


# Louisiana Wetlands Educational Center





An aerial photograph showing a highly fragmented coastline. The land is depicted in shades of brown and tan, appearing as numerous small, irregular islands and peninsulas. These landmasses are separated by a network of dark blue water channels and larger bodies of water. The overall pattern suggests significant coastal erosion and the loss of land area over time.

**Over the last 90 years, Louisiana has  
lost over 2,000 square miles of coast.**



An aerial photograph showing a dark, flooded landscape with several dead, bleached trees standing in the water. The water is dark blue-black, and the surrounding land is covered in brown, dead vegetation. The trees are skeletal, with no leaves, and their roots are exposed. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**During that time, Jean Lafitte has been at the  
center of the fight to save our coast.**





**That's where the Wetlands Educational Center comes in.**





To educate the public about the  
importance of our coast...





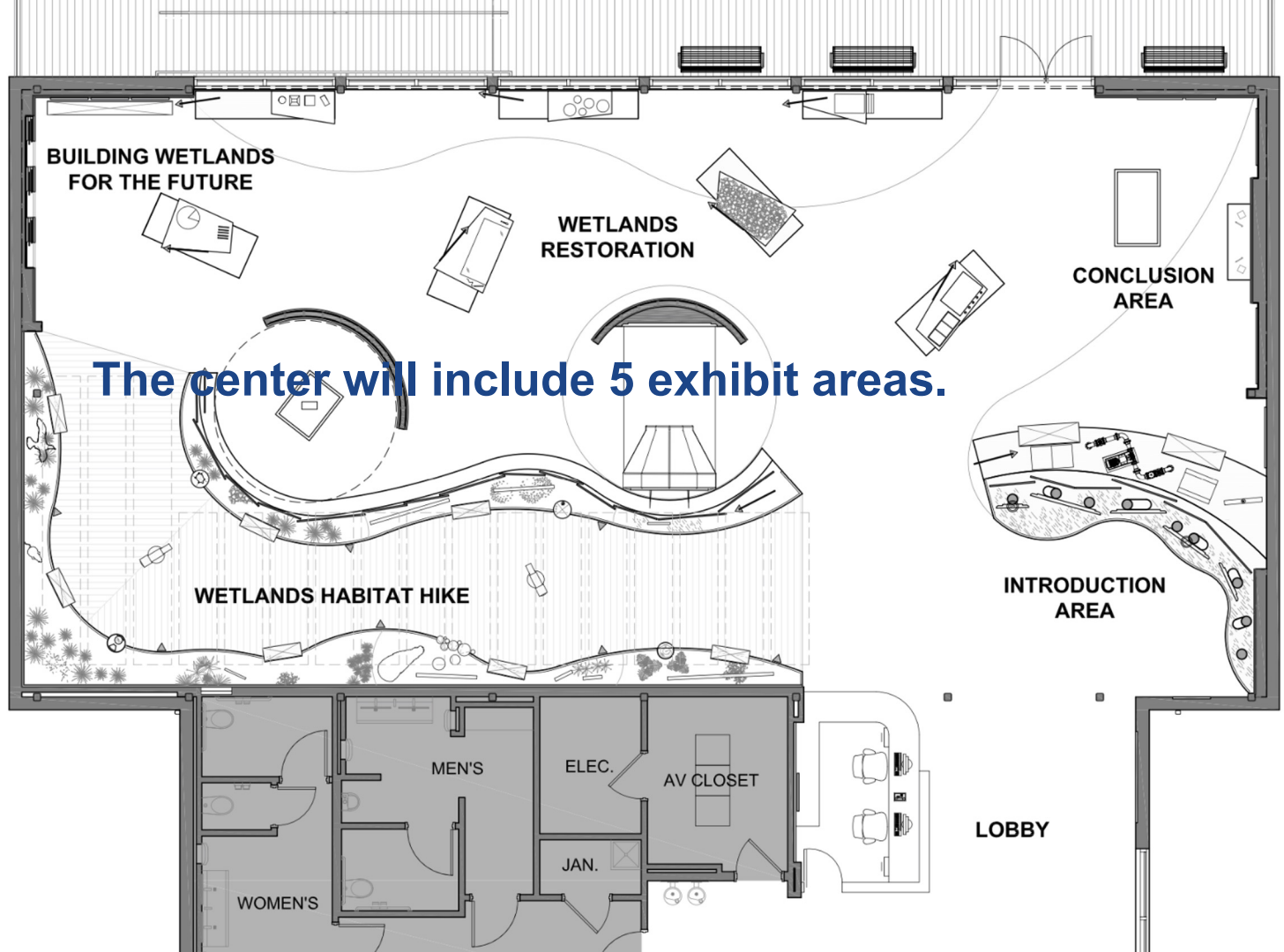
And our unique way of life.





**A 3,500 square foot wetland center will feature state-of-the-art exhibits.**









Introduction area





**Wetlands Habitat Area**





## Wetlands Building and Restoration Area



## EXPLORE THE SWAMP!



## BE PART OF THE STORY



## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do these wetlands mean to you?



## IT'S ALL CONNECTED



Conclusion Area





The Wetlands Educational Center is connected to the town's Nature Preserve and Trail, which is next to the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Barataria Preserve.



**Giving visitors a unique first-hand  
look at the wetlands and swamps of  
Louisiana.**







**Including a cypress swamp, native  
plants and wildlife.**



A photograph of a swampy environment. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the surrounding greenery. A large, moss-covered log lies horizontally across the water, with a turtle resting on it. To the right, another log with exposed roots is partially submerged. In the middle ground, a wooden boardwalk with a railing runs horizontally across the frame. The background is filled with dense trees, many of which have Spanish moss hanging from their branches. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

**Construction will be  
complete in 2025.**