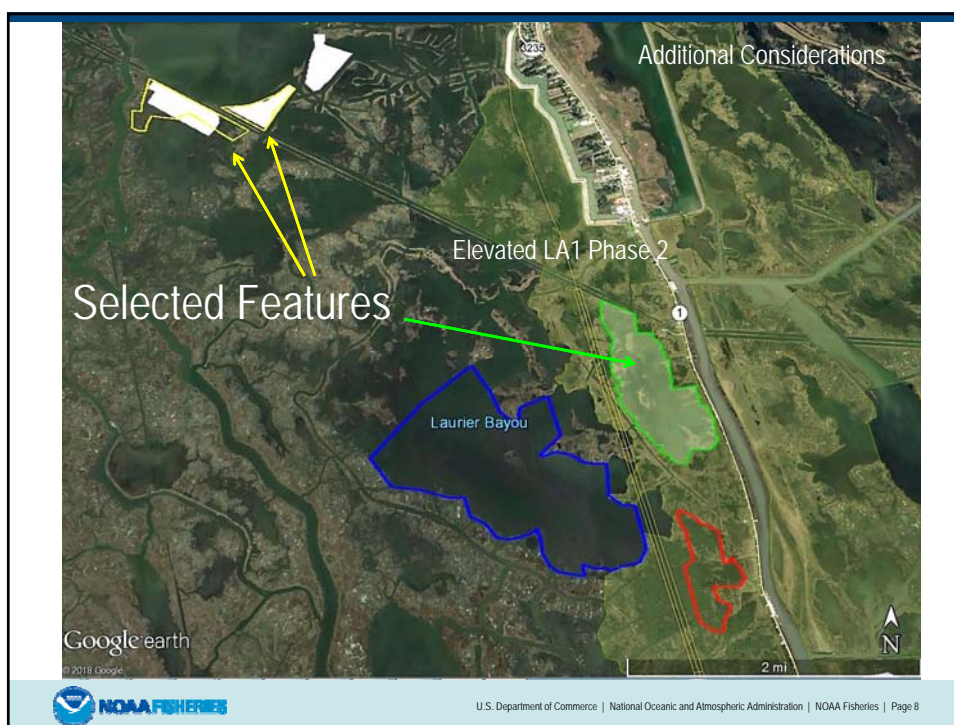


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Problems Along Western side of Bayou Lafourche

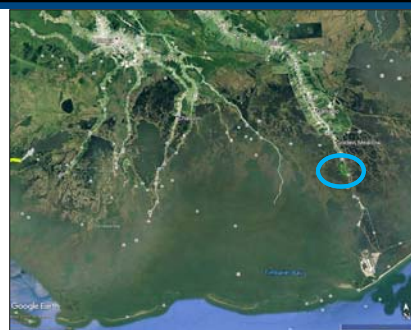
- High land loss rates in Terrebonne Basin, 20% since 1932 and currently 4,500-6,500 acres lost per year
- High subsidence in the area, 0.5 ft/20 yr, 2017 Coastal Master Plan (mod 8.8 mm/yr rate)
- Limited protection to either side of LA Hwy 1
- Wetland loss rate for the project area is -1.05%/year based on USGS hyper temporal data from 1984 to 2016





Summary

- Total: 346 ac
- Marsh Creation: 292 ac
- Marsh Nourishment: 54 ac
- Catfish Lake Borrow
- Estimated net acres: 250-300 ac
- Estimated construction cost plus contingency: \$20M - \$25M



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Bayou Pierre et Lee Marsh Creation and Nourishment

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Project Name

Bayou Pierre et Lee Marsh Creation and Nourishment

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Lafourche Parish

Problem

The Terrebonne Basin is an abandoned delta complex, characterized by a thick section of unconsolidated sediments that are undergoing dewatering and compaction, contributing to high subsidence, and a network of old distributary ridges extending southward from Houma. Historically, subsidence and numerous oil and gas canals and pipelines in the area have contributed significantly to wetland losses. Since 1932, the Terrebonne Basin has lost approximately 20% of its wetlands. Current loss rates range from approximately 4,500 to 6,500 acres/year. This loss amounts to up to 130,000 acres during the next 20 years. One-third of the Terrebonne Basin's remaining wetlands would be lost to open water by the year 2040. The wetland loss rate for the project area is -1.05%/year based on the Timbalier Bay subunit from 1985 to 2016.

Goals

The project goal is to create and nourish approximately 375 acres (ac) of brackish emergent marsh (326 ac creation, 49 ac nourishment). The project would work synergistically with the West LA Highway 1 Marsh Creation project. The Golden Meadow to Fourchon polygon holistic concept is to restore and bolster the structural framework of the marsh and provide synergy with adjacent infrastructure, flood protection, and communities limited to areas that remain unaddressed (by CWPPRA and other programs) while considering regional sediment management and infrastructure.

Proposed Solution

The proposed project goals are to create approximately 326 ac and nourish 49 ac of marsh. Sediment would be hydraulically dredged from Little Lake via pipeline. The borrow area would be designed to avoid adverse impacts to the existing shorelines of Little Lake. Containment dikes will be constructed around the marsh creation area to retain sediment during pumping. The containment dikes will be degraded and/or gapped no later than three years post construction. The project will include planting smooth cordgrass plugs installed in strategic locations based on 10% of the acreage. During both Phase 0 and Phase 1, opportunities would be explored to increase the amount of marsh creation.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
This total project area is 375 ac.
- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*
Approximately 250-300 ac of marsh will be protected/created over the project life.

- 3) *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)?*

The anticipated land loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits will be 50% over the projects life.

- 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 maintain and restore natural bayous between Grand Bayou and Bayou Lafourche.

- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*

The project will provide additional protection to LA 1 south of Golden Meadow. The project would also provide positive impacts to non-critical (i.e., minor oil and gas facilities) infrastructure. Minor oil and gas facilities and pipelines in the area would benefit from an increase in marsh acreage.

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

This is an area of need due to the lack of previous restoration efforts. The project will have synergy with the existing and planned mitigation for the elevated Louisiana Highway 1 project.

Considerations

The proposed project has potential utility/pipeline considerations.

Preliminary Construction Costs

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

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Project Features:

326 ac of marsh 49 ac or nourishment

212 ac

122 ac

41 ac

Little Lake


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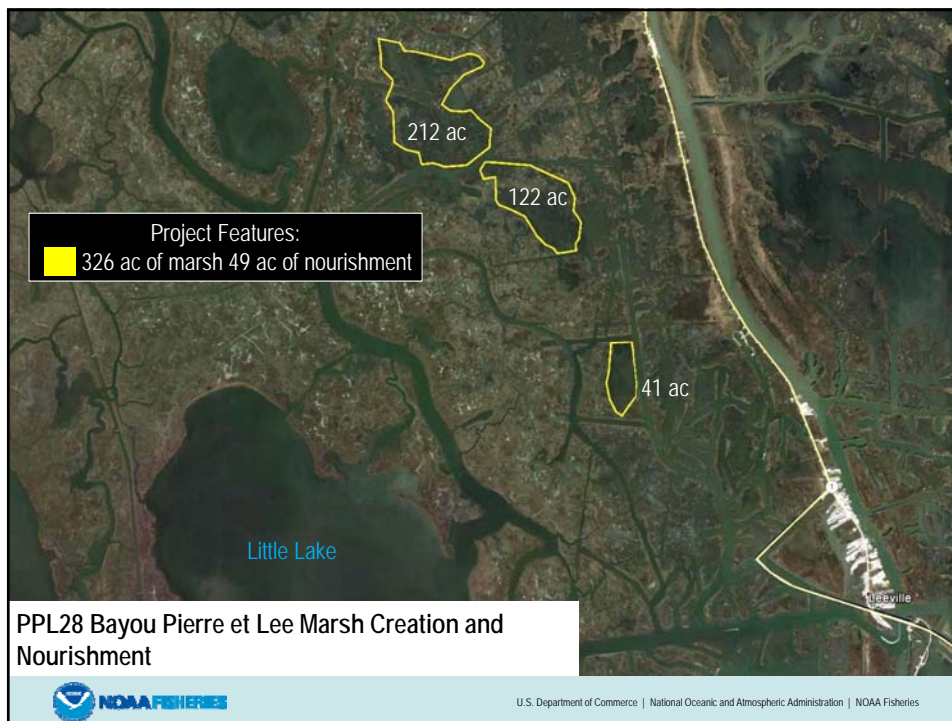
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Summary

- Total: 375 ac
- Marsh Creation: 326 ac
- Marsh Nourishment: 49 ac
- Little Lake Borrow
- Estimated net acre: 250-300 ac
- Estimated Construction Cost with Contingency: \$15M - \$20M

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Hackberry Marsh Creation and Nourishment

PPL28 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET
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Project Name

Hackberry Marsh Creation and Nourishment

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Lafourche Parish

Problem

The Terrebonne Basin is an abandoned delta complex, characterized by a thick section of unconsolidated sediments that are undergoing dewatering and compaction, contributing to high subsidence, and a network of old distributary ridges extending southward from Houma. Historically, subsidence and numerous oil and gas canals and pipelines in the area have contributed significantly to wetland losses. Since 1932, the Terrebonne Basin has lost approximately 20% of its wetlands. Current loss rates range from approximately 4,500 to 6,500 acres/year. This loss amounts to up to 130,000 acres during the next 20 years. One-third of the Terrebonne Basin's remaining wetlands would be lost to open water by the year 2040. The wetland loss rate for the project area is -1.05%/year based on the Timbalier Bay subunit from 1985 to 2016.

Goals

The project goal is to create and nourish approximately 187 acres (ac) of brackish emergent marsh (165 ac creation, 22 ac nourishment). The Golden Meadow to Fourchon polygon holistic concept is restore and bolster the structural framework of the marsh and provide synergy with adjacent infrastructure, flood protection, and communities limited to areas that remain unaddressed (by CWPPRA and other programs) while considering regional sediment management and infrastructure.

Proposed Solution

The proposed project goals are to create approximately 165 ac and nourish 22 ac of marsh. Sediment would be hydraulically dredged using a small barge from Little Lake via pipeline. The borrow area would be designed to avoid adverse impacts to the existing shorelines of Little Lake. Containment dikes will be constructed around the marsh creation area to retain sediment during pumping. The containment dikes will be degraded and/or gapped no later than three years post construction. The need to include plantings along the edge of the disposal areas adjacent to open water will be assessed. During both Phase 0 and Phase 1, opportunities would be explored to increase the amount of marsh creation.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
This total project area is 187 ac.
- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*
Approximately 150 – 200 ac of marsh will be protected/created over the project life.
- 3) *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)?*

The anticipated land loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits will be 50% over the projects life.

- 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 maintain or restore the structural integrity of the Hackberry Bay shoreline and natural Bayou Lafourche bank.

- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*

The project will provide additional protection to LA 1 south of Golden Meadow. The project would also provide positive impacts to non-critical (i.e., minor oil and gas facilities) infrastructure. Minor oil and gas facilities and pipelines in the area would benefit from an increase in marsh acreage. The project will help protect the community of Leeville.

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

This is an area of need due to the lack of previous restoration efforts.

Considerations

The proposed project has potential utility/pipeline considerations.

Preliminary Construction Costs

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

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PPL28 Hackberry Bay Marsh Creation and Nourishment



Project Features:

165 ac of marsh 22 ac or nourishment


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Hackberry Marsh Creation and Nourishment


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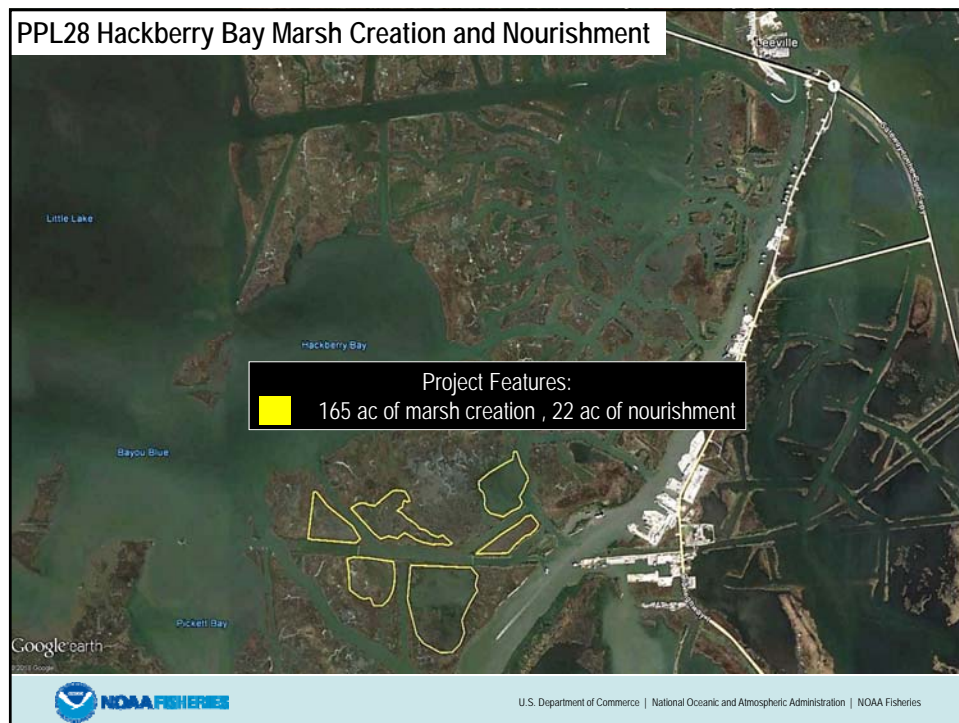
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Summary

- Total: 187 ac
- Marsh Creation: 165 ac
- Marsh Nourishment: 22 ac
- Little Lake Borrow
- Estimated net acre: 150-200 ac
- Estimated Construction Costs plus Contingency:
\$15 M - \$20M



R3-TE-16

North Bayou Decade Ridge and Marsh Restoration

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Project Name

North Bayou Decade Ridge and Marsh Restoration

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish, North of Bayou Decade

Problem

The marshes along Bayou Decade have deteriorated dramatically over the past few decades. Coastal restoration actions have focused on improving hydrologic conditions in the area to reduce salinities and improved freshwater flows from the Atchafalaya River. Significant improvements have been made yet there are some areas of large open water that are slow to improve. Land loss in the project area is estimated to be -0.79%/y. Marsh creation would rapidly recover marshes along with protection afforded by elevation of ridge features on the north bank of the bayou.

