

# Ducks Unlimited Project Updates – SE Louisiana

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# Outline

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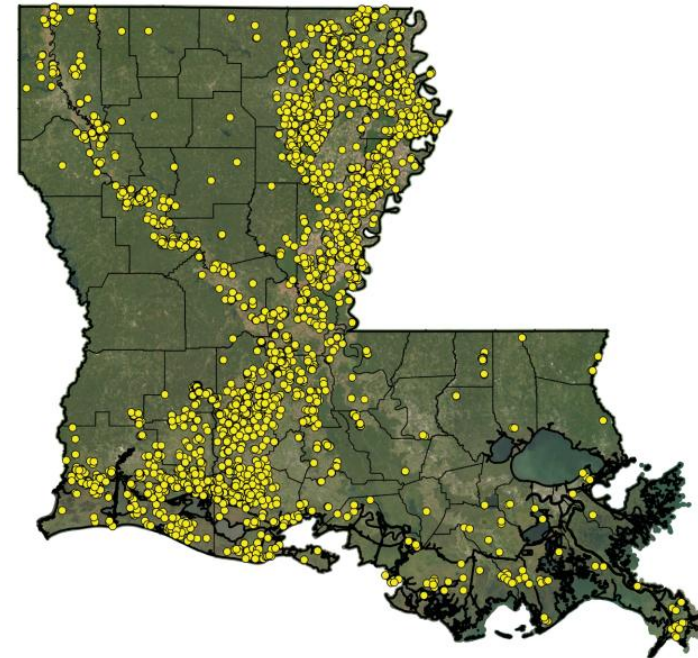
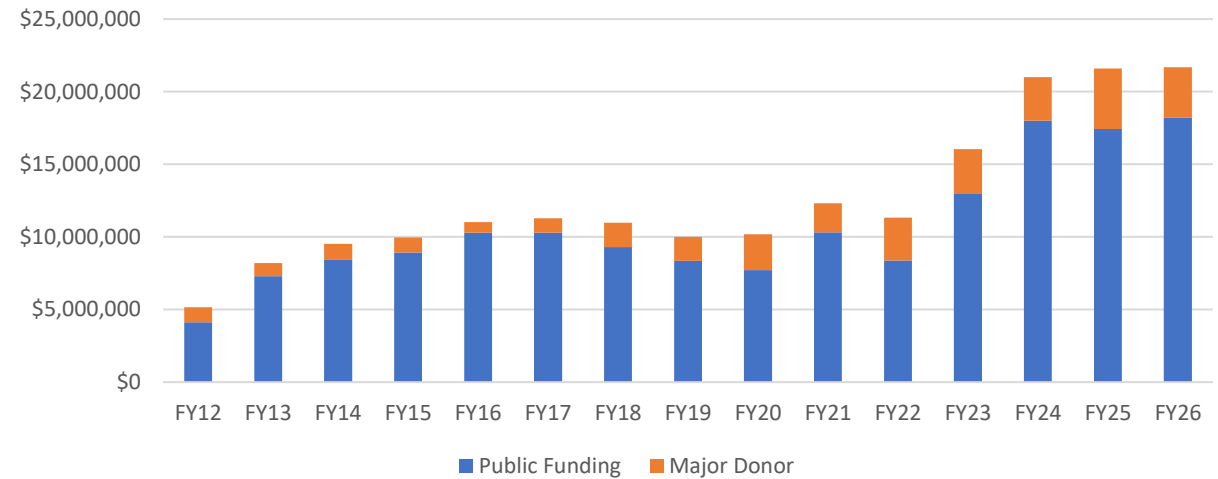
- Budget Summary
- Project Updates
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  - Future Funded



# Budget Summary

- Began conservation work in mid-1980s in LA
- ~\$232M to date
- \$21.6M spent in FY26
- Avg. \$21.4 over past three years
- \$10M range as recently as 2010

