Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion
Draft Phase II Restoration Plan 3.2 Overview

LOUISIANA TRUSTEE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (LA TIG)
CPRA

State agency and permit applicant for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion

Responsible for engineering, design, and coordinating with USACE

LA TIG

Group of coordinating federal and state agencies responsible for overseeing the use of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill settlement dollars allocated to Louisiana

Responsible for the Restoration Plan, which is the document that details the recommendation of funding the project
Deepwater Horizon oil spill implications

Barataria Basin is home to the most heavily oiled areas

Immediate and long-term impacts of oiling: up to 3x acceleration of rate of erosion

Response activities further accelerated rate of wetland loss
LA TIG Allocation

TOTAL ALLOCATION = $5B

- Monitoring, Adaptive Management, and Administrative Oversight: $258,000,000
- Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities: $60,000,000
- Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources: $343,311,600
- Restore Water Quality via Nutrient Reduction: $20,000,000

- Restore and Conserve Habitat: $4,318,688,400
Considering the scale of impacts from the oil spill, the Trustees also understand the importance of increasing the resiliency and sustainability of this highly productive Gulf ecosystem through restoration.” To address these large-scale impacts, the Trustees agreed that “[d]iversions of Mississippi River water into adjacent wetlands have a high probability of providing these types of large-scale benefits for the long-term sustainability of deltaic wetlands.
Barataria Basin Strategic Restoration Plan

THE TRUSTEES’ TWO DECISIONS:

1. A restoration strategy that utilizes a suite of restoration approaches/types, including large-scale sediment diversions to restore deltaic processes, marsh creation, and ridge restoration.

2. Selected 3 projects for further evaluation and planning:
   - Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion
   - Large Scale Marsh Creation: Component E
   - Barataria Basin Ridge and Marsh Creation: Spanish Pass Increment
Draft Phase II Restoration Plan #3.2: MID-BARATARIA SEDIMENT DIVERSION
MBSD Restoration Objectives

Restore injuries from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill

Deliver freshwater, sediment, and nutrients to the Barataria Basin through a large-scale sediment diversion

Reconnect and re-establish sustainable deltaic processes between the Mississippi River and Barataria Basin

Create, restore, and sustain wetlands and other deltaic habitats
NRDA + NEPA Processes

NRDA PROCESS
- APPROACHES AND TECHNIQUES
- SOLICITATION OF PROJECTS
- PROJECT LOCATION AND TYPE
- DESIGN ALTERNATIVES
- POTENTIAL SELECTION, CONSTRUCTION, AND FUNDING

PDARP
- STRATEGIC RESTORATION PLAN
- PHASE 2 DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN
- PHASE 2 FINAL RESTORATION PLAN

NEPA PROCESS
- 404/10 PERMIT APPLICATION
- DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
- FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CPRA
- PROJECT ENGINEERING, DESIGN, AND PLANNING

RECORD OF DECISION

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION
• Submit comments **electronically:**
  - parkplanning.nps.gov/MBSD

• Submit **written comments:**
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District
    Attn: CEMVN-OD-SE, MVN-2012-2806-E00
    7400 Leake Avenue
    New Orleans, LA 70118

• Submit **oral comments** via the toll-free number:
  - 866-211-9205

• Submit **oral comments** during the virtual public meetings
  - April 6, April 7, April 8

ALL COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE MAY 4, 2021, WILL BE CONSIDERED