Proposed Solution

Sediments will be hydraulically dredged from Lake Mechant and pumped via pipeline to create and nourish approximately 334 acres of marsh habitat and in situ material will be excavated to create 18,000 linear feet of terraces and a 12,800 linear foot ridge feature along the north bank of Bayou Decade.

Goals

The goal of the project is to create a ridge feature on the north bank of Bayou Decade and create adjacent marsh in a vast expanse of open water where marsh used to exist.

Preliminary Project Benefits

The project will create and nourish approximately 334 acres of marsh, create 18.5 acres of terraces and 12,819 feet of ridge habitat.

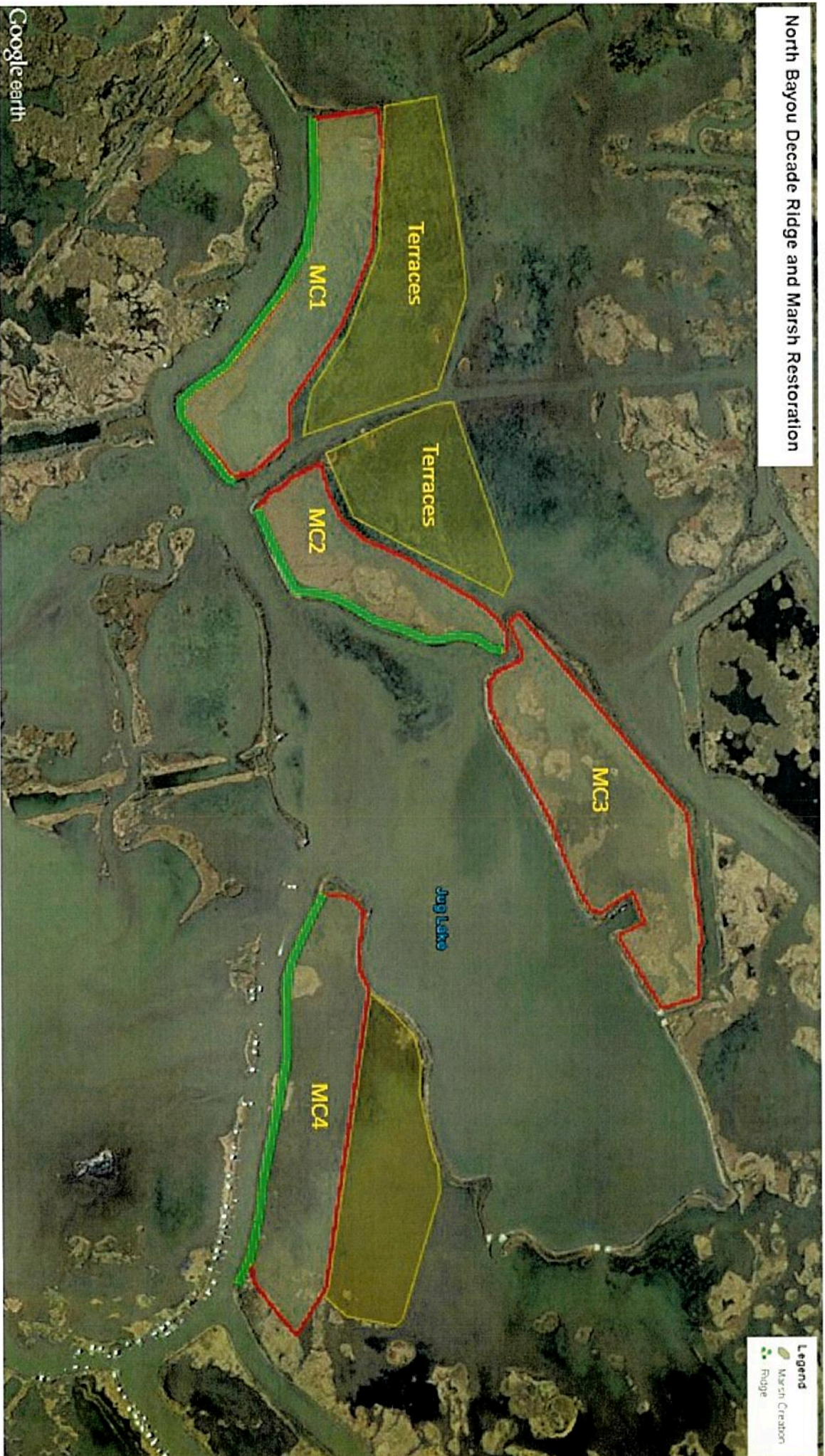
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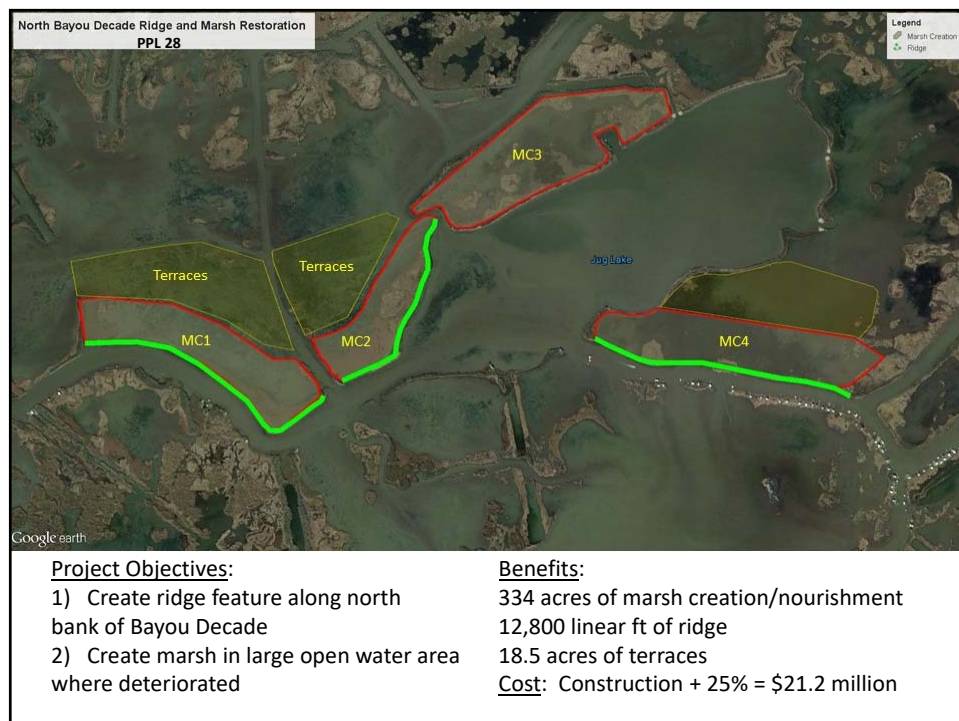
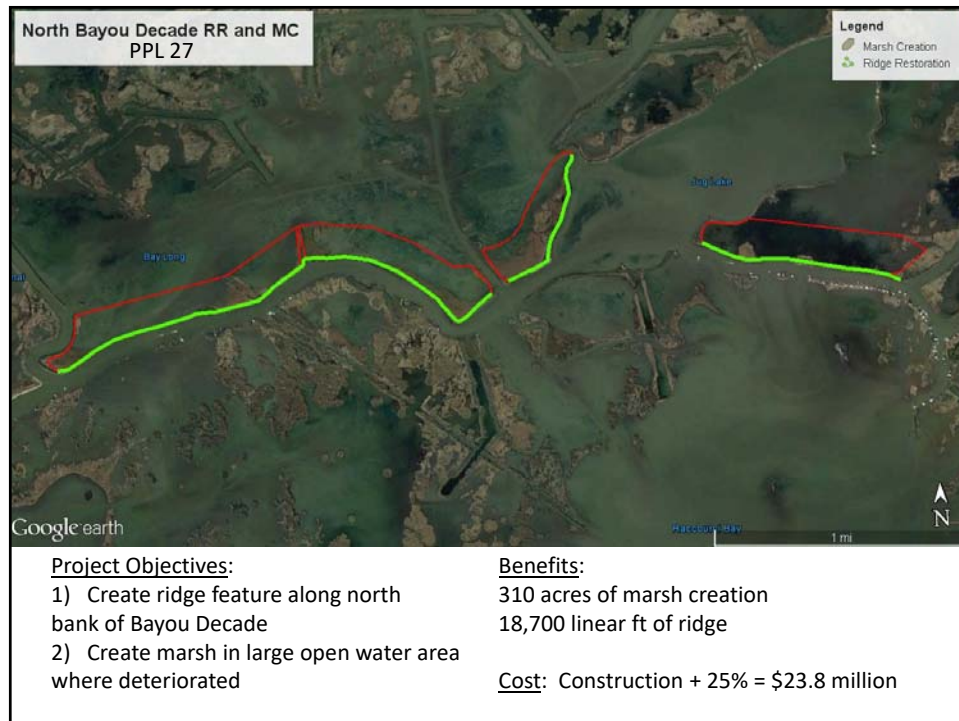
The construction cost + 25% contingency is \$20-25M.

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North Bayou Decade Ridge and Marsh Restoration





R3-TE-17

Timbalier Island Nourishment and Marsh Creation

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Project Name

Timbalier Island Nourishment and Marsh Creation

Master Plan Strategy

The 2017 Coastal Master Plan recommends funding Louisiana's Barrier Island Program, which CPRA is currently developing. Rather than recommending specific barrier island and shoreline projects and assigning them to a certain implementation period, CPRA intends to restore barrier islands and shorelines as part of a regular rebuilding program. This will allow monitoring and assessment of these critical features to drive project investment and for CPRA to be able to react when catastrophic events like future hurricanes impact these areas.

Project Location

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish, approximately 38 miles south of Houma, LA.

Problem

The Lafourche Delta headland and barrier island system, including Timbalier Island, plays an important role in protecting the Terrebonne estuary and its surrounding wetlands from the destructive forces of high wave energy, storm surges and salt water intrusion (van Heerden and DeRouen 1997). Habitats provided by barrier islands are highly valuable, particularly for colonial nesting birds, shorebirds, and nekton. Four hurricanes within a 3-year period have exacerbated breaches in the island and narrowed the width. Timbalier Island lacks a sufficient backbarrier marsh platform to withstand bay side erosion, accommodate the natural and dynamic processes, and retain sediment in this sediment-starved environment. If the breaches are not addressed, Timbalier Island may become two separate islands as experienced by Trinity Island.

Proposed Solution

The proposed project would fill in the breached areas at the mid-point of the island and develop/extend a back marsh platform of approximately 664 acres of beach, dune and marsh habitat. The areal extent of the project area will be adjusted based upon further assessment of field conditions. This project will use offshore sediments dredged from the Gulf of Mexico. Additional borrow sources may be investigated and used if determined to be suitable and cost effective. The dredged material would be contained as needed. The dune and back marsh would be planted and sand fencing installed as needed. This project aids in restoring the structural integrity of the island works synergistically with the TE-40 (Timbalier Island Dune & Marsh Creation) and the TE-18 (Timbalier Island Planting Demonstration).

Project Benefits

Restore and/or nourish approximately 664 acres of beach, dune and back marsh.

Project Costs

The estimated construction cost including 25% contingency is \$30M - \$35M.