Ducks Unlimited Louisiana - Money Spent on Conservation - Last 15 Years





NFWF



**Wisner**



**Apache**



*Bradish Johnson Co. Limited*



**Viking  
Land  
Holdings**

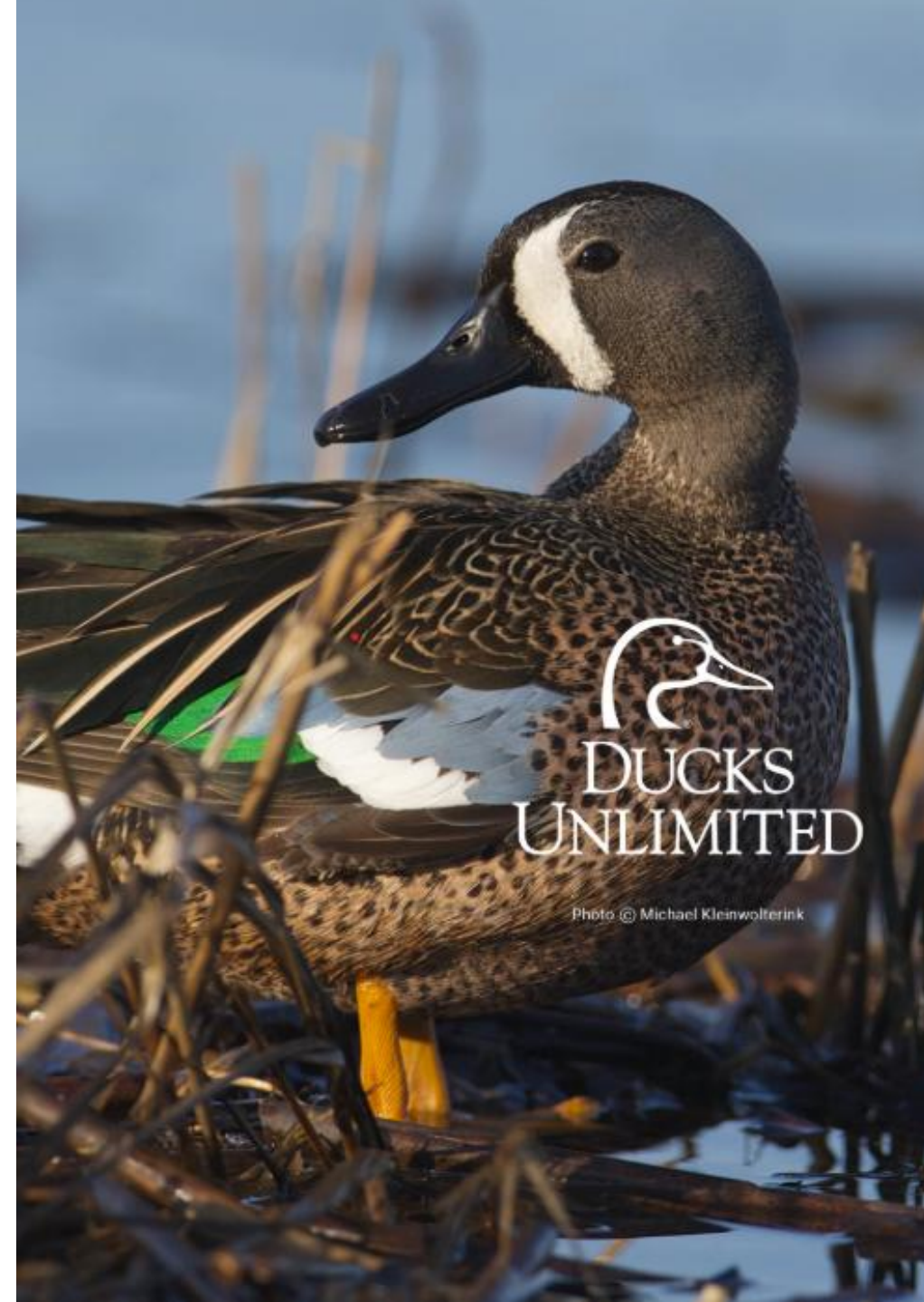


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# Recently Completed Projects

- NSU Phase II Wetland Unit
- Lake Hackberry Shoreline Protection
- Carencro Bayou Bankline Repairs Phase I
- Caernarvon / Forty Arpent Canal Freshwater Delivery



# NSU Phase II Filtering Wetland Unit

APPROPRIATION REQUEST TO U.S. Congressman Charlie Melancon  
For Fiscal Year 2006 (October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006)

