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:**

- **$20 billion** secured for protection & restoration projects in 20 parishes
- **130 million** cubic yards of fill utilized
- **41,305 acres** of land benefited
- **297 miles** of levee improvement
- **60 miles** of barrier islands & berms constructed or under construction

**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

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.