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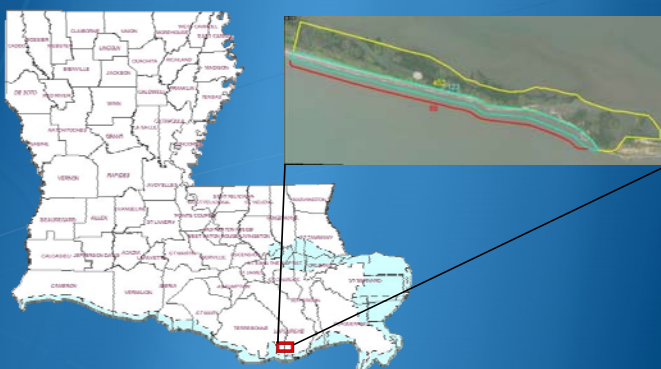


Timbalier Island Nourishment and Marsh Creation

Basemap: 2017 NAIP DOQQ Terrebonne Parish
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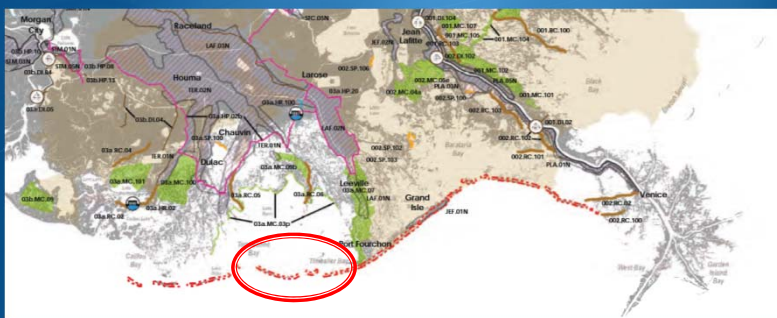
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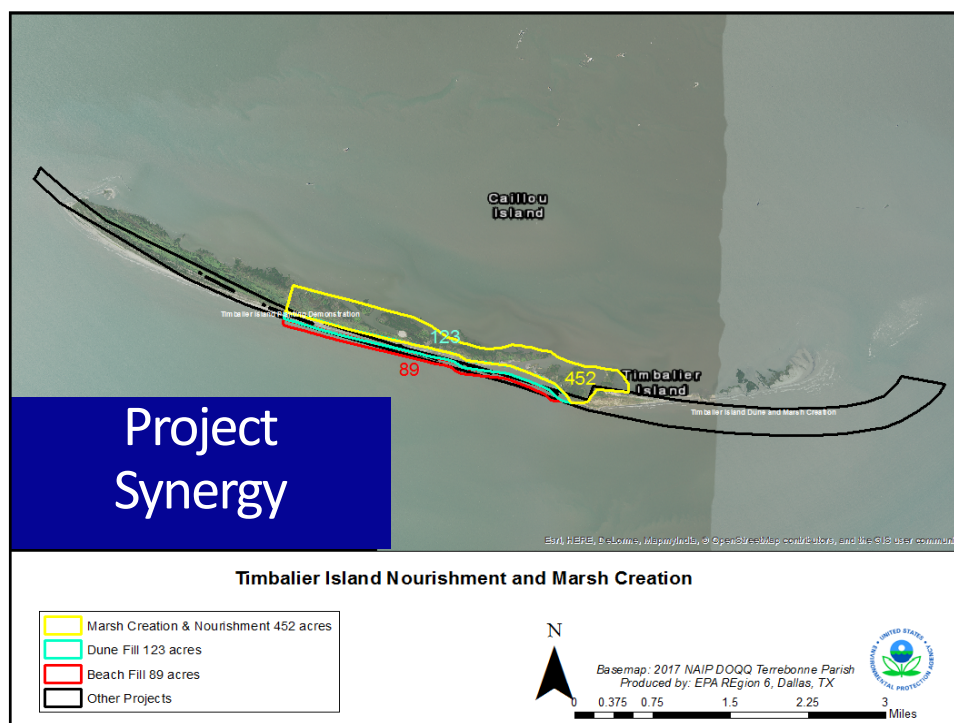


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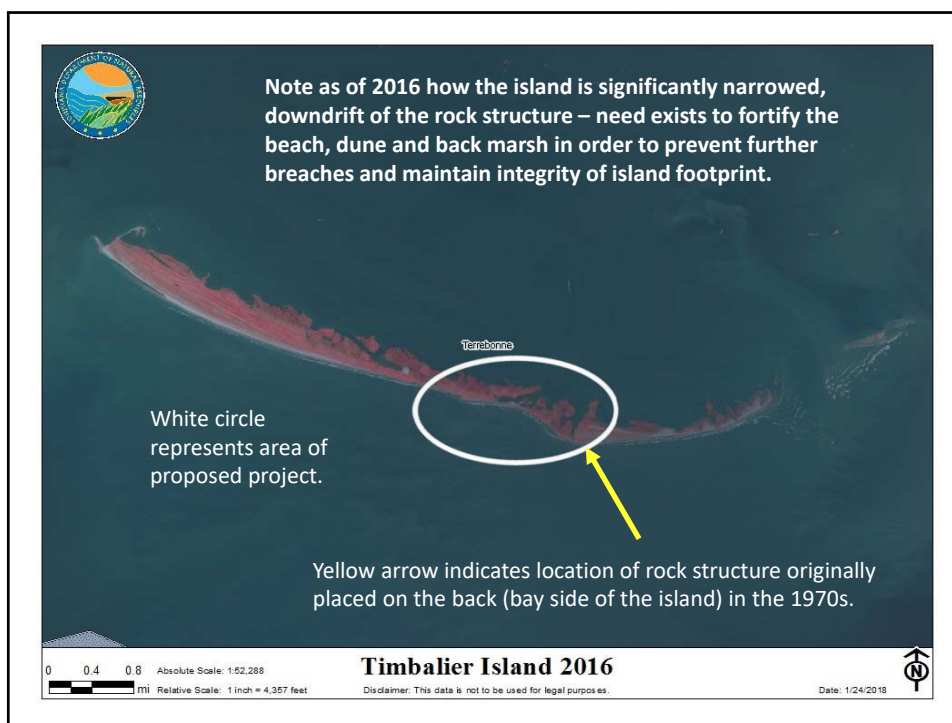
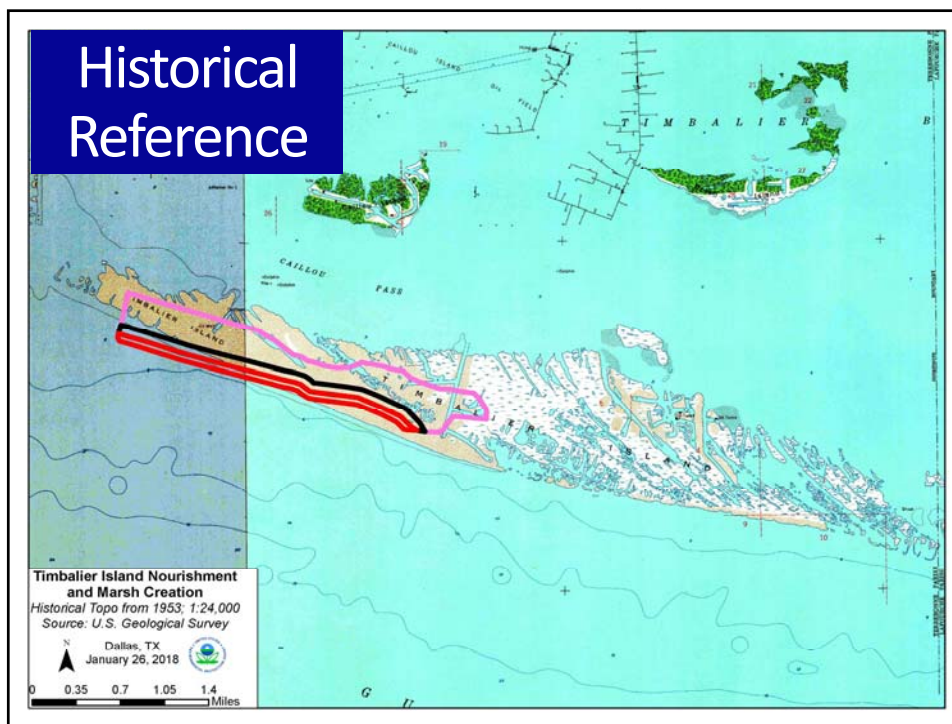
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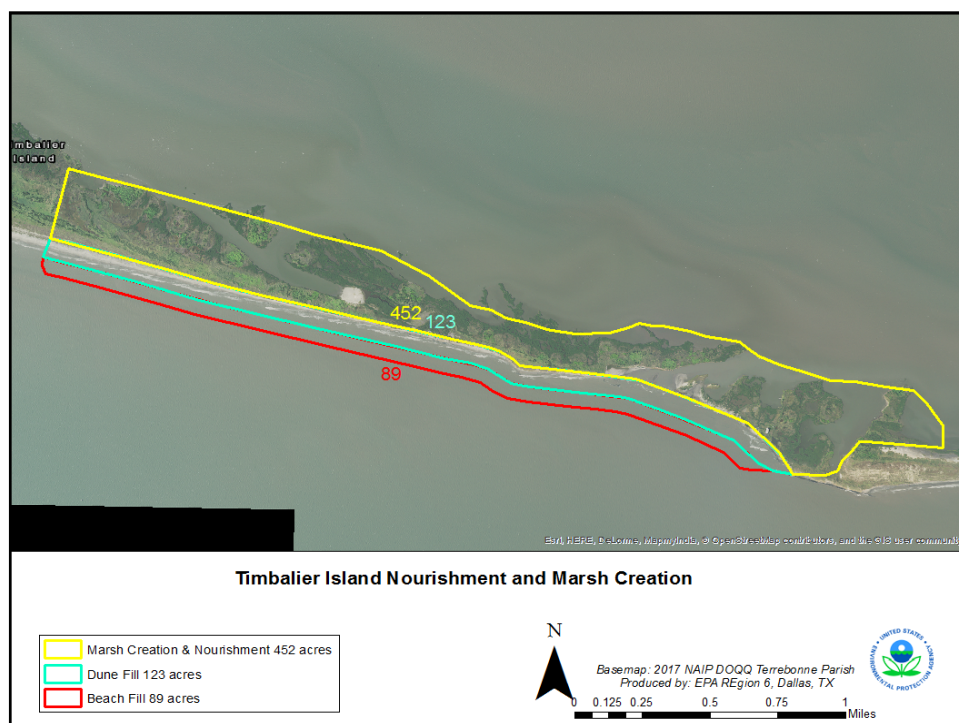




Problems

- Storm damage: barrier islands are first line of defense against storm surge
- Sediment starved area
- Day to day wind/wave action
- Construction of access/pipeline canals; historic oil and gas activity
- Terrebonne Parish could experience the second highest land loss of any parish (2017 MP)





Species & Habitats Protected or Restored

T & E Species

- Piping Plover
- Red Knot
- Sea Turtles
- Sturgeon
- Manatee

Migratory Birds

- American Golden-plover
- Am Oystercatcher (Breeding)
- Black Skimmer (Breeding)
- Many shore and marsh birds
- Gulls, Terns, and oceanic birds

Critical Habitat: Piping Plover

Project Goals



- Restore beach, dune, and back marsh habitat
- Fill in-breaches to maintain contiguous island
- Create/nourish approximately 664 acres beach, dune and back marsh with sediment from Gulf of Mexico
- Attenuate storm surge
 - Protect inland marshes
 - Protect coastal communities
 - Protect infrastructure
- The estimated construction cost + 25% contingency is \$30M - \$35M

R3-TE-18

Trinity Island Back Barrier Marsh Restoration

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Project Name:

Trinity Island Back Barrier Marsh Restoration Project

State Master Plan Strategy:

Barrier Island Program - Pages 87-88 of Coastal Master Plan

Project Location:

Region 3, Terrebonne Basin, Terrebonne Parish, Isle Dernieres Barrier Island Refuge

Problem:

The barrier islands are eroding at a rapid pace. Since 1989 Trinity Island has lost approximately 30% of its acreage and is now an estimated 785 acres. Trinity is the largest island of the Isle Dernieres Barrier Island Refuge chain and provides the most storm surge buffer and daily erosion protection to protect local communities and nearby wetlands of Terrebonne Parish.

Goals:

To restore barrier island habitat and strengthen Trinity Island from fragmentation.

Proposed Solutions:

Utilize nearby, offshore sediments to restore approximately 350 acres of back barrier marsh habitat on the western end of Trinity Island. This location is thin and susceptible to fragmentation during a tropical event or simple prolonged annual erosion. This project will not only increase the longevity of the island but provide a storm surge buffer and daily erosion protection to the marshes north of the island.

