Our goal is not, and has never been, to rebuild the coast of the 1930s or to maintain our current coastal footprint. We know that is not feasible. The 2017 Coastal Master Plan recommends a diversity of projects to build land and reduce flood risk in order to balance short-term needs with long-term goals. The reality is that this plan will not solve all the challenges facing coastal Louisiana. It will take an unprecedented effort by government, the private sector, and coastal communities to improve the sustainability of our coast. However, Louisiana’s people are resilient, and we are up to the challenge.

The master plan is keenly focused on identifying and prioritizing high-performing projects that could be implemented over the next 10 years, while also planning for the next 50. Over the next 50 years, the 2017 Coastal Master Plan includes:

- $18 billion for marsh creation, $5 billion for sediment diversions, and more than $2 billion for other types of restoration projects, providing land building benefits of 800 to 1,200 square miles compared to no action.
- $19 billion for structural risk reduction and $6 billion for nonstructural risk reduction; these projects will save more than $8.3 billion in annual economic damage by year 50 and are expected to pay for themselves three times over the course of implementing the plan.
- Many restoration benefits that will support commercial and recreational fisheries, coastal wildlife, and the diverse habitats which enable us to live, work, and play across the coast.

TAKING ACTION TODAY FOR TOMORROW’S GOOD. In all, the master plan outlines projects that cost, in present value, approximately $50 billion. These investments will not only provide direct restoration and risk reduction benefits, but will also provide tremendous economic development opportunities for Louisiana and its residents.

The unprecedented investment in coastal restoration and protection will continue to put Louisiana at the forefront of using science and innovation to plan a sustainable future for our coastal communities and our valuable ecosystem. We are proactively preparing for a bright future in an ever-changing landscape.
was formed by the Louisiana State Legislature in 2005 following the devastation brought to our state by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. CPRA is responsible for hurricane protection and the protection, conservation, restoration, and enhancement of coastal wetlands and barrier shorelines or reefs throughout southern Louisiana’s coastal area—the contiguous areas subject to storm or tidal surge. CPRA is boldly addressing the root cause of Louisiana’s coastal crisis by pioneering large-scale restoration plans to build coastal habitats and to reconnect the river to its delta, as well as promoting increased coastal protection and community resilience.