

Coast 2050-Toward a Sustainable Coastal Louisiana

Restoration Plan Database: Crystal Reports of Individual Plan Summaries

I. BASIC PLAN DATA

Plan name:

Coast 2050-Toward a Sustainable Coastal Louisiana

Brief description of plan:

This is the official restoration plan of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force and the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Authority. The document describes the need for habitat restoration in coastal LA and describes coast-wide goals and strategies. It also provides summaries for each of the four regions. (Details for each region are included in the Coast 2050 Appendice.) Also included are predictions for changes in habitat, wildlife and fisheries populations.

Region the plan is located within:

Gulf of Mexico Region

Watershed(s) included within the plan:

G170b , G180x , G190x , G195x , G170a , G205x , G210x , G215x , G220x , G222x , G223x , G226x , G230x , G240x , G245x , G250x , G255x

Area plan covers (in square miles):

5,000.00 square miles

Plan scale:

Multi-county

Plan's lead organization(s):

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On-line version of plan:

www.lacoast.gov/programs/2050/MainReport/report1.pdf

Date of original plan:

12/1998

Date of plan update:

1/2001

II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Plan includes restoration goals: Y

Level of detail of the goals:

G

Summary of the goals:

1. Assure vertical accumulation to achieve sustainability; 2. Maintain estuarine gradient to achieve diversity; 3. Maintain, exchange and interface to achieve system linkages

Plan recommends restoration of specific project sites:

Y

Plan includes a discussion of funding sources:

N

Plan addresses long-term protection of restored sites:

N

Partners included in developing the plan:

Federal
State
Local
Port Authorities/Commissions
Business/Industry
Non-profit Organizations
Academia
Foundations
Private landowners

Type(s) of public outreach included during plan development:

Held public workshops, meetings, open house, or scoping meetings
Held focus groups
Developed a Web site to inform public and/or seek public input
Kept a contact list of interested parties
Mailed or e-mailed information to a contact list
Set up a toll-free telephone number to receive comments
Distributed brochures or other materials
Conducted surveys
Formed an advisory group(s)
Involved the media through news releases, public service announcements, etc.
Was subject to a public comment period

Plan includes public outreach as part of plan implementation (e.g. annual public meeting, local group participation):

Y

Plan discusses the application of innovative approaches to restoration:

Y

Summary of the discussion:

Identifies a need for innovative design of structures, channels, and gates for managing hydrology, and for the development of new techniques and materials for marsh creation.

Plan make use of GIS mapping capabilities:

Y

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for ecosystem level monitoring (baseline conditions) by:

G

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for project level monitoring by:

G

The plan discusses or coordinates with other restoration plans covering the same geographic area:

Y

Other plan names:

Builds on and replaces the 1993 Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Plan and the 1994 Plan for the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Authority (State Wetlands Authority). Also coordinates with the Louisiana Coastal Managerial Plan.

Plan contains detailed information on historic and/or current habitat size, rate of loss, acres restored or protected, etc.):

Y

Summary of this habitat information:

1. Loss of wetlands, barrier islands and ridges has been occurring since the 1890's. Since that time, approximately 1 million acres of Coastal Inlands, consisting mostly of wetlands, have disappeared.
2. Areas of highest habitat loss include the Delta's plain in the Lower Terrebonne and Barataria Basins and the Mississippi Basin, and in the Chenier Plain near Sabine and Calcasieu Lakes.
3. The Delta's plain is approaching a condition of system collapse.
4. The plan includes statistics for marsh loss, as well as existing habitat acreage and projections for habitat change by 2050.