Preliminary Project Benefits:

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
 - a. Approximately 350 acres of back barrier island marsh will be created. It will also provide erosion protection to an additional 2,000 acres of saline marsh just north of the island.
- 2) *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, chenieres, etc?*
 - a. Yes. This project restores 350 acres of barrier island habitat.
- 3) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?*
 - a. This project would provide a synergistic effect several other regional barrier island projects including TE-50, TE-27, TE-37, TE-24, TE-20 and the ongoing Calliou Headlands Early Restoration Project.

Identification of Potential Issues

There are a few pipelines near the footprint of the island. These lines will have to be identified and worked around.

Preliminary Construction Costs

\$25 - \$30 Million

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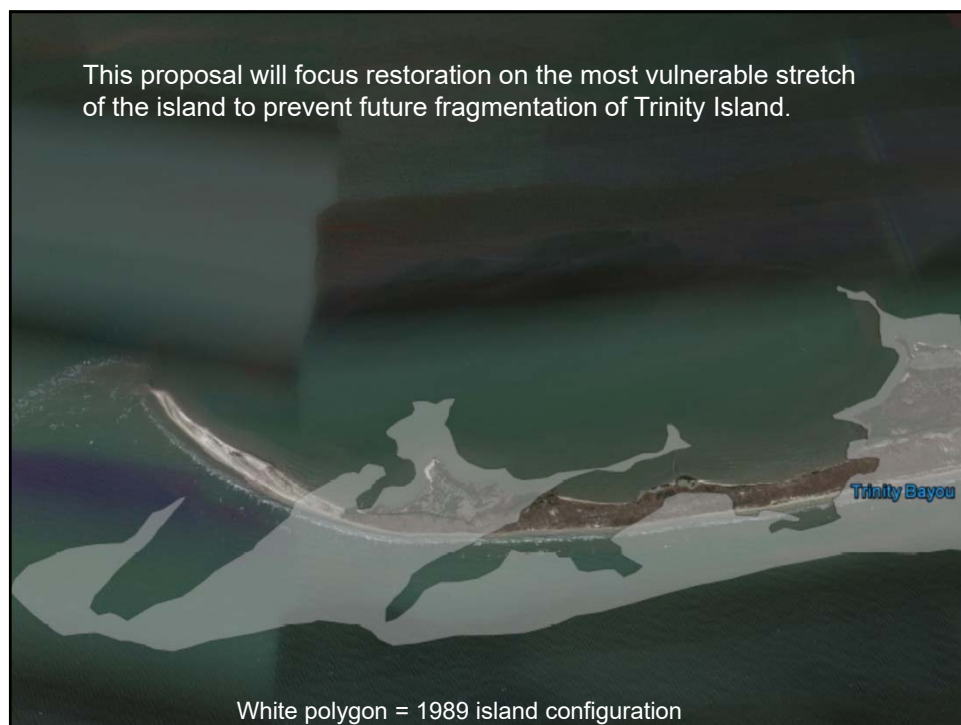


Trinity Island Restoration Project

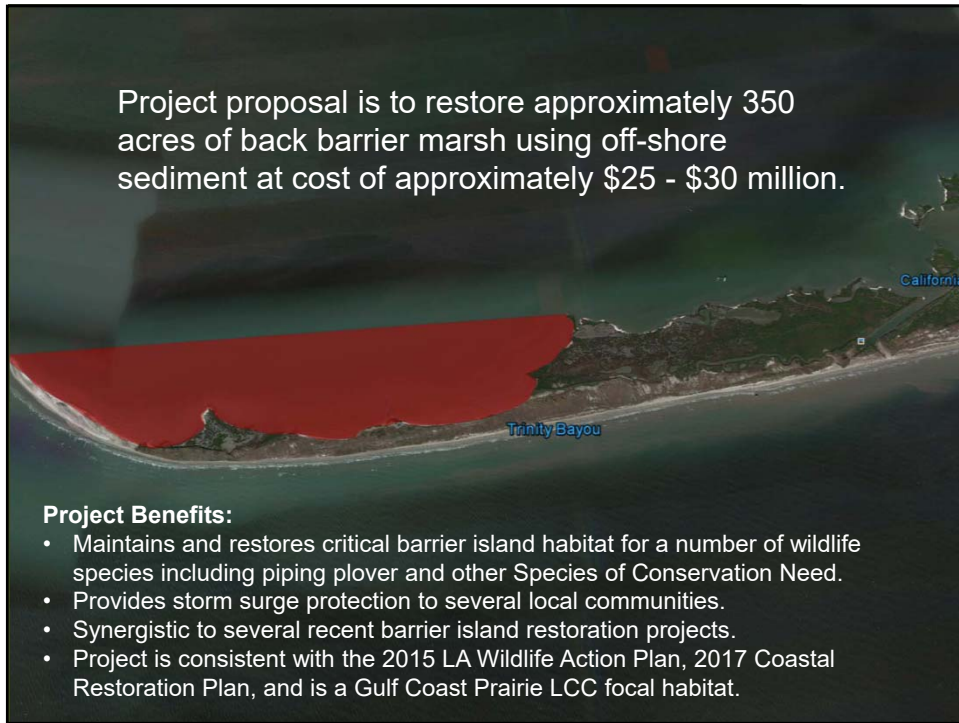
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Trinity Island is part of the Isle Dernieres Barrier Islands
State Refuge Complex Located in Terrebonne Parish





Project proposal is to restore approximately 350 acres of back barrier marsh using off-shore sediment at cost of approximately \$25 - \$30 million.



Project Benefits:

- Maintains and restores critical barrier island habitat for a number of wildlife species including piping plover and other Species of Conservation Need.
- Provides storm surge protection to several local communities.
- Synergistic to several recent barrier island restoration projects.
- Project is consistent with the 2015 LA Wildlife Action Plan, 2017 Coastal Restoration Plan, and is a Gulf Coast Prairie LCC focal habitat.

REGION 3 – TECHE-VERMILION BASIN

Project Number	Project Proposals
R3-TV-01	The Jaws - St. Mary Parish
R3-TV-02	North Marsh Restoration
R3-TV-03	North Marsh Restoration, Terracing and Marsh Creation
R3-TV-04	Freshwater Bayou East Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration <i>Withdrawn due to project overlap with R3-TV-02 and R3-TV-03</i>
R3-TV-05	Southeast Marsh Island Marsh Creation and Nourishment
R3-TV-06	Lake Ferme Marsh Creation and Nourishment
R3-TV-07	Shell Keys Natural Refuge Restoration <i>Inconsistent with the 2017 State Master Plan</i>

R3-TV-01

The Jaws



CWPPRA PPL 28 Nomination Sign-Up Sheet

Complete a sign-up sheet for each project you nominate. Please print neatly!

Name of Project:

The Jacobs - St Mary Par.

Is this a demonstration project?

Yes

No

If not, please provide the below information.

Region: (Circle one)

1

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Coastwide

Basin: (Circle one)

Pontchartrain

Barataria

Terrebonne

Calcasieu-Sabine

Breton Sound

Atchafalaya

Mermentau

Teche-Vermilion

Did you provide a factsheet?

Yes

No

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R3-TV-02

North Marsh Restoration (North Increment)

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Project Name

North Marsh Restoration (North Increment)

Project Location

Region 3, Teche-Vermilion, Vermilion Parish

Problem

Project area wetlands are undergoing losses at -0.33%/year based on 1985 to 2016 USGS data from the East Freshwater Bayou mapping unit. Marshes in this area are subject to losses from subsidence/sediment deficit, seasonal saltwater intrusion, shoreline erosion, and altered hydrology from levees and increased connectivity with Freshwater Bayou Canal. Interior marshes are fragmenting with erosion and submergence and waterbodies are enlarging. The result is plant stress reducing marsh productivity, a critical component of vertical accretion. Disturbances to the landscape from hurricanes and herbivory have resulted in the breakup and export of interior marsh. Erosion is leading to higher water turbidity within the interior ponds, increased pond width and depth, and decreasing coverage of submerged aquatic vegetation. Additionally, hurricanes have resulted in large and wide-spread sediment and therefore wetland loss. It is unlikely these areas will recover unaided.

As evidenced from aerial photography the project area is part of a larger feature of weakened interior marsh on either side of Freshwater Bayou Canal. If left to deteriorate, the project vicinity could eventually open into Freshwater Bayou risking conversion of larger interior marsh areas to open water.

Goals

The project goal is to create and nourish approximately 200 acres of marsh (160 acres creation and 40 acres nourishment), protect 5,790 feet of shoreline, and construct approximately 13,248 linear feet of terraces (approximately nine emergent acres).

Proposed Solution

The proposed project would create approximately 160 acres and nourish 40 acres of existing marsh utilizing dedicated dredging and confined disposal. Sediment would be mined from the Gulf of Mexico. The borrow area would be designed to avoid adverse impacts to the Gulf shoreline. In addition to marsh creation, approximately 5,790 linear feet of shoreline of Freshwater Bayou Canal would be protected. Presently, the shoreline protection is assumed to be a rock dike. Also, approximately 13,248 linear feet of terraces would be constructed. The terrace slopes and crown would be planted with appropriate marsh vegetation. Containment dikes would be gapped. Unimpeded tidal exchange would be maintained to the unit with gaps or dips in the rock dike and/or connections along interior canals. Designs will include means to reduce scour or wave propagation through dips or gaps in the rock dike. Tidal connections along interior canals could be armored for scour protection.

The project is the first increment of three within a conceptual comprehensive plan to address critical wetland loss on the east side of Freshwater Bayou Canal. The plan utilizes three restoration techniques, and increments are scaled to be cost competitive within CWPPRA given

practicalities of options for borrow areas. This northern reach is recommended as the highest priority of the three increments for overall cost savings.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
This total project area is 526 ac (including terrace field).
- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*
Approximately 150-200 acres of marsh will be protected/created over the project life.
- 3) *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)?*
The anticipated land loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits will be 50% over the projects life.
- 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?*
No.
- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*
The project would have moderate net positive impact to both critical (i.e., Freshwater Bayou Canal) and non-critical (i.e., minor oil and gas facilities) infrastructure. If marshes are left to deteriorate, the project area would eventually coalesce with Freshwater Bayou Canal. Oil and gas companies have facilities and pipelines in this area, which would benefit from an increase in marsh acreage.
- 6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?*
This project would provide a synergistic effect with the Cole's Bayou Marsh Restoration Project (TV-63), the Little Vermilion Bay Sediment Trapping Project (TV-12), Freshwater Bayou Bank Stabilization Project (TV-11), Freshwater Bayou Canal (ME-31), and Surplus Marsh Creation near Freshwater Bayou (ME-0025-SF).

Considerations

The proposed project has potential navigation and utility/pipeline considerations.

Preliminary Construction Costs

The construction +25% contingency cost range is \$25M-\$30M.

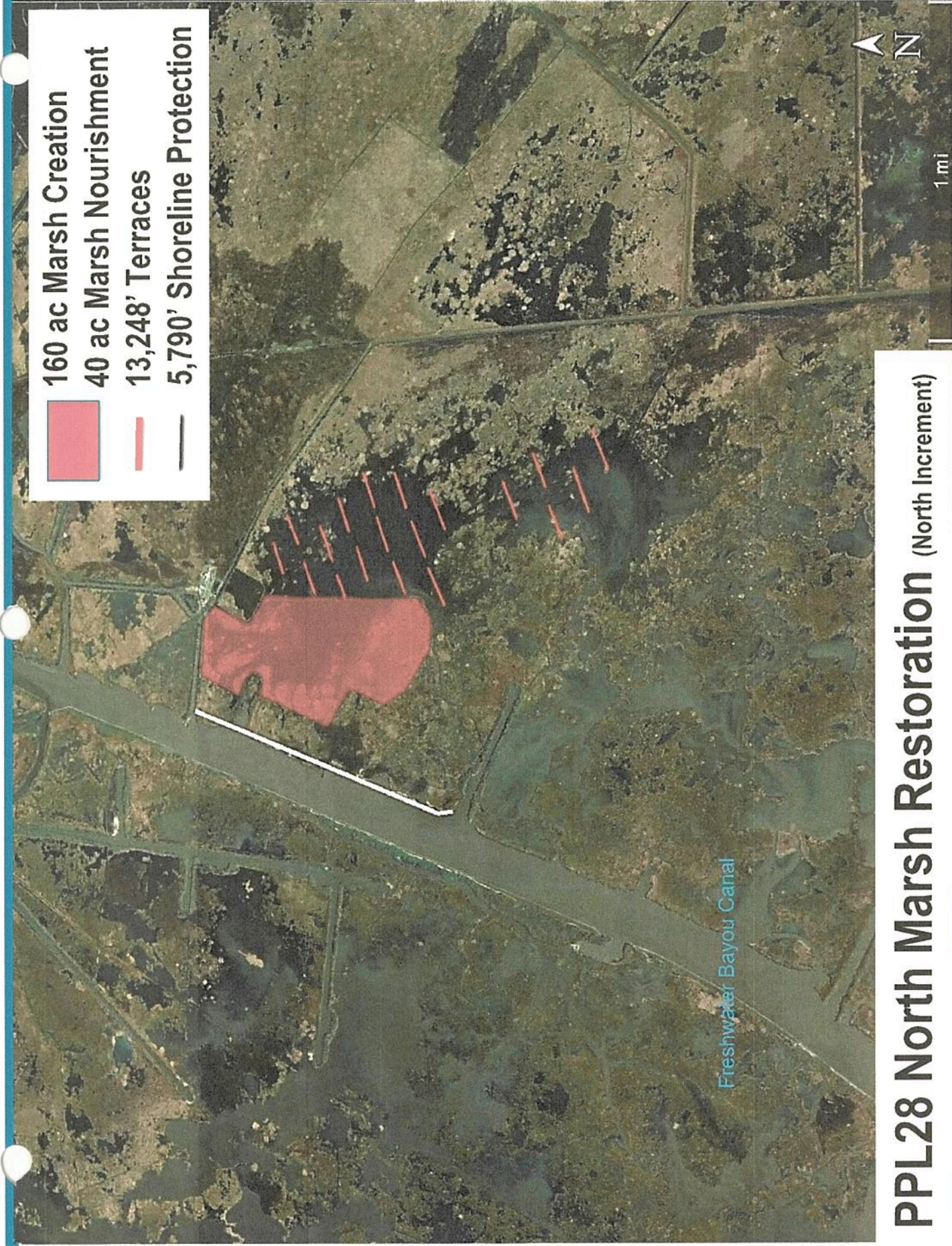
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- 160 ac Marsh Creation
- 40 ac Marsh Nourishment
- 13,248' Terraces
- 5,790' Shoreline Protection

