2017 Coastal Master Plan

Building on Our Commitment to Protect and Restore Our Coast

The 2017 Coastal Master Plan will build on the past and establish clear priorities for the future. It carries the planning efforts from 2007 and 2012 forward by advancing a comprehensive and integrated approach to protecting and restoring the communities of coastal Louisiana.

So what's new? While we continue to implement projects to protect and restore coastal Louisiana, CPRA is advancing the development of the 2017 Coastal Master Plan:

Emphasizing communities.

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We know coastal restoration and protection goals ultimately intend to support the people who live and work in coastal Louisiana, and the 2017 Coastal Master Plan will place a greater focus on these communities. CPRA appreciates the importance of understanding the cost of continued land loss as well as potential effects for all specific project actions on our culture and our local, regional, and national economy. This information will be quantified and included in our analysis and decision making process.

Focus on flood risk reduction and resilience.

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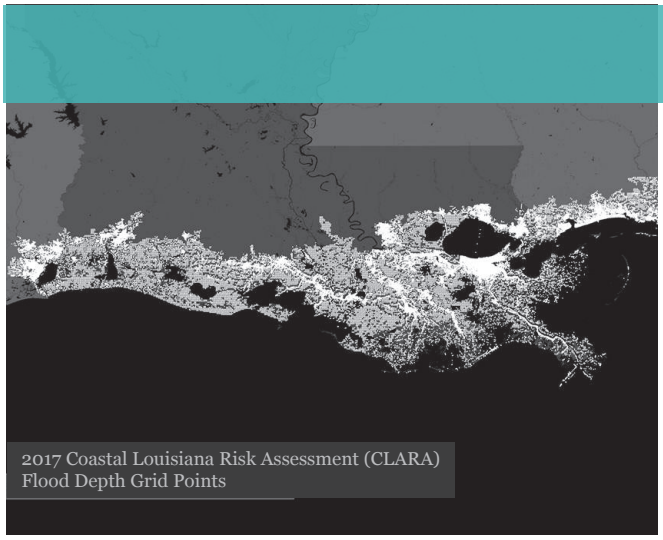
We need to use all of the tools available to reduce communities' flood risk and, as such, we are exploring different types of nonstructural options and refining policies to help communities become more resilient. The 2017 Coastal Master Plan will present a much more detailed path forward for nonstructural project recommendations, funding sources, and grant procedures. In addition, we are also expanding outreach through the creation of a new, interactive web-based tool to help residents better understand their flood risk now and in the future. To view the tool, visit the "Flood Risk and Resilience Viewer" at **cims.coastal.la.gov/floodrisk**.

Incorporating new ideas and information.

The 2017 Coastal Master Plan considers an array of new project ideas not modeled in 2012; these new project ideas were submitted from across the coast by stakeholders and members of the public. Lastly, a wider range of ecosystem outcomes is included such as additional fisheries and wildlife species.



Improving the science.

The 2012 Coastal Master Plan was founded on state-of-the-art science and analysis, and the 2017 effort builds upon this further. The modeling process provides a deeper understanding of our coastal environment today, as well as the changes we can expect over the next 50 years. Recent updates include advancing modeling tools, incorporating a larger geographic area, and increasing spatial detail of land loss and flood risk.

Expanding partnerships and collaboration.

Because a successful plan is built on local knowledge, input from a diverse range of coastal stakeholders and extensive dialogue with the public, the many partnerships developed for the 2012 Coastal Master Plan will continue for the 2017 Coastal Master Plan. These partnerships include a coastal stakeholder advisory group (Framework Development Team) as well as focus groups that represent our communities, landowners, recreational interests (wildlife and fisheries), and commercial activities (fisheries, navigation, and energy and industry). We are also coordinating more closely with allied groups such as floodplain managers, hazard mitigation specialists, other state agencies, and NGOs. Furthermore, we have continued reaching out to the public in new ways to better share information related to our changing landscape, communities' flood risk, and the solutions to create a more resilient and sustainable coast.

We look forward to working with communities, local leaders and our state and federal partners to create the 2017 Coastal Master Plan, and we encourage residents to stay in touch as we work toward a sustainable coast.

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How can you get involved?

- **Request a presentation.** Upon request, we are happy to speak with your civic or professional group. Email us at masterplan@la.gov.
- **Visit CPRA's website.** Summaries of key activities and educational materials regarding CPRA and the 2017 Coastal Master Plan process are housed on the CPRA website: www.coastal.la.gov/2017. These materials will be regularly updated as more content becomes available.
- **Reach out locally.** Residents may contact their parish government's coastal zone management staff member and connect with CPRA field office staff to communicate ideas, questions and concerns.
- **Attend public meetings.** CPRA hosts monthly meetings throughout South Louisiana as well as other public and community meetings to receive input from residents. Check the calendar at coastal.la.gov for upcoming events.