



## New Project Development

Louisiana is in the midst of a land loss crisis that has claimed approximately 2,000 square miles of land since the 1930s. Predictions in the 2017 Coastal Master Plan of future coastal land loss and storm surge-based flood risk, even with plan implementation, demonstrate that isolated project investments often provide minimal benefits beyond their immediate footprint or local area. Synergistic interactions among projects of different types affecting the same region have been shown to produce greater and more sustainable benefits. Moreover, future predictions show the scale of the challenge facing coastal Louisiana and reinforce the need for the master plan process to focus on investments with beneficial effects at the sub-basin to regional scale.

CPRA will accept proposals for new projects or project concepts to be included in the 2023 Coastal Master Plan. Emphasis should be on projects that continue to provide benefit in the face of sea level rise and subsidence without continued maintenance, those that make a contribution to maintaining estuarine gradients in future decades, and those that provide storm surge-based risk reduction at the community or regional scale. New projects that meet this challenge can be proposed by any source, including academia, parishes, elected officials, agencies, NGOs, landowners, business/industry, and the general public.

All proposals must be delivered electronically, in .pdf format, to [MasterPlan@la.gov](mailto:MasterPlan@la.gov) or mailed to the 2023 Coastal Master Plan Project Development Program at P.O. Box 44027, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804 and received **by March 1, 2019**. Questions may be directed to [MasterPlan@la.gov](mailto:MasterPlan@la.gov). Please include "2023 Coastal Master Plan Project Development" in the subject line of the email.

Proposals should be no more than seven pages (one page for the Cover Sheet and Contact Information, three pages for Project Description, one page for the Map, and one to two pages for Project Attributes). Please see the New Project Development Program Guidelines and Criteria [here](#). On **October 17, 2018**, CPRA will host an informational webinar to review the details of the new project development solicitation. Please register [here](#) to attend.