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## CPRA Soliciting New Projects for Atchafalaya Basin Program

**BATON ROUGE, LA** - Today, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) announced it will begin accepting proposals for specific projects in the Atchafalaya River Basin in anticipation of its Atchafalaya Basin Program Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2021.

CPRA will accept proposals from various sources including academia, parish governments, elected officials, agencies, non-governmental organizations, landowners, businesses, industry, and the general public. Project nominations should include an explanation of the project need, how it addresses that need, the project location, and the specific features of the project.

Proposed projects must be submitted to CPRA by November 1, 2019. Submissions will be accepted in PDF format emailed to [coastal@la.gov](mailto:coastal@la.gov) or mailed to:

Atchafalaya Basin Program Annual Plan

P.O. Box 44027

Baton Rouge, La. 70804

Project guidelines and formatting criteria may be found at <http://coastal.la.gov/atchafalaya-basin-program/>.

Questions on the submission process and requirements can be emailed to [Alexis.Rixner@la.gov](mailto:Alexis.Rixner@la.gov). CPRA will also hold five public meetings starting at **6 pm** on the project solicitation process:

**Sept. 23 - Morgan City**

Morgan City Auditorium

728 Myrtle Street

**Sept. 26 - Morganza**

Pointe Coupee Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness

7011 Mitchell Lane

**Oct. 1 - St. Martinville**

St. Martin Parish Library  
201 Porter Street

**Oct. 2 - Henderson**

Henry Guidry Memorial Park Recreation Building  
1015 Park Road

**Oct. 3 - Plaquemine**

Bayou Sorrel Library  
33415 Highway 75

Projects will be screened on the basis of (1) consistency with Coastal Master Plan objectives and principles; (2) geographic areas with issues of water quality, sedimentation and public access; (3) non-duplication of submissions previously turned down, unless justifiable in light of changing conditions, and (4) adequate information with sufficient detail for thorough evaluation. Note that detailed cost and land area estimates are not required for each project type.

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*Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is the single state entity with authority to develop, articulate, implement, and enforce a comprehensive coastal Master Plan of unified vision, to reduce tropical storm surge flood impact, to restore our bountiful natural resources, to build land to protect our nation's critical energy infrastructure, and to secure Louisiana's coast now and for future generations.*