## Institute for Floodplain Ecology

### (1) Name of Organization:

Nicholls State University – College of Arts and Sciences – Biology Department

### (2) Contact Person:

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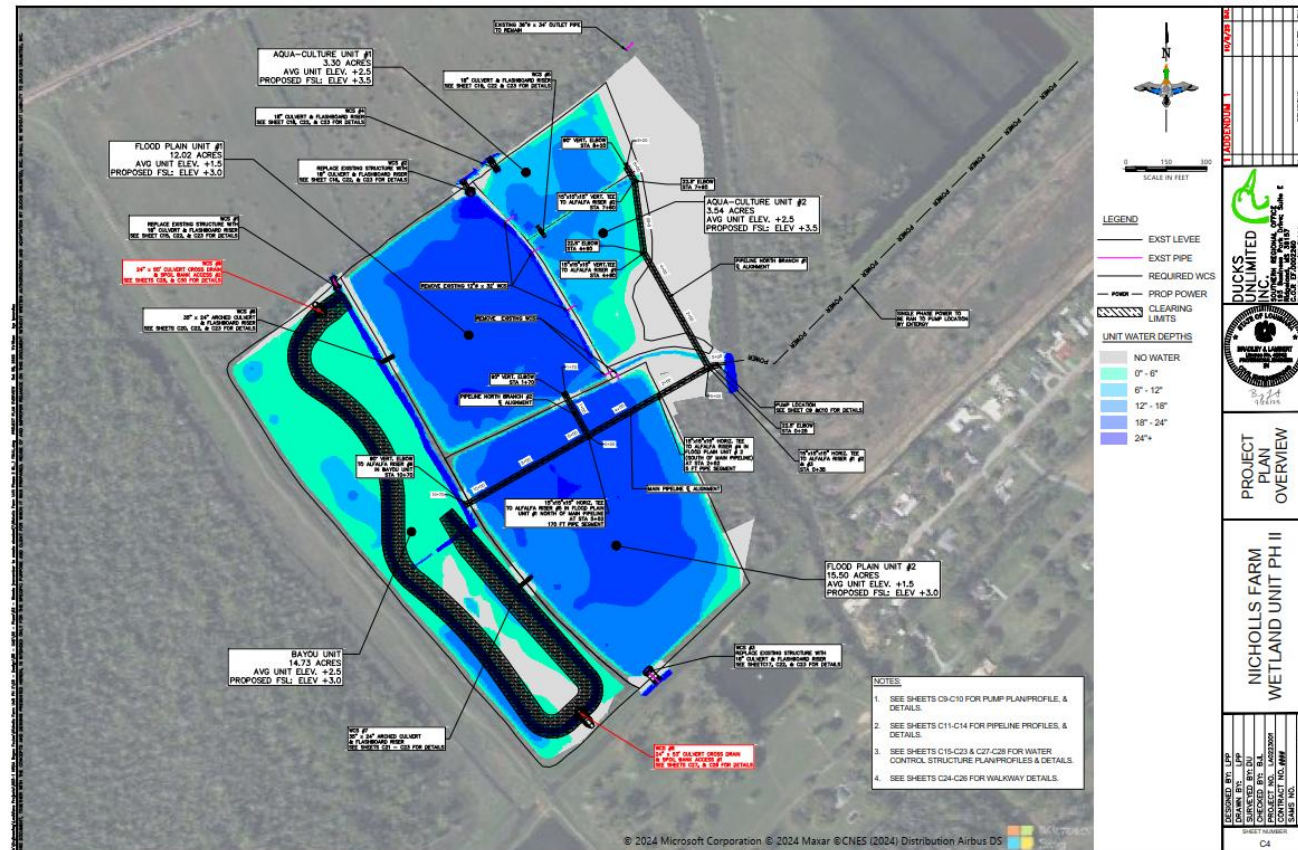
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### (3) Project Name:

Institute for Floodplain Ecology

### (4) Description of Project:

Nicholls State University (NSU) seeks to establish a multidisciplinary center to provide translatable research and instruction toward regional and national concerns regarding floodplain function and health. Channelization and control of the Mississippi River has caused severe subsidence and land loss throughout the lower floodplain estuary. Current land loss is a national ecological crisis that threatens the homes, safety, and environmental health of commercial species, petroleum industry operations, and the homes and safety of 10 million residents of southeastern Louisiana. NSU is located in the center of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary, which is experiencing the most rapid land loss worldwide, and has supported research and technological expertise in coastal floodplain ecology for over five decades. NSU currently



