



Louisiana is washing away. Our wetlands are disappearing at the perilous rate of 24 square miles per year – equal to a football field every 38 minutes.

The Water Campus is an unusual opportunity to challenge this peril. For the scientists and engineers expected to work at The Water Campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana's coast will be a living laboratory. There, they can research the problems and test innovations that can save coastal regions around the world, where more than 2 billion people now live.



THE POWER OF KNOWLEDGE

Rising sea levels, uncertain weather patterns and the risk of drought and floods are a constant threat to people living in coastal areas all over the world. As our environment changes we need to study, learn and master the realities of living in a world dominated by water.

Today we are building the Water Campus, a world-class research center rising on 35 acres along the Mississippi River. Here scientists and engineers will develop new concepts to protect our wetlands and save our coastlines.

To help prepare generations, The Water Campus will also be the home to an interactive Research and Interpretive Center where people from around the globe can see first-hand the force of water on our planet. With state-of-the-art technology and vibrant interactive displays, visitors will learn how to help manage coastal conservation and become part of the solution to the challenges that face our coastlines.



THE WATER CAMPUS

Unlike other States, Louisiana is more than just a swatch of square miles, marked on a map by imaginary lines. Our home is best understood as a dynamic meeting of land and water, defined more by its constantly changing coastline than by any arbitrary borders. From the marshy merger of sea and shore comes 70% of the nation's harvest of oysters and other seafood. The Mississippi River, which formed much of Louisiana, is the spine of commerce connecting us with America between the Rockies and the Appalachians. Water from the Mississippi is pumped into the industries that line its banks for manufacturing products that, in turn, are shipped out over the same river waters to markets around the world.



The Water Campus is a world-class collaborative research campus devoted to the study of coastal restoration and sustainability. Developing over the next decade, The Water Campus will rise on 35 acres along the Mississippi River, adjacent to downtown Baton Rouge. In that time, the number of researchers and support staff employed at the facility will expand to over 4,000. More than 1.8 million square feet of labs, research facilities and commercial space will enable them to carry out their vital work in a collaborative environment – studying coastal threats, formulating theories, exchanging ideas, and cooperating to arrive at innovative solutions that might never be possible working alone.

More than \$50 million has been committed by partners, including the State of Louisiana, for developing the first phase of what will be an international destination for leading minds in science, engineering and other specialties. Ultimately, The Water Campus will attract thousands of people, all working together in an effort to understand and better manage the complex relationship between water, land, and people around the world.

The Water Campus, when fully complete, will have over 1.6 million square feet of commercial space. It will house over 4,000 research, construction, engineering and infrastructure development professionals over the next two decades. It will be a catalyst for a new knowledge-based economy in Baton Rouge.





SITE MAP

The Water Campus will be for more than science and engineering. Other types of firms are expected to occupy the Campus, taking advantage of it riverfront location next to existing employment centers, alternative transportation and unburdened road network.

With a wide range of partners and potential tenants, this collaborative environment will advance the study and applied science of water research for the international community.

The Water Campus is being developed in partnership with Louisiana and East Baton Rouge Parish governments, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Louisiana universities, and nonprofits. The campus will provide space for basic and applied research, academic functions, public education resources and displays, and administrative offices, all sufficient enough to meet current and anticipated future needs. The Campus will be the focal point of a new skyline for Baton Rouge and will enhance the efforts to restore and enhance coastal environments.

