



Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority



The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) was created in 2005 as the single state entity with authority to articulate a clear statement of priorities to develop, implement, and enforce a comprehensive protection and restoration Coastal Master Plan for Louisiana.

With a mandate to develop, implement and enforce a comprehensive coastal protection and restoration Master Plan, CPRA integrates coastal restoration and hurricane protection by marshaling the expertise and resources of federal, state and local political subdivisions, including levee districts.

Louisiana's Coastal Program Since 2007:



Investments of \$630-\$840 million/year support:

- 7,800 to 10,500 jobs annually
- \$59,000 average annual wage (\$18,000 higher than state average)
- \$460 to \$620 million in wages annually
- \$590 to \$785 million value added to state economy annually
- \$1.1 to \$1.5 billion in annual output



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Did You Know?

- Louisiana's coast is home to 2.5 million citizens - over half of the state's population.
- Louisiana's ports ship 60% of the nation's grain.
- Louisiana's ports host the most tonnage in the Western Hemisphere.
- Louisiana has 37% of ALL the coastal marshes and habitat in the continental U.S. Wetlands.
- Louisiana's Port Fourchon services 90% of the deep water oil and gas activity in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Louisiana's coast provides almost 18% of the nation's oil supply.
- Louisiana's vital pipeline infrastructure consists of nine interstate and four intrastate natural gas pipelines, which produce approximately \$44 billion in annual fuel products for the nation.
- Louisiana has 5 of America's top 15 ports.
- Louisiana's Mississippi River Delta is equivalent to \$1.3 trillion of natural capital.
- Louisiana habitat is responsible for the production of 21% of all commercial fisheries' landings by weight in the lower 48 states.
- Louisiana's ports ship \$21 billion annually in agricultural products.
- Louisiana is home to approximately 75% of all commercially harvested fish species.

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