PPL28 North Marsh Restoration (North Increment)



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PPL28 North Marsh Restoration (North Increment)



Project Location


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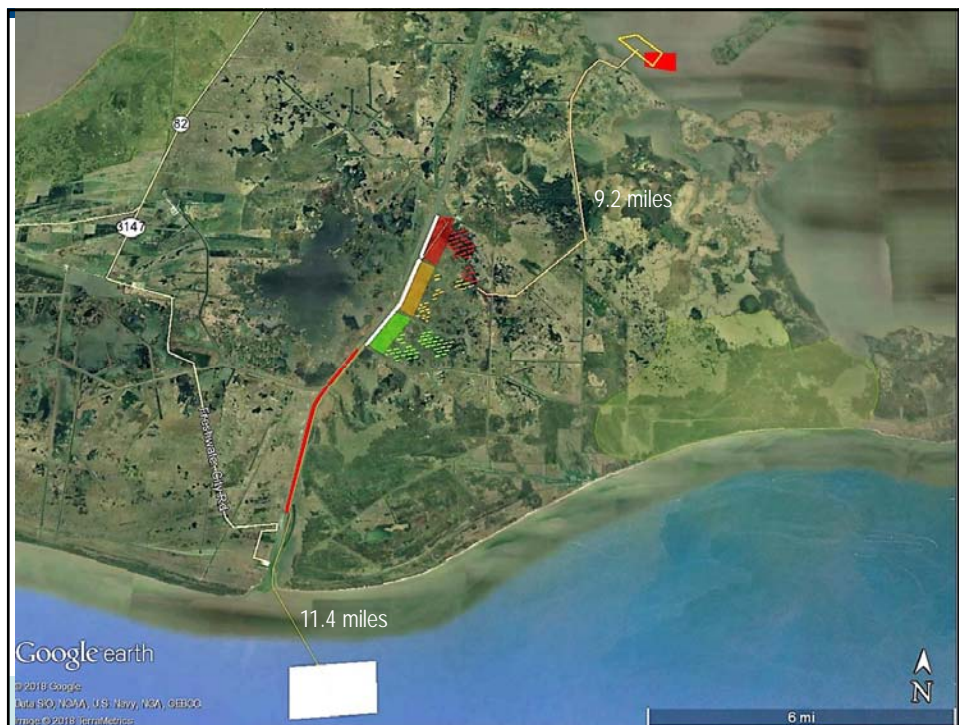


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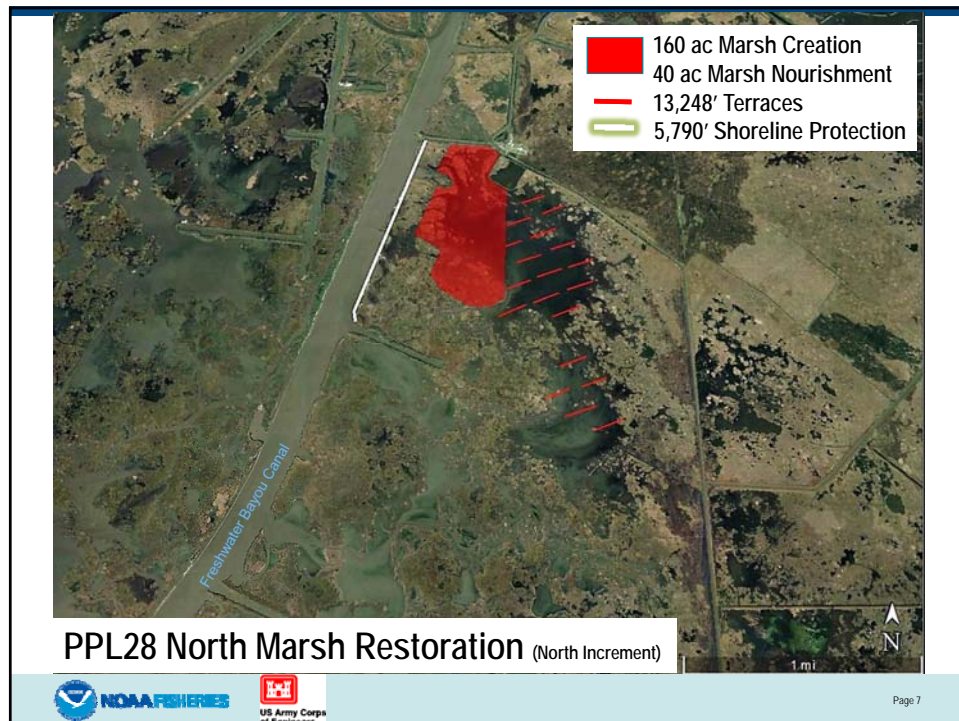


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Summary

- Total acres = 526 ac
- Marsh Creation = 160 ac
- Marsh Nourishment = 40 ac
- Terracing = 13,248 LF/9 ac
- Net acres = 150 - 200 ac
- Gulf of Mexico Borrow
- Construction + 25% Contingency Cost Range: \$25M – \$30M

R3-TV-03

North Marsh Protection, Terracing, and Marsh Creation

PPL28 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET
January 2018

Project Name

North Marsh Protection, Terracing and Marsh Creation Project

Louisiana's 2017 Coastal Master Plan

Marsh Creation – 004.MC.07

Project Location

Region 3, Teche-Vermilion Basin, Vermilion Parish

Problem

In addition to marsh erosion along Freshwater Bayou Channel (FWB), significant interior marsh loss has resulted from saltwater intrusion and hydrologic changes associated increasing tidal influence, storm surge impacts, and herbivory. Vessel wakes and frequent vessel related water displacement surges cause erosion of marshes along FWB and increase water turbidity within FWB and adjoining marshes. The adjoining marshes are also impacted by increased tidal exchange due to FWB. Because of this increased tidal exchange, recent hurricane scour sites within those marshes are not likely to recover unaided. Internal wave action within the larger scour sites may cause erosion of the marsh edges of the larger ponds, compounding the turbidity problem. Ongoing erosion along the eastern bank of FWB has resulted in the creation of additional water exchange sites, causing more interior marshes to be impacted by FWB turbidity/hydrology. Frequent vessel induced water displacement surges may also adversely affect the interior project area ponds, lakes, and marshes causing the export of organic material from the project area and pushing turbid water into the marsh interior.

Goals

The project goals are to counter the negative effects of FWB and hurricane scour events by armoring the FWB shoreline to prevent increased water exchange, reducing FWB-related water exchange and turbidity intrusion into interior marshes, creating marsh in larger interior open water areas subject to internal wave action and erosion of marsh edges, and constructing earthen terraces to create a baffle system to dampen tidal exchange and trap suspended sediments in marshes immediately adjacent to the channel. Other terraces would be constructed in a large interior open water scour area to reduce fetch and associated marsh edge reduction, and to encourage SAV production.

Proposed Solution

Install rock armoring along the FWB shoreline totaling 7,020 feet (leaving 2 armored openings for water exchange). Create 129 acres of marsh and within interior ponds and lakes using a small dredge and borrowing from the edges of FWB. Two fields of earthen terraces with plantings, totaling 8,340 feet in length would be constructed. One field would create a baffle system to reduce hydraulic energy and trap suspended sediment, the other would reduce fetch across a large interior open water area.

Preliminary Project Benefits

1) *What is the total acreage benefitted both directly and indirectly?*

Approximately 170 acres of marsh would be benefitted directly (129 ac from marsh creation/nourishment, 9 acres from terracing, and 32 acres from shore protection. Indirect benefits may occur due to sediment trapping, reduction of physical erosion of interior marsh edges where protected by terraces, and increased SAV production.

- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*
The total net acres protected/created over the project life is approximately 167 acres (118 ac from marsh creation, 9 ac from terracing, 29 ac from shore protection).
- 3) *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)?*
The anticipated loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefit is estimated to be 50% for the marsh creation and 100% for the shore armoring along FWB.
- 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?*
NO.
- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*
None.
- 6) *To what extent does the project provide a synergistic effect with other approved and/or constructed restoration projects?*
None.

Other Considerations

Contaminant survey of borrow material required by landowner.

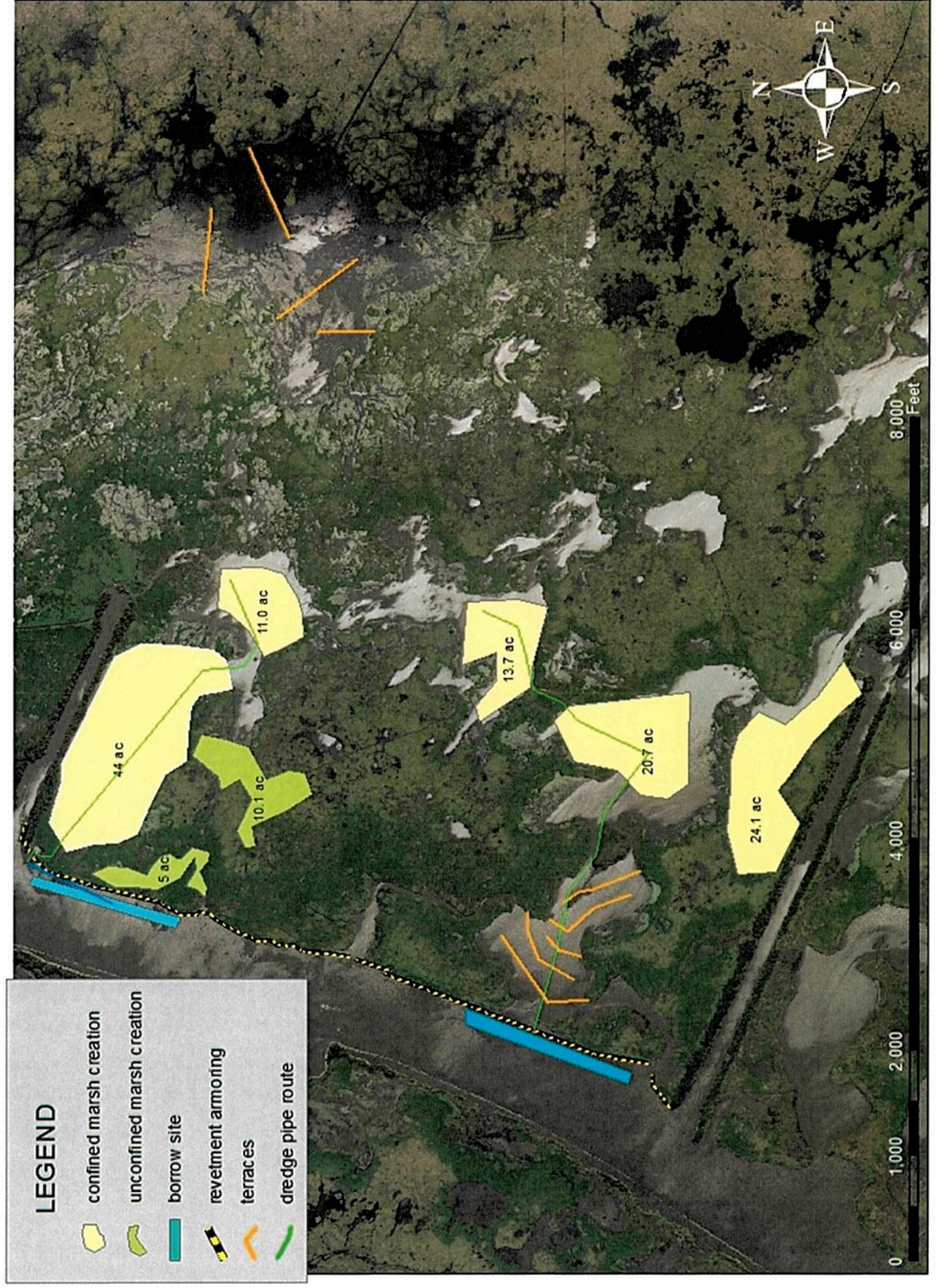
Preliminary Construction Costs:

