



Louisiana Restoration Area

June 2025



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RECENT ACTIVITIES

In the past year, we have been busy overseeing the continued planning, engineering, design, construction and monitoring, and adaptive management of more than 50 restoration projects. We continued project implementation on multiple projects across the full range of restoration types, including wetland, coastal and nearshore habitat; birds; oysters; nutrient reduction; and recreational use opportunities. The Louisiana Trustees initiated a first of its kind joint restoration plan with the Open Ocean Trustees for the restoration of the Chandeleur Islands. This joint effort will provide resources from both restoration areas toward Louisiana's largest barrier island restoration project to date.

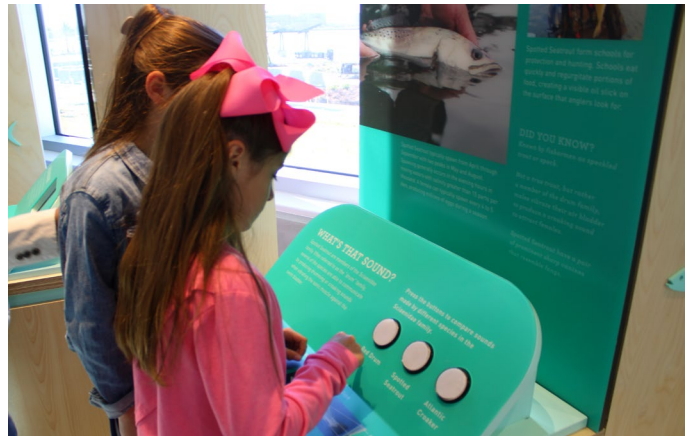
Many active projects continue towards completion. For example, the Trustees celebrated completion of the Shoreline Protection project in the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. The project is located south of New Orleans on the eastern bank of lakes Cataouatche and Salvador in Jefferson Parish. The project implements a nearly continuous rock breakwater, with rock elbows protecting fish gaps to protect SAV's from rising sea levels and storm events.





Restoration Overview

\$3.85 billion committed to approved projects and activities



RECENT NEWS // Port Wonder Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening

Port Wonder, located along the Lake Charles lakefront in southwest Louisiana, is a visionary family-focused destination that opened in April. At the heart of Port Wonder are two major attractions: The Children's Museum of Southwest Louisiana and the LDWF Nature and Science Center. The Museum is a vibrant, state-of-the-art facility designed to spark curiosity, inspire learning, and foster creativity for children of all ages. The Nature and Science Center is an immersive educational facility designed for families, students, and nature enthusiasts of all ages. This interactive center features over 15,000 gallons of fresh and saltwater aquariums, showcasing the biodiversity of Louisiana's bayous, reefs, and the Gulf. Outdoors, the site features walking trails, an ADA-compliant covered fishing pier, and connections to the existing alligator habitat along the lakefront boardwalk. Construction of the facility was funded, in part, by the Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group.












RECENT NEWS // Bayou La Loutre Ridge Component Construction



This project was approved for construction funding in Restoration Plan #8 and includes the use of dredge material to create and nourish marsh near Lake Borgne and to utilize materials dredged from Bayou La Loutre to restore the ridge along the southern bank of the bayou. The ridge component was designed and bid separately from the marsh creation component. The ridge component began construction in March of 2024 and was completed by November of 2024. Ultimately, almost 5.5 miles of ridge was enhanced or constructed. The project will be planted with hardwoods when soil conditions are acceptable.



Funding Overview

Restoration Type	Settlement Allocation	Funds Committed Through May 2025	Percent Funds	
			Committed	Remaining
 Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats	\$4,268,688,400	\$3,467,410,224	81% <div><div></div></div>	19%
 Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands	\$50,000,000	\$24,306,727	49% <div><div></div></div>	51%
 Nutrient Reduction	\$20,000,000	\$12,421,975	62% <div><div></div></div>	38%
 Oysters	\$40,874,300	\$40,780,864	100% <div><div></div></div>	0%
 Sea Turtles	\$10,000,000	\$0	0% <div><div></div></div>	100%
 Submerged Aquatic Vegetation	\$22,000,000	\$0	0% <div><div></div></div>	100%
 Marine Mammals	\$50,000,000	\$4,381,438	9% <div><div></div></div>	91%
 Birds	\$220,437,300	\$148,250,152	67% <div><div></div></div>	33%
 Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities*	\$60,000,000	\$56,713,646	95% <div><div></div></div>	5%
 Monitoring and Adaptive Management	\$225,000,000	\$80,373,062	36% <div><div></div></div>	64%
 Administrative Oversight and Comprehensive Planning	\$33,000,000	\$17,500,245	53% <div><div></div></div>	47%
Total	\$5,000,000,000	\$3,852,138,331	77% <div><div></div></div>	23%

Data current as of May 2025, * Interest used

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