



New Project Development

The 2023 Coastal Master Plan will build upon previous master plan efforts to strive to ensure that the collective effects of project investments reduce storm surge-based flood risk to communities, provide habitats to support an array of commercial and recreational activities, and support infrastructure critical to the working coast. Harnessing natural processes, focusing protection on key assets, and adapting to changing coastal conditions, will achieve this.

The [2017 Coastal Master Plan](#) predictions 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 held an initial public solicitation from September 2018 – March 1, 2019 for new project concepts to be considered for the 2023 Coastal Master Plan. It will now hold a second public solicitation from October 2019 – February 14, 2020. Emphasis should be on project concepts that continue to provide benefits in the face of sea level rise and subsidence without continued maintenance, those that contribute to maintaining estuarine gradients in future decades, and those that provide risk reduction at the community or regional scale. New project concepts that meet these challenges can be proposed by any source, including academia, parishes, elected officials, agencies, NGOs, landowners, business/industry, and the public.

All proposals must be delivered electronically, in .pdf format, to 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 February 14, 2020**. Questions may be directed to 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](#).