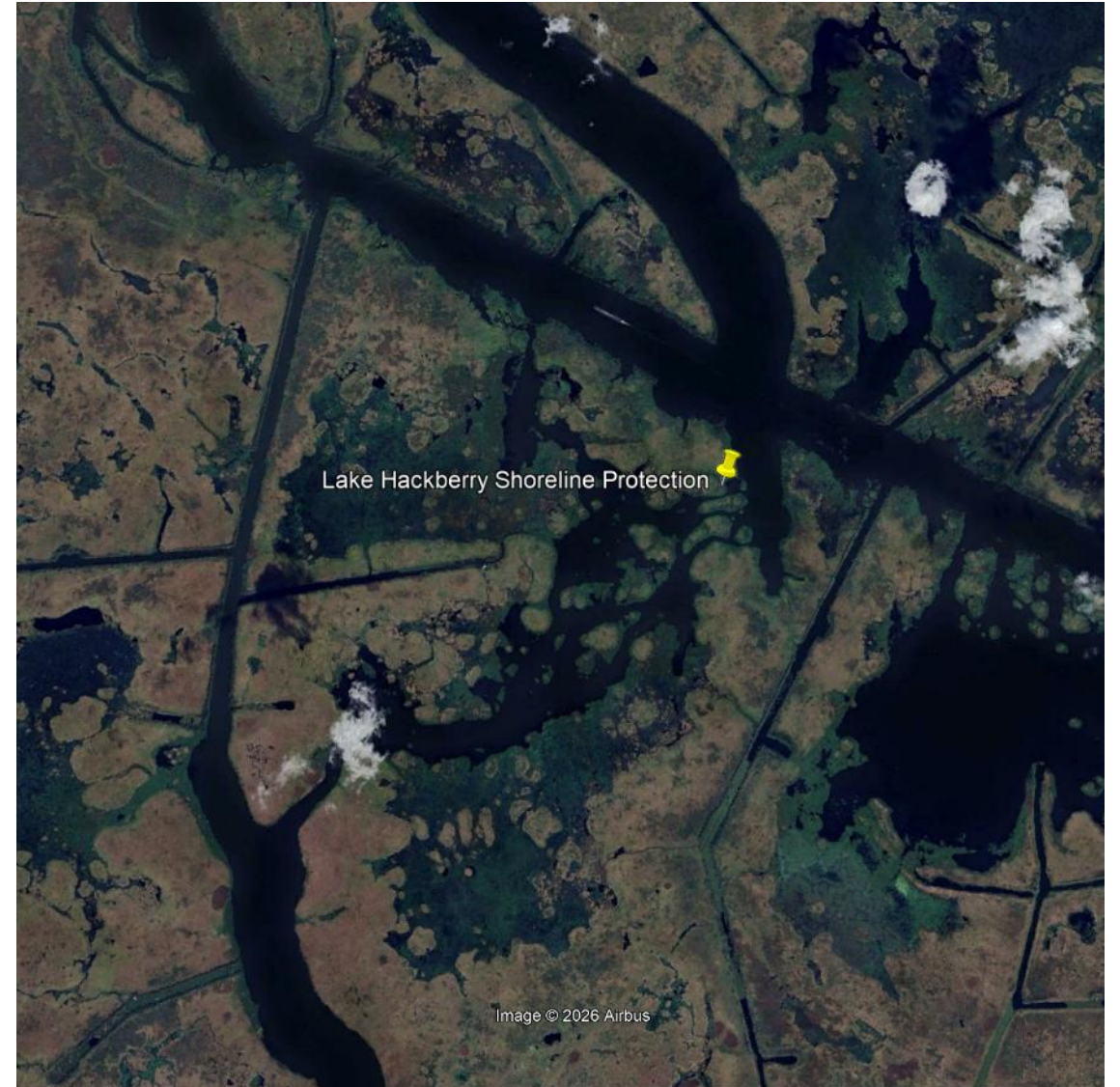
