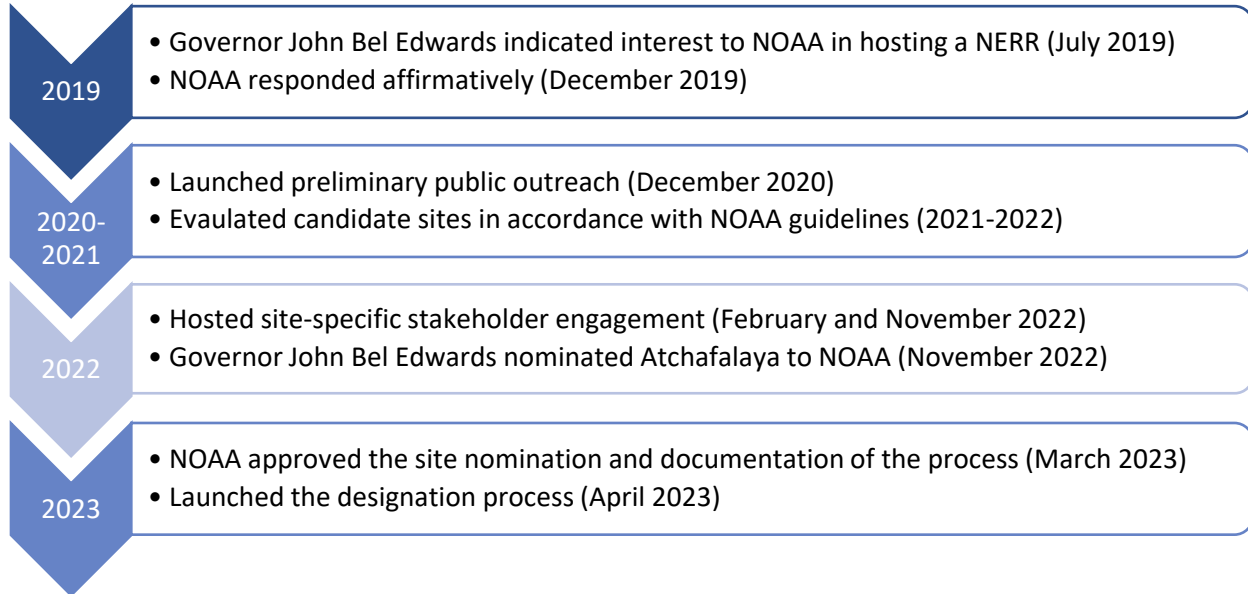


# Proposed Atchafalaya National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)

## Nomination and Designation Process

### Nomination Process



### Designation Process

- The designation process includes the development of a **Management Plan** and **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**.
- The Management Plan contains the goals, objectives, and strategies for the reserve and provides the guiding framework for reserve implementation.
- The EIS describes and evaluates potential impacts of the reserve on the surrounding environment, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Through this public scoping meeting and comment period, we are seeking public input on the geographic location of the reserve, lands and waters to include in the reserve boundary, potential alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS, and any other feedback, suggestions, or concerns that should be considered while developing the EIS.

