



# 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 projects continue to be implemented to protect and restore coastal Louisiana, CPRA is advancing the development of the 2017 Coastal Master Plan by:



### Emphasizing communities.

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 of protection and restoration projects on local communities and businesses, as well as the regional and national economy. This information will be quantified and included in the analysis and decision making process.



### Focusing on flood risk reduction and resilience.

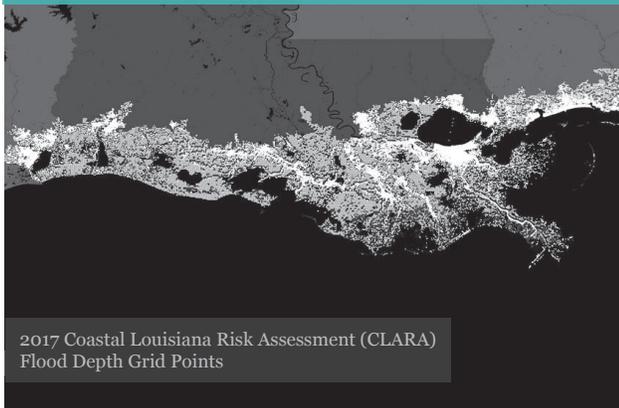
Using all of the tools available to reduce communities' flood risk, CPRA is exploring different types of nonstructural options and refining policies to help communities become more resilient. The 2017 Coastal Master Plan will present a considerably more detailed path forward for nonstructural project recommendations, funding sources, grant procedures, and policy recommendations. In addition, outreach and engagement opportunities are expanding through the creation of a new, interactive web-based viewer to help residents better understand their flood risk now and in the future. To access the viewer, visit the "Flood Risk and Resilience Viewer" at [cims.coastal.la.gov/floodrisk](http://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 Louisiana's current coastal environment, as well as the expected changes 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. In an effort to make the modeling process as transparent and available to the public as possible, technical modeling reports are being posted in draft form to the "Technical Analysis" page of the Coastal Master Plan website – [coastal.la.gov/2017](http://coastal.la.gov/2017). This resource provides the full list of technical reports documenting the models used to evaluate projects for the 2017 Coastal Master Plan.

## Expanding partnerships and collaboration.



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

CPRA looks forward to working with communities, local leaders, and state and federal partners to create the 2017 Coastal Master Plan, and residents are encouraged to stay in touch as we work toward a sustainable coast.

Connect with CPRA at:  
[coastal.la.gov](http://coastal.la.gov)

## How can you get involved?

- **Request a presentation.** Upon request, CPRA is happy to speak with civic or professional groups. To request a presentation email [masterplan@la.gov](mailto: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 – [coastal.la.gov/2017](http://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](http://coastal.la.gov) for upcoming events.