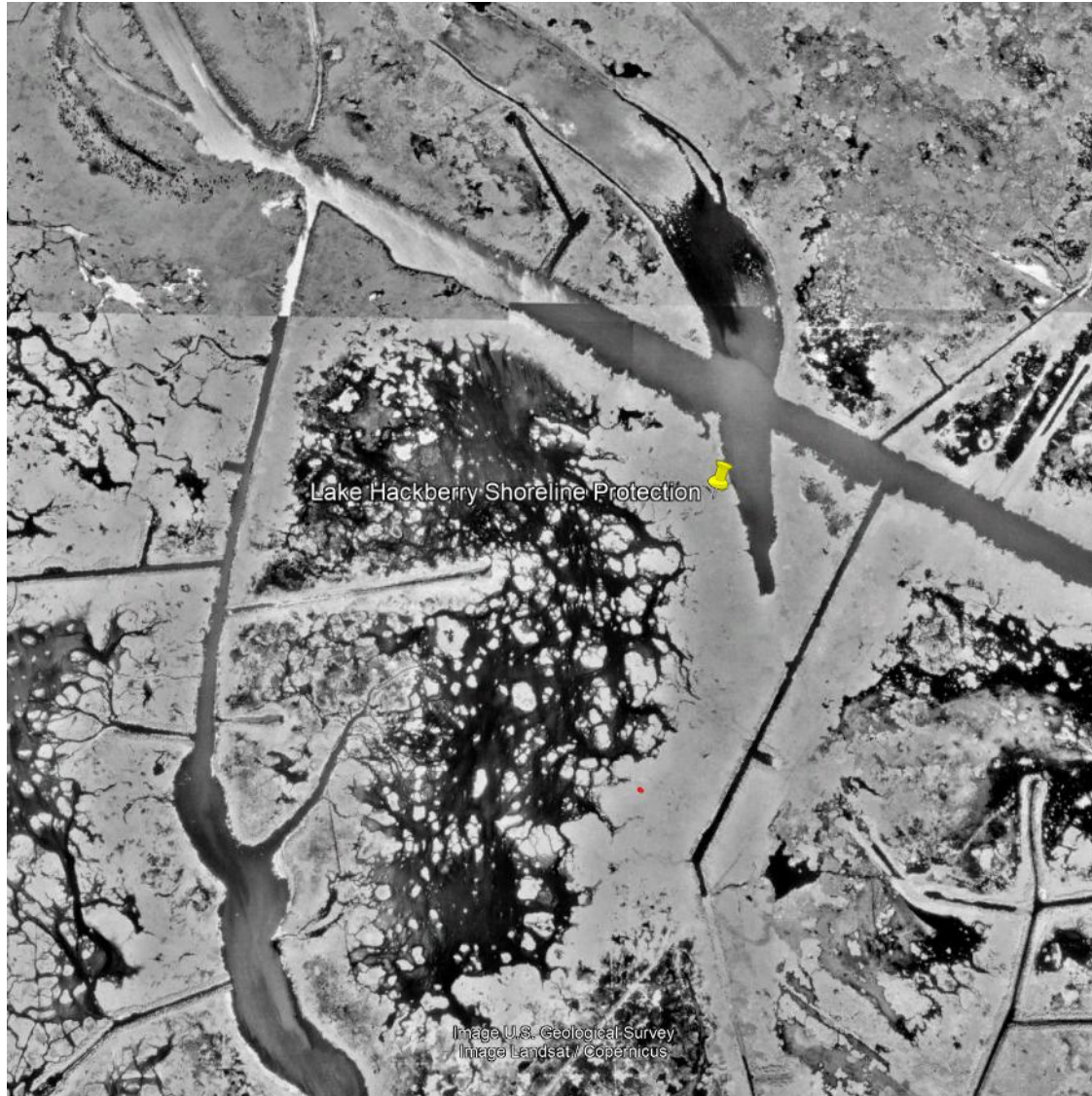
# NSU Photos