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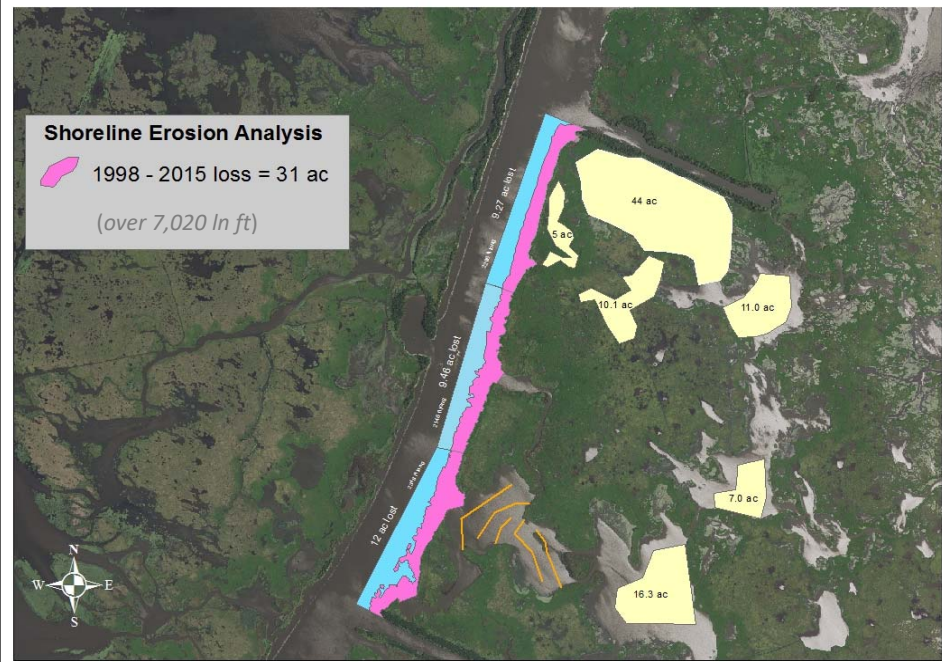
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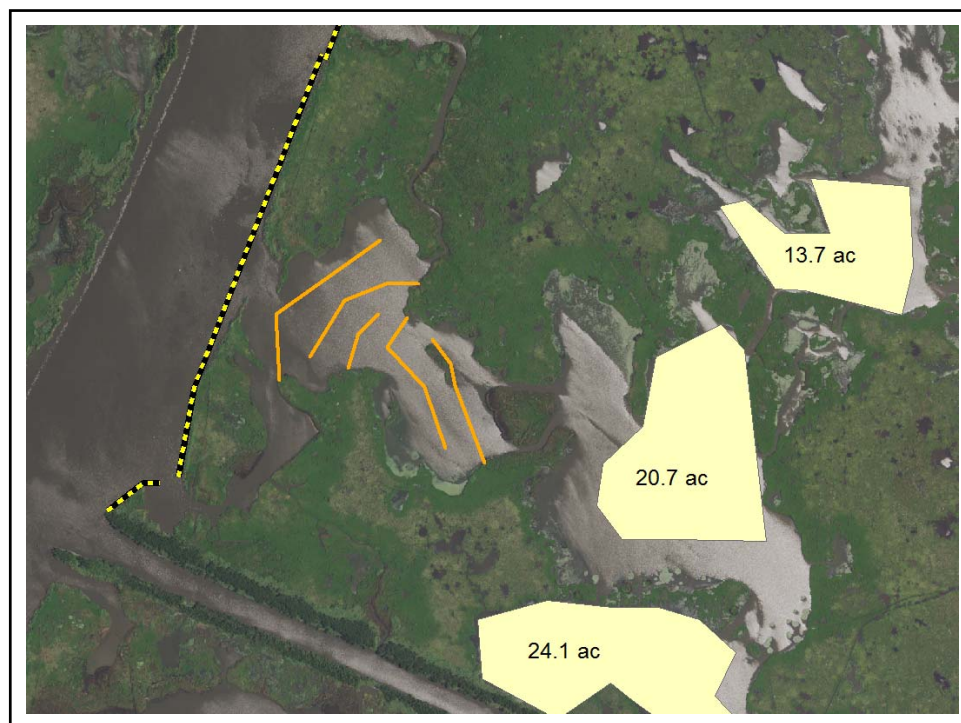
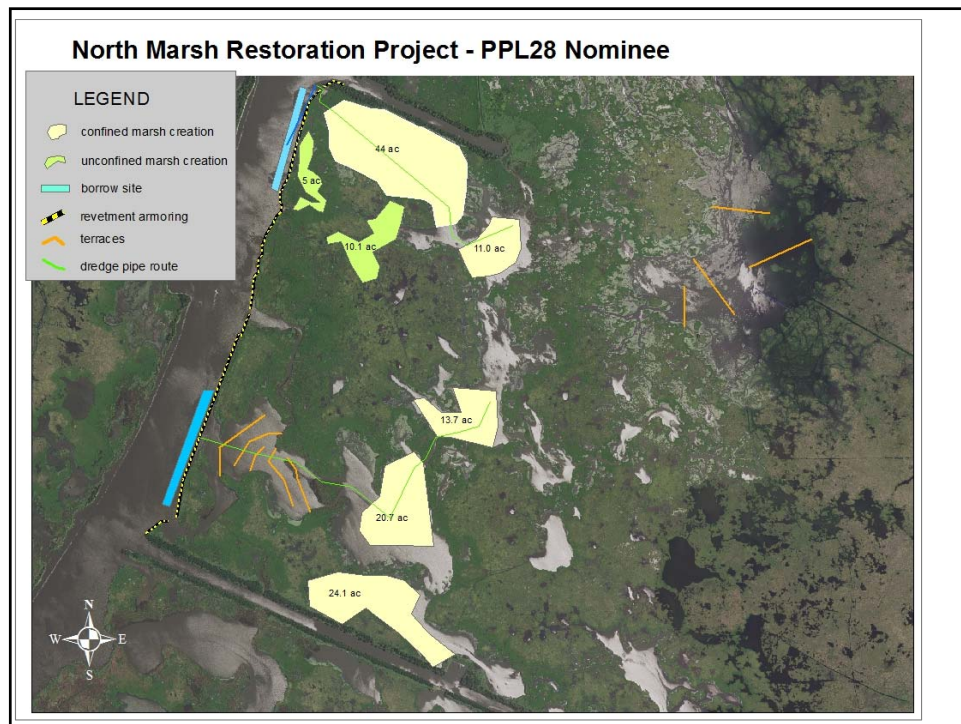


Vicinity Map: North Marsh Restoration



North Marsh Restoration Project - PPL28 Nominee





PPL28 North Marsh Restoration Project

Create **129** acres of marsh via marsh creation

Create **9** acres of marsh via terracing

Protect **32** acres of marsh via 7,020' bank armor

Construction + 25% Contingency = **\$18.3 M**

~~R3-TV-04~~

**~~Freshwater Bayou East Marsh Creation and Hydrologic
Restoration~~**

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03~~***

PPL28 Project Fact Sheet
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Project Name

Freshwater Bayou East Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration

State Master Plan Strategy

004.MC.07 West Rainey Marsh Creation

Project Location:

Region 3, Teche/Vermilion Basin, Vermilion Parish, southeast side of Freshwater Bayou canal.

Problem:

The construction of Freshwater Bayou canal has led to much decline in the adjacent marshes. Not only has the channel significantly expanded its width, but has also breached deep into the marsh and allowed for the net export of organic soils and deterioration of the interior marsh. As large ponds develop, erosion accelerates through an increase in tidal prism as well as the increase in wind fetch on fragile marsh banks.

Goals:

The goal of the project is to use a combination of shoreline protection, marsh creation and terraces to stabilize large fragmented areas within a marsh complex east of freshwater bayou where there has been rapid decline. In addition, culverts will be placed to strategically optimize the tidal movement of water through the system in a one-way direction to allow for increased residence time and trapping of materials within the system.

Proposed Solutions:

Approximately 12,700 linear ft of shoreline protection will be constructed across the breaches in the deteriorated bank of Freshwater Bayou. Sediments will be hydraulically dredged from Freshwater Bayou and pumped via pipeline to create approximately 51 acres of marsh habitat. Terraces will be built around the marsh creation cells constructed in open water to reduce wave energy and complement the marsh creation cells. Culverts will be installed on the north and south ends of the project to move water from north to south through the project area to capture sediment and nutrients to enhance marsh growth.

Project Benefits:

The project would result in approximately 166 acres (51 acres from hydraulic dredging, 21 acres from beneficial use of dredge material behind shoreline protection; 18 acres from terraces, and 20 acres from freshwater introduction).

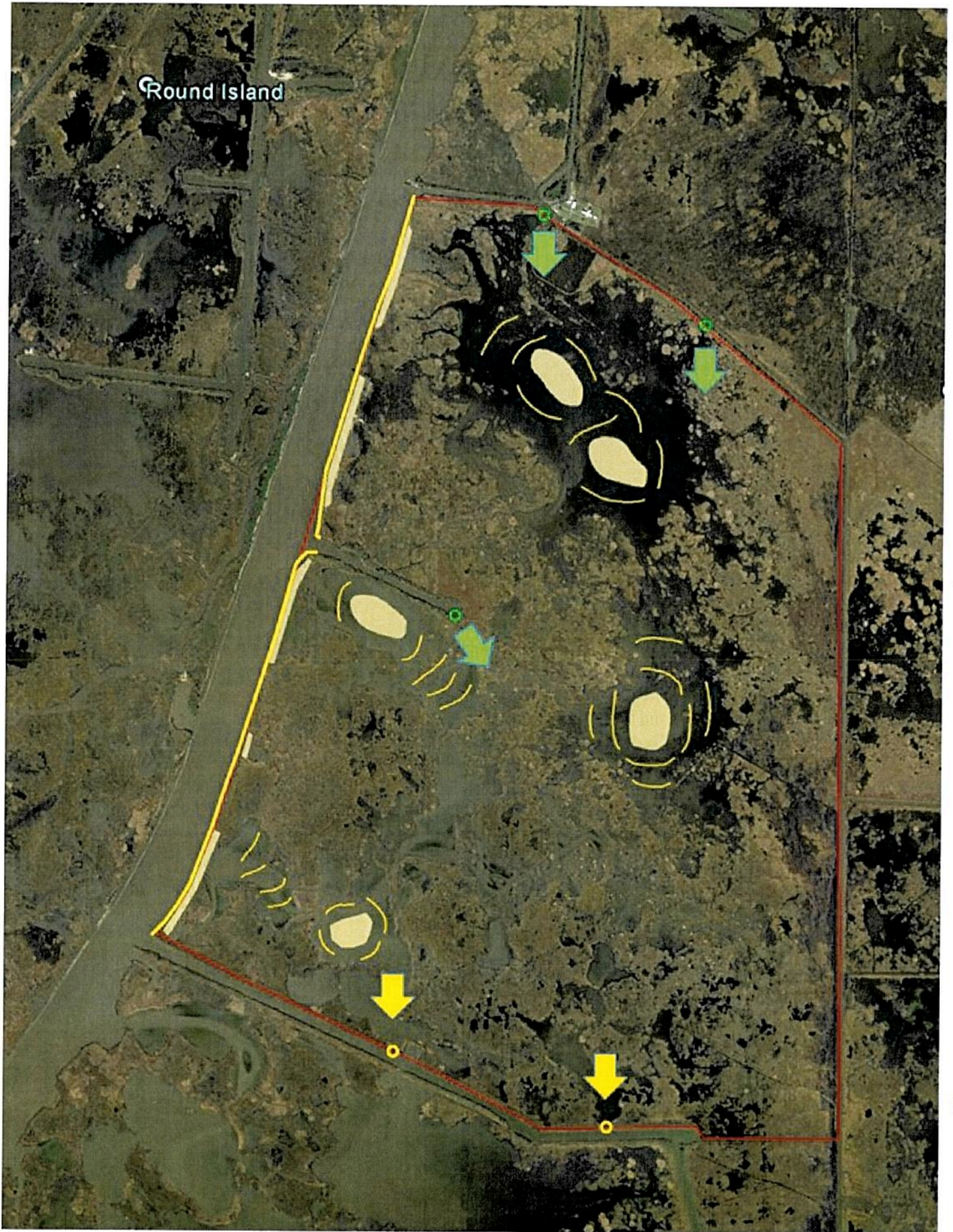
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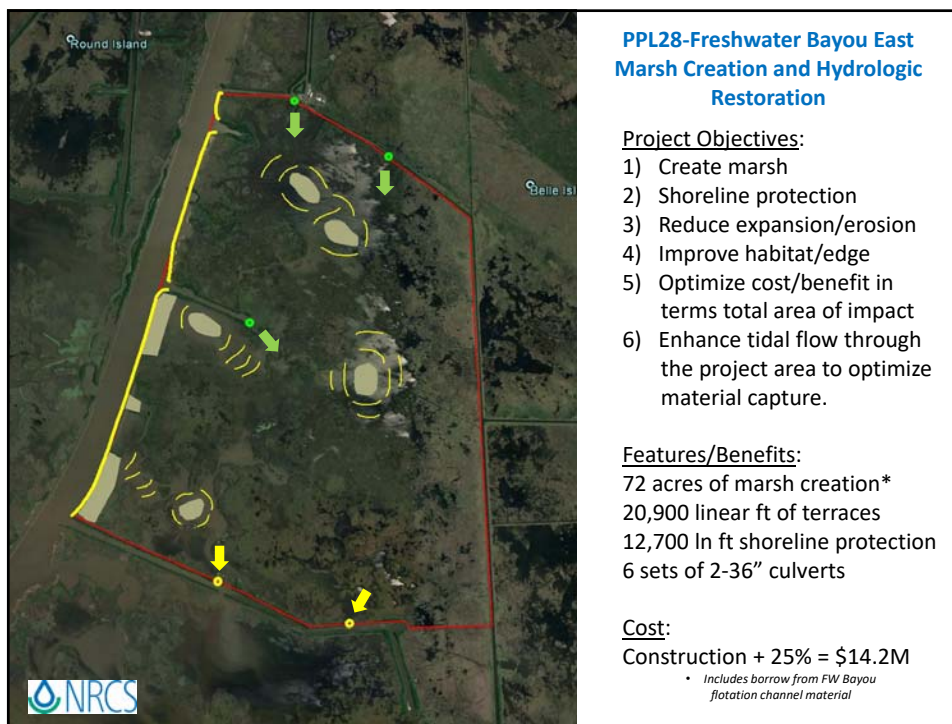
Estimated construction cost + 25% contingency is \$14.2 million (\$10-\$15M range).

