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Adaptive Management: Louisiana River Diversions & Barrier Islands - Phase I

This investment supported elements within CPRA's Adaptive Management Program that directly benefitted river diversion and barrier island restoration projects included within the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan. In 2012, the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan envisioned a comprehensive and programmatic approach to Adaptive Management. This approach provided a structured process for making decisions over time through active learning that enables adjustments in program implementation as new information is gleaned. This project enabled CPRA to systematically monitor and consider new information gathered in response to barrier island and river diversion project implementation, and make appropriate adjustments to planning, designing, monitoring, operating, and implementing barrier island and river diversion projects to ensure continued progress toward achieving objectives contained in the Master Plan and consistent with the plea agreements.



The information and analysis generated by this project enabled CPRA to adjust implementation of barrier island and river diversion projects to achieve optimal impact and sustainability.| Credit: Erik Zobrist, NOAA Restoration Center

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:
Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA)

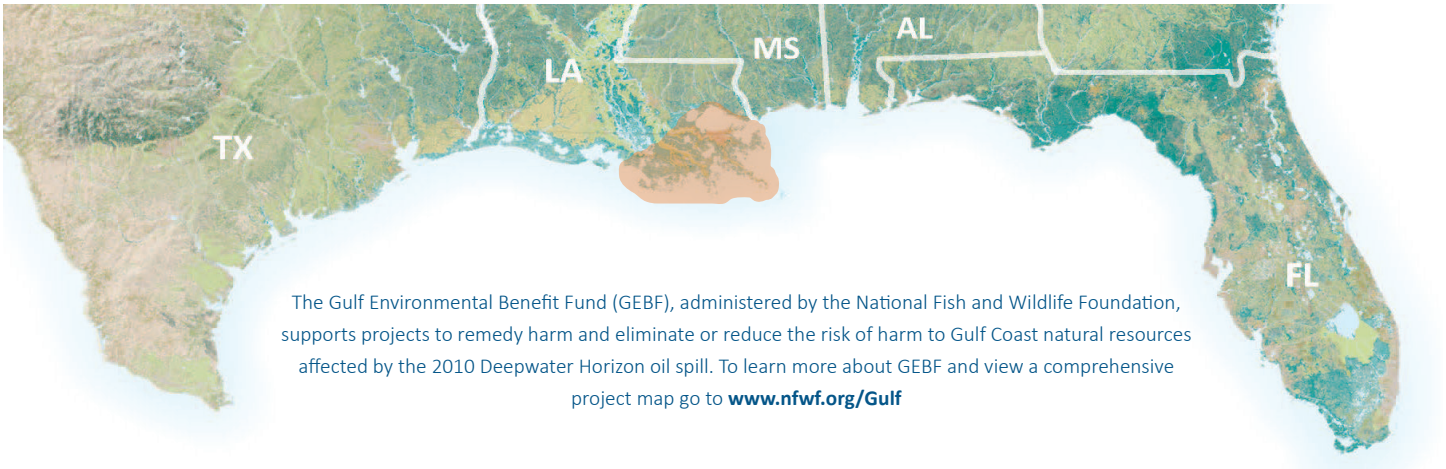
FINAL AWARD AMOUNT:
$12,352,043

LOCATION:
Mississippi River delta and coastal barrier islands

AWARD DATE:
November 2014

STATUS:
Closed

PROGRESS UPDATE:
Project closed in July of 2026.



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