# Lake Hackberry Shoreline Protection and Bankline Repairs

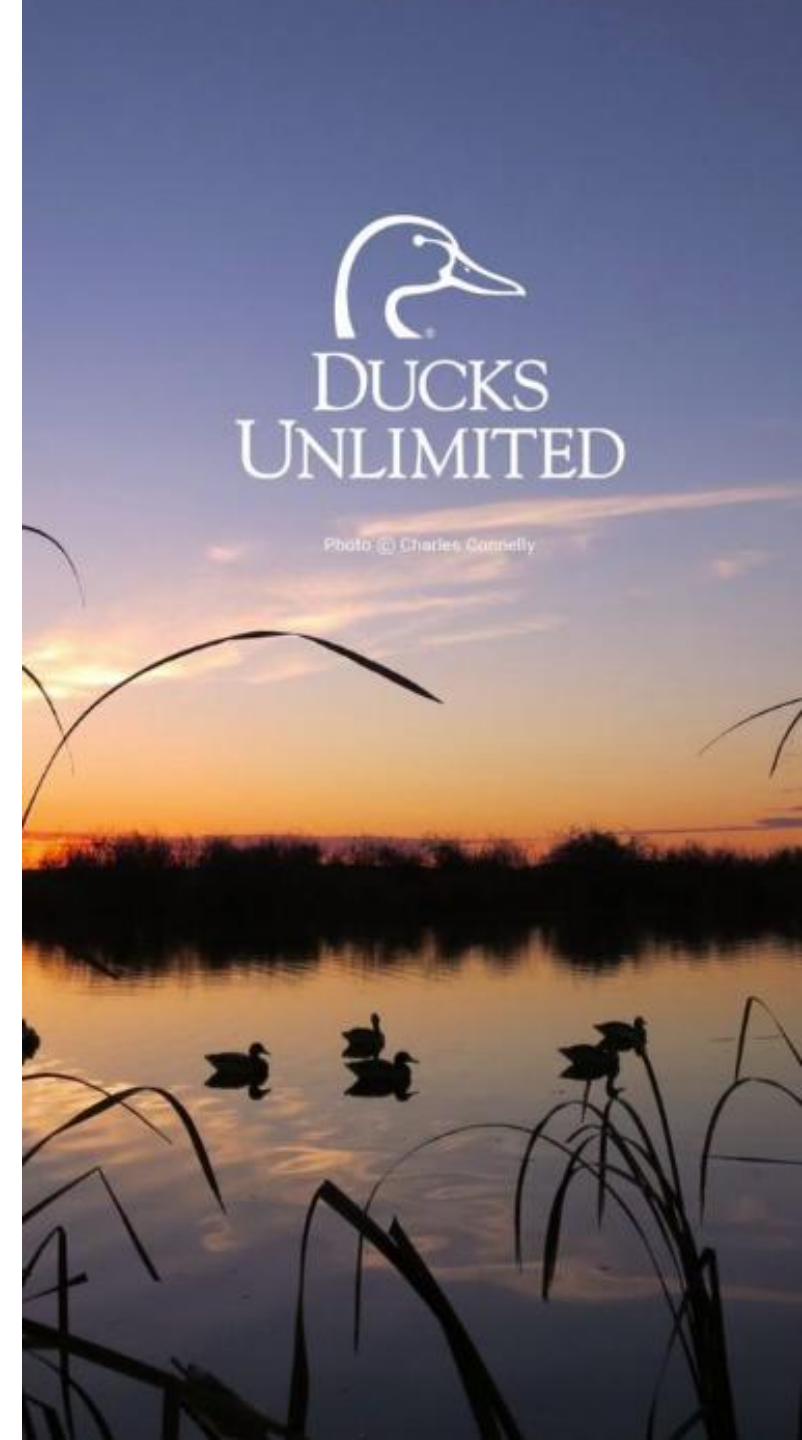


# 1990s vs Current Imagery



# Ongoing Projects

- HWY 1 Terraces and Living Shoreline
- Central Wetlands / Forty Arpent Terraces Phase II
- Grand Bayou / East Barataria Terraces
- Raccourci Bay Terraces Phase II
- Bayou L'Ours Phase V Terraces
- Marsh Island Refuge Big Impoundment Water Control Structure