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Freshwater Bayou East Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration







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Southeast Marsh Island Marsh Creation and Nourishment

PPL28 PROJECT FACT SHEET
January 31, 2018

Project Name

Southeast Marsh Island Marsh Creation and Nourishment

Master Plan Strategy

Southeast Marsh Island (2017 Master Plan 03b.MC.101): Creation of approximately 1,200 acres of marsh on the eastern tip of Marsh Island to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.

Project Location

Region 3, Teche-Vermilion Basin, Iberia Parish, Southeast end of Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.

Problem

Areas of emergent marsh in Marsh Island interior have been converted to open water, primarily due to hurricane activity and subsidence. Marsh Island has been projected to lose 12.9% of its marsh habitat through 2050. Areas targeted by this project are those with the greatest historic land loss and are proximal to East Cote Blanche Bay.

Proposed Solution

The project would utilize hydraulic dredging from an offshore borrow site (potentially the same one used for TV-21) to create/nourish approximately 1666 acres of emergent marsh by completely filling in open water and deteriorated areas and use unconfined or limited confinement techniques allowing finer material to flow through the interior marsh areas and provide nourishment. Borrow material will be targeted from the state offshore area to limit water quality impacts and minimize impacts to potential oyster bed areas. This project would complement the constructed Marsh Island Hydrologic Restoration (TV-14) and the East Marsh Island Marsh Creation (TV-21) projects on the east-end of Marsh Island.

Project Benefits

Create/nourish approximately 1666 acres of emergent marsh using sediment dredged from offshore.

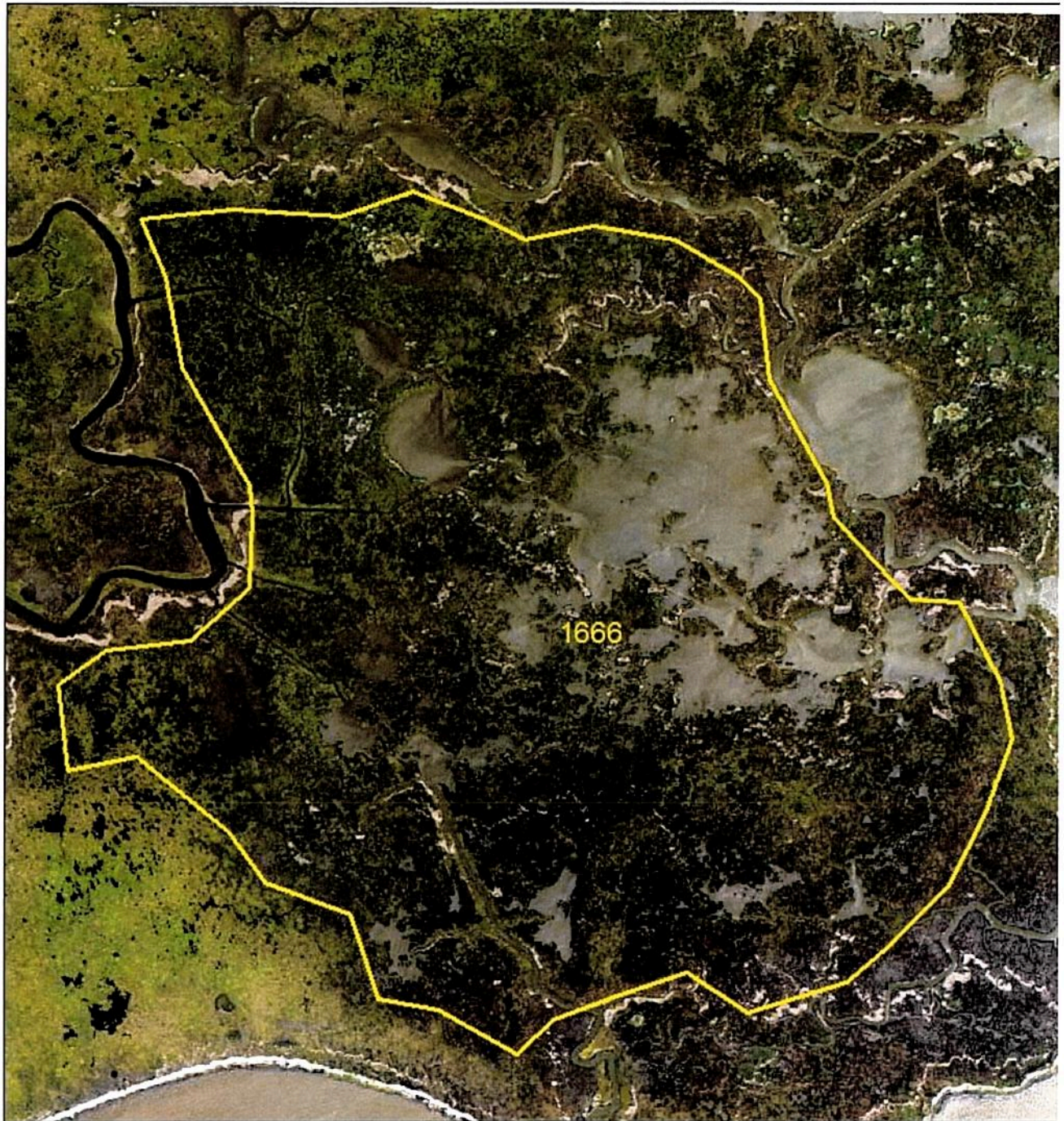
Project Costs

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


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SE Marsh Island Marsh Creation

 SE Marsh Island Marsh Creation



Basemap: 2017 USGS Iberia Parish
Produced by: EPA Region 6, Dallas, TX

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SE Marsh Island Marsh Creation



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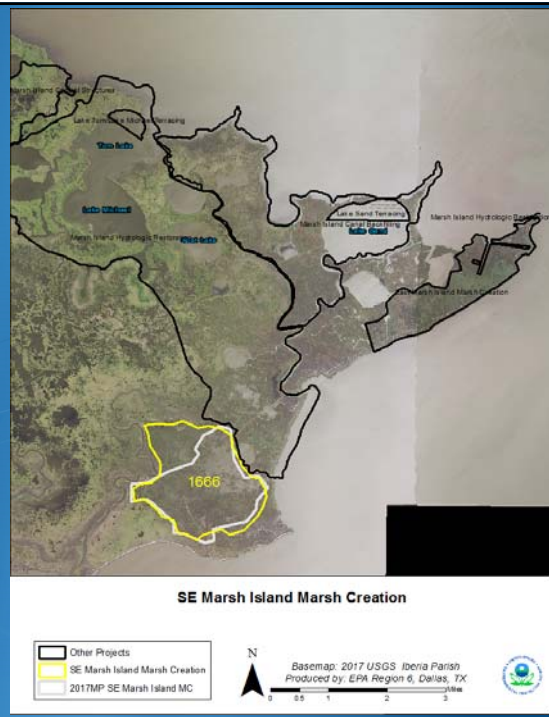
2017 Master Plan Solution

03b.MC.101 Southeast Marsh Island Marsh Creation : Creation of approximately 1,200 acres of marsh on the eastern tip of Marsh Island to create new wetland habitat and restore degraded marsh.



2017 Master Plan Consistency & Project Synergy

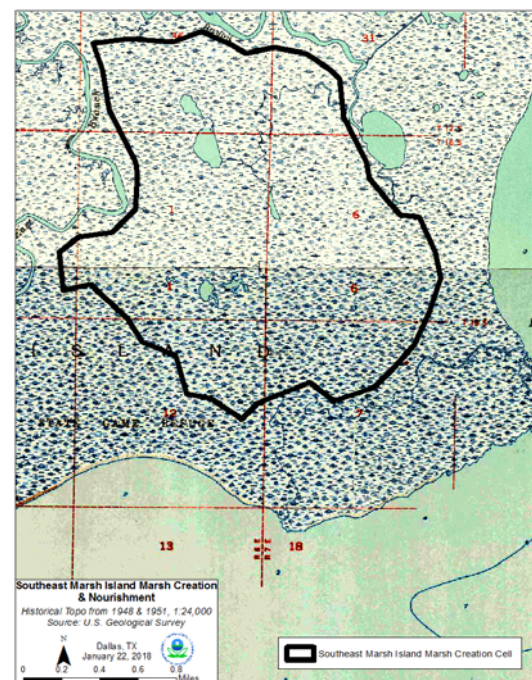
Borrow source for TV-21
can likely be used for this
project proposal



Problems

- Subsidence, storm and hurricane activity have increased wetland loss
- Iberia Parish could lose an additional 12% of its land area over the next 50 years and face severe storm surge flood risk (2017 MP).
- 90% or more of Marsh Island would experience 15ft + storm surge and would be lost in 50 years under the medium scenario (2017MP)

Historical Reference



Project Features



Species & Habitats Protected or Restored

T & E Species

- Red Knot
- Sea Turtles
- Sturgeon
- Manatee

Migratory Birds

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

Project Goals

- Create/nourish 1666 acres emergent marsh with sediment from offshore (borrow source for TV-21)
- Restore degraded wetland habitat
- Provide increased protection from storm surge and flooding
- Marsh Island serves to protect more inland areas in Iberia Parish
- Fully funded cost range \$20-25M

R3-TV-06

Lake Ferme Marsh Creation and Nourishment

PPL28 PROJECT NOMINEE FACT SHEET
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Project Name

Lake Ferme Marsh Creation and Nourishment

Project Location

Region 3, Teche/Vermillion Basin, Iberia Parish, Marsh Island mapping unit

Problem

The loss rate near the project is 0.16%/yr based on 1985 to 2016 CRMS data the nearest station CRMS0499, but the standard rate of 0.04%/yr for the E. Marsh Island unit was used in benefit calculations. The proposed location is between Bird Island Bayou and Lake Ferme, at the center of the island. According to historical documents the area was once "well drained marsh" with the "finest freshwater lake on the island." Lake Ferme was the watering hole for wildlife in drought years prior to significant hydrologic alterations.

While much of the island has an underlying geologic sand base, that likely contributes to its stability, this central portion is not sand. With the creation of navigation canals, levees and salt water exchange had greater influence on central marshes. Recently, a water-control structure – the only centrally located water control structure – north of the proposed marshes was reconstructed, which allows drainage. The land losses that occurred primarily in distinctive events of the 1930s and 1950s will not recover with anticipated sea level changes without an addition of sediment to increase elevation.

