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A DECADE OF COASTAL RESORATION AFTER DEEP WATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

“On April 20, 2010, the *Deepwater Horizon* oil rig explosion initiated an immense tragedy that took eleven lives and spewed over three million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, causing one of the largest environmental disasters in U.S. history. Through hard work and dedication we have made great advancements. The disaster has become the impetus for some of the biggest projects in our coastal master plan and an opportunity for our state to grow its restoration and water management economy. As a result of the various legal settlements and fines imposed, more than \$7.29 billion in settlement money will be awarded to the State of Louisiana for coastal projects through 2031, and another \$1 billion will be awarded for economic damages.”

Read the Governor's press release for more information here: <https://mailchi.mp/la.gov/dwh10>

St. John the Baptist Projects Update



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COASTAL/WATER PROJECTS

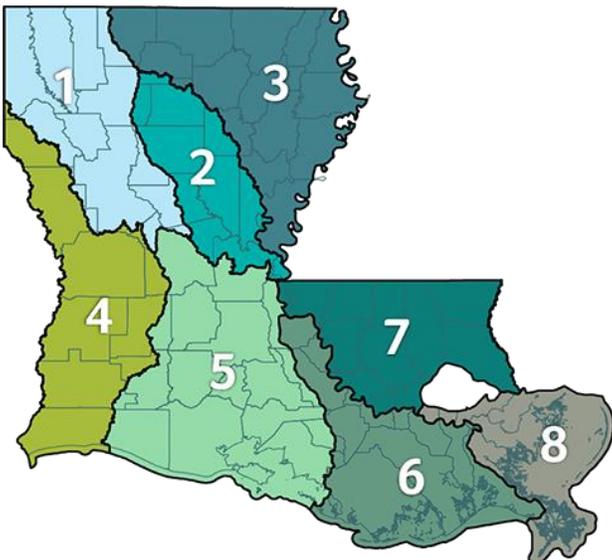
- **Belle Terre Streetscape and Stormwater Enhancement:** Contract signed and executed with CSRS Inc. Currently in design phase.
- **Airline & Main Complete Streets (LA SAFE):** Currently in design phase. Moving forward.
- **Lake Pontchartrain Shoreline Protection:** Currently in design phase. Coastal Use Permit for soil boring and testing secured. Surveys almost finished. Moving forward.
- **Low Impact Development Program:** Designing outreach and educational documents. Moving forward.



LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE

The Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI) seeks to manage flood risk within natural watershed boundaries, compared to jurisdictional boundaries. LWI divides the state into eight watershed regions. St. John is in two regions: 6 & 7.

St. John has selected Devin Foil to serve on regional steering committees 6 & 7, which will exist for one year. The committees will compile a list of projects that meet the LWI's funding requirements. The first round of funded projects will be selected next spring. The committee will create the region's watershed coalition to serve as a long-term framework for water management decisions.



St. John the Baptist Coastal Use Permits (CUP's)

- P20181001: Issued
- P20190545: Open (awaiting documents)
- P20190416: Issued
- P20190156: Issued
- P20191103: Open (awaiting documents)
- P20190136: Issued
- P20200190: Issued
- P20200257: Open (awaiting documents)



Governor's Coastal Priorities



Figure 1 Governor Edwards



Figure 2 Chip Kline, head of CPRA

On February 20th, 2020, Gov. John Bel Edwards announced his ambitious priorities for the state's coastal program for his next four years in office. "Over the next four years, CPRA will be investing nearly \$1 billion per year in the implementation of some of the most important projects in the Coastal Master Plan," said Gov. John Bel Edwards. "But in order for us to make the most of the opportunities presented by our changing coast and be as successful as possible, we will be redoubling our efforts to collaborate across state government agencies and across the economy. Only through a unified approach resulting from productive partnerships are we going to achieve a Louisiana that is resilient and sustainable economically and environmentally."

Gov. Edwards second-term coastal priorities include:

1. Building resilience and establishing a Climate Initiatives Task Force
2. Pursuing a more integrated approach to the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers
3. Pursuing initiatives that will ensure a sustainable oyster industry
4. Growing, diversifying, and protecting the economy through investments in coastal protection and restoration and coordinated advocacy
5. Establishing the Coastal Innovation and Collaboration Hub to focus expertise and share knowledge

Read more here: <http://coastal.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Priorities02.20.2020.pdf>