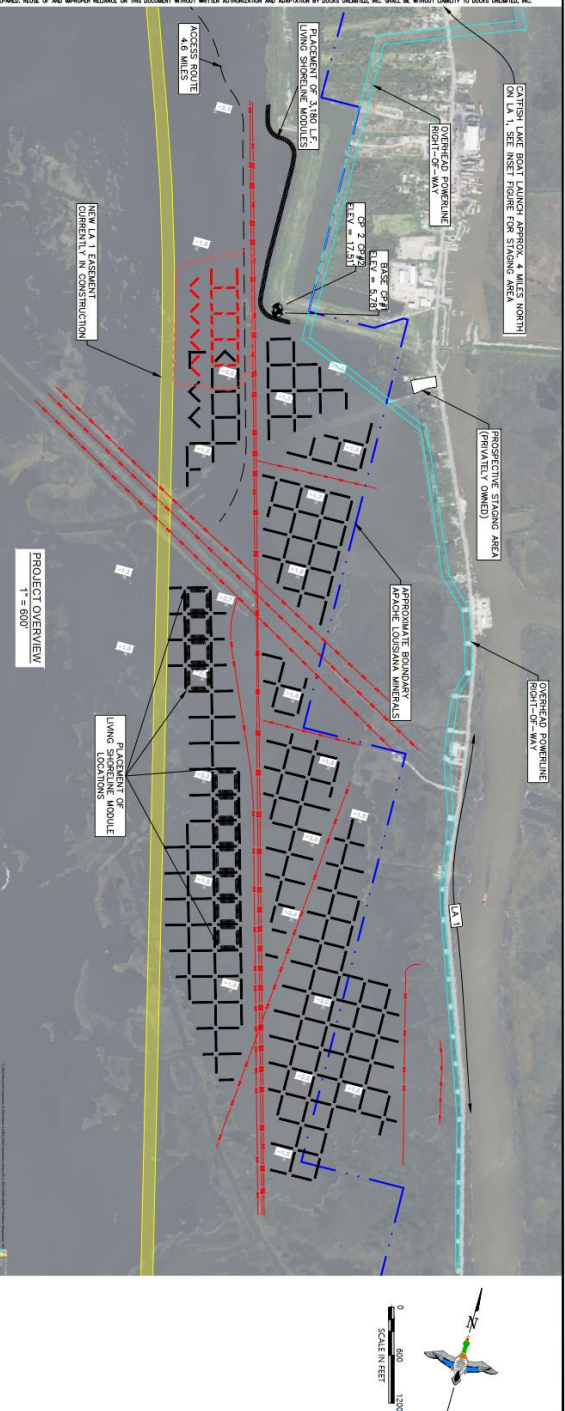
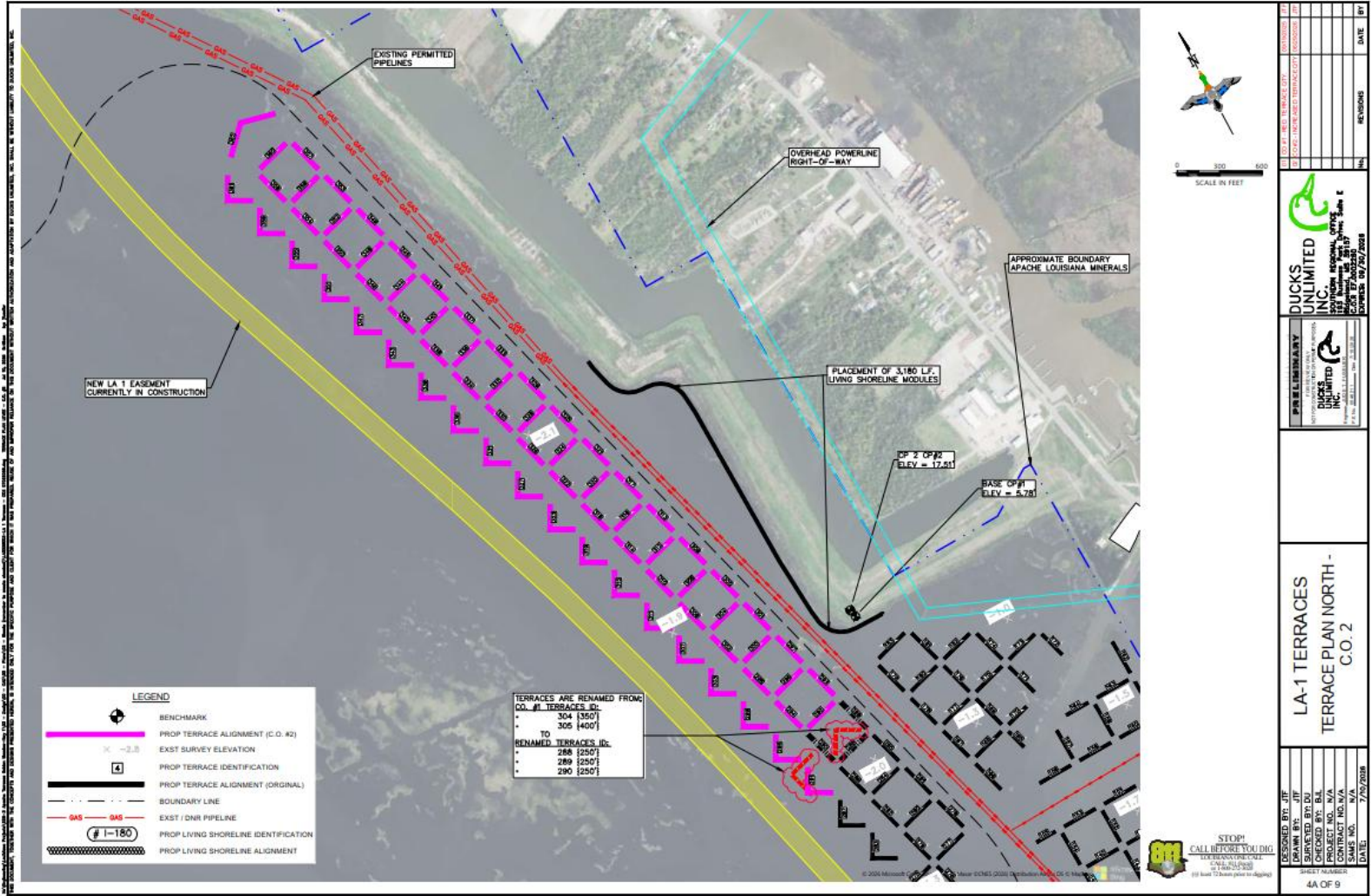