Goals

The project goal is creating marsh in the project area to replace marsh lost, and restore lake shorelines. Specifically, the goal is to create and nourish approximately 415 acres of marsh.

Proposed Solution

The proposed project would restore the disintegrating interior marsh of the Island in select locations and nourish existing acres pending borrow availability and distance utilizing dedicated dredging and confined disposal of material from Gulf of Mexico, or Atchafalaya Bay via Bird Island Bayou. The borrow area would be designed to avoid adverse impacts to the lake shorelines and oyster bed. Any planting would be limited to a few rows along the lake edges. During Phase 0 and Phase 1, opportunities would be explored to increase the amount of marsh creation to further complete restoration of Marsh Island interiors.

Preliminary Project Benefits

- 1) *What is the total acreage benefited both directly and indirectly?*
This total project area is 415 ac (290 ac. marsh creation and 125 ac. nourished, plus additional nourishment potential area).
- 2) *How many acres of wetlands will be protected/created over the project life?*
Approximately 290 acers would be created/protected after 20 years.
- 3) *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)?*

The anticipated land loss rate reduction throughout the area of direct benefits will be 50% over the projects life.

- 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 would further restore the bank of the main navigable waterway, Bird Island Bayou, and the Lake Ferme shoreline.

- 5) *What is the net impact of the project on critical and non-critical infrastructure?*

There is no infrastructure directly influenced by the proposed project.

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

This project would provide a synergistic effect with the Marsh Island Control Structure project (TV-06), which consists of management units north and south of the proposed location. The goal of that project has been to improve wildlife habitat by reducing the rate of land loss, re-vegetating shallow open-water areas, and increasing waterfowl food.

Considerations

The proposed project has potential pipeline considerations.

Preliminary Construction Costs

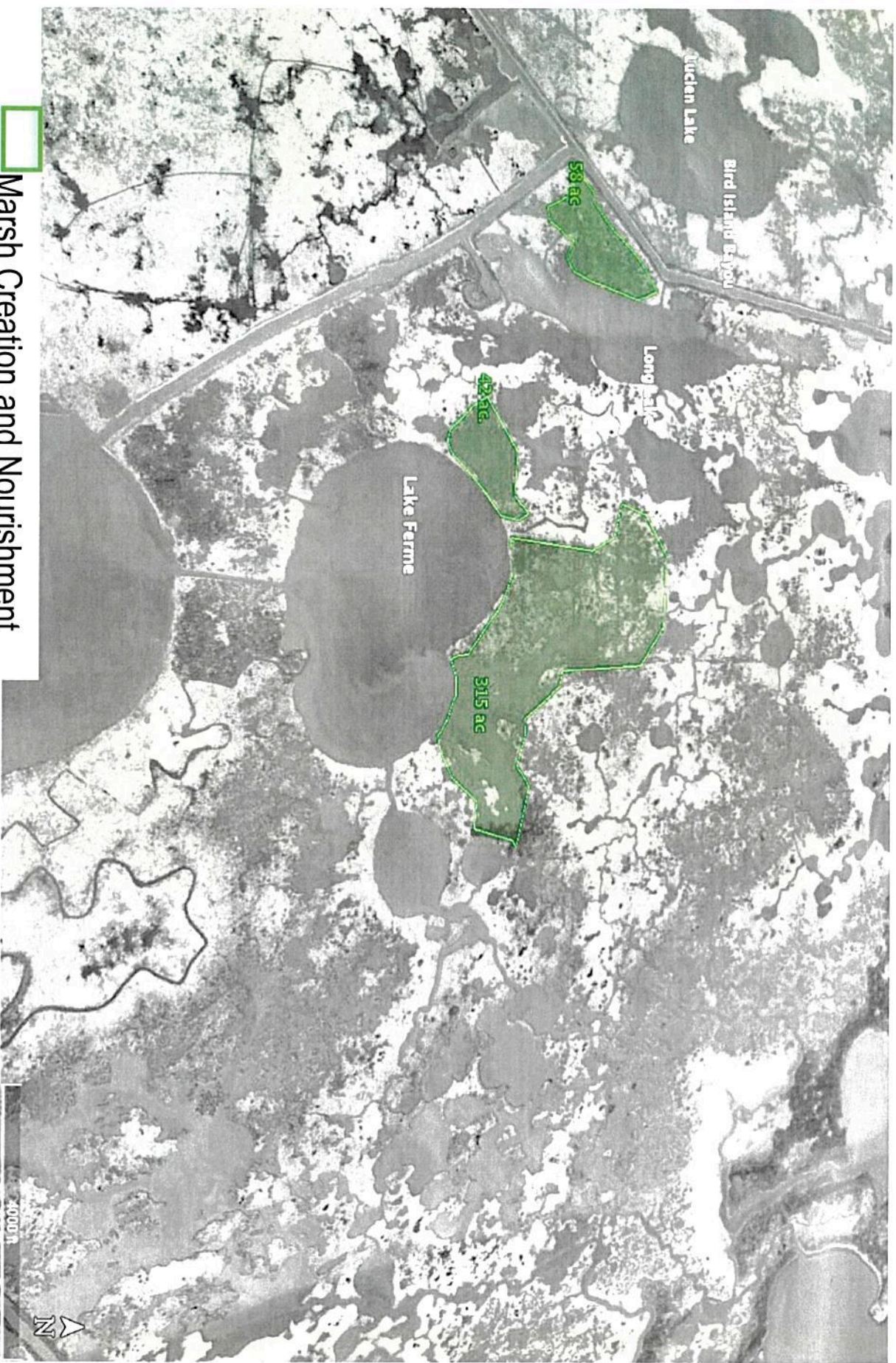
The construction +25% contingency cost range is \$25M-\$30M.

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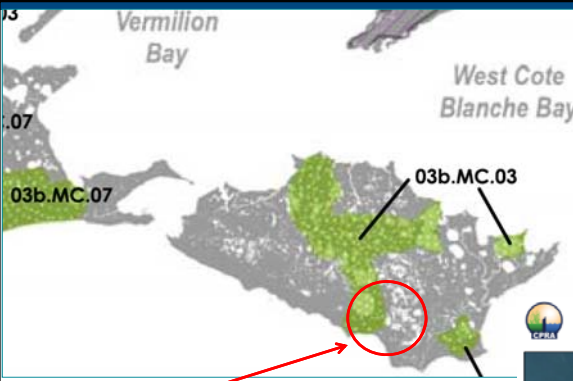
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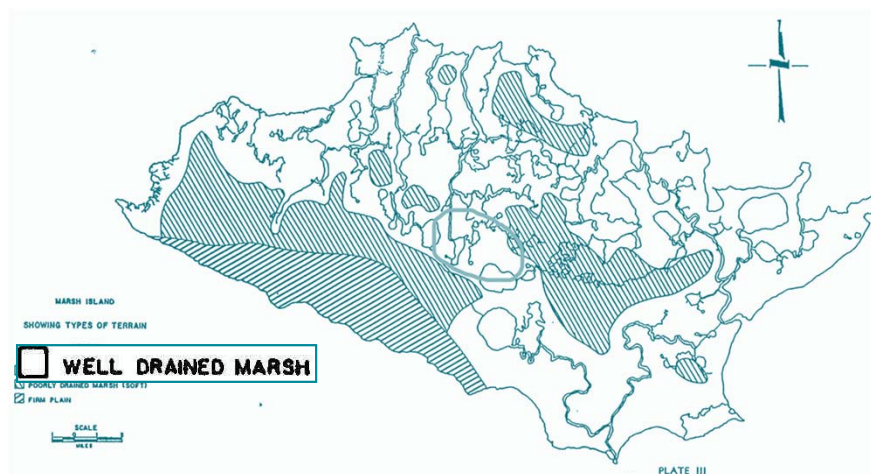
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Historic and Ecological significance.

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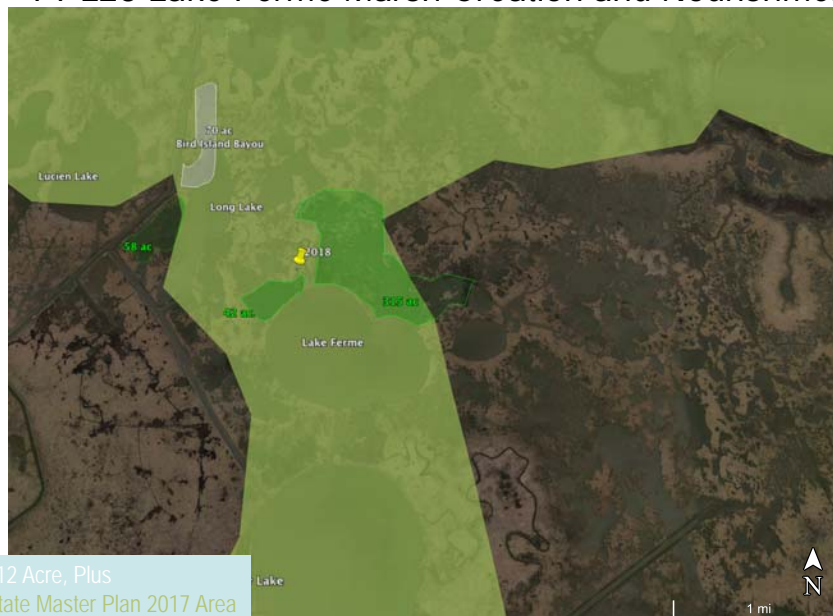
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412 Acre, Plus
State Master Plan 2017 Area



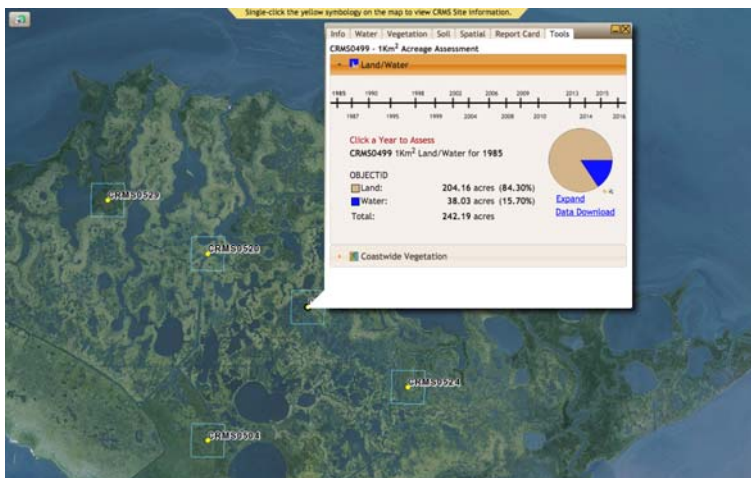
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Summary

- Total: 415 acres (ac)
- Marsh Creation: 290 ac
- Marsh Nourishment: 125 ac
- TY20 Net Acres : 290 ac
- Gulf of Mexico Borrow
- Construction + 25% contingency cost range is \$25M - \$30M

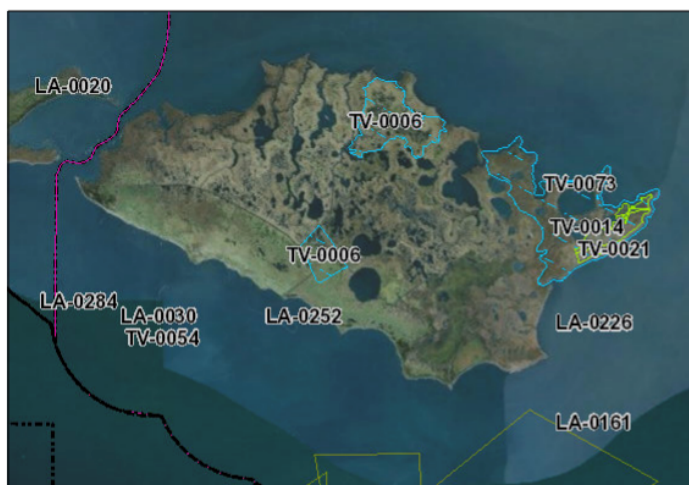
Additional Information : CRMS Stations



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Additional Information: Nearby Projects

Lake Ferme Marsh Creation



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~~R3-TV-07~~

~~Shell Keys Natural Refuge Restoration~~

~~Inconsistent with the 2017 State Master Plan~~



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Complete a sign-up sheet for each project you nominate. Please print neatly!

TV-07

Name of Project:

Shell Keys Natural Refuge Restoration

Is this a demonstration project?

Yes

No

If not, please provide the below information.

Region: (Circle one)

1

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Coastwide

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Terrebonne

Calcasieu-Sabine

Breton Sound

Atchafalaya

Mermentau

Teche-Vermilion

Did you provide a factsheet?

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