# HWY 1 Terracing and Living Shoreline

- 90,725 LF of terraces
- 10,000 LF of living shoreline
- Plantings
- Construction timeline – Nov. 2025 through March 2027
- Dean Equipment
- \$7.4M (NFWF, CPRA, LPG, ConocoPhillips, Apache, Cox, Chevron)

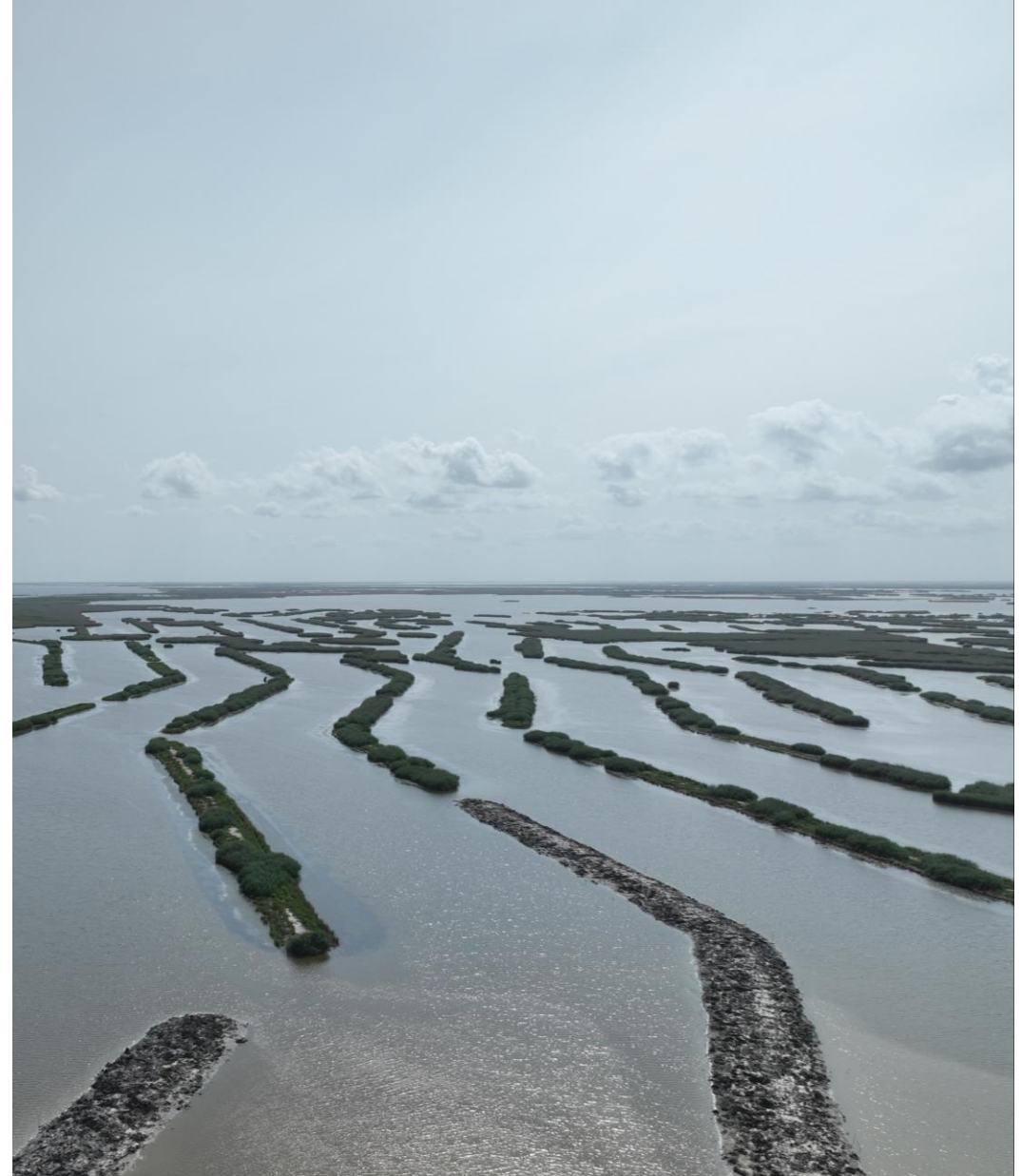


# HWY 1 Terracing and Living Shoreline



# Raccourci Bay Terraces

## Phase II



# Central Wetlands / Forty Arpent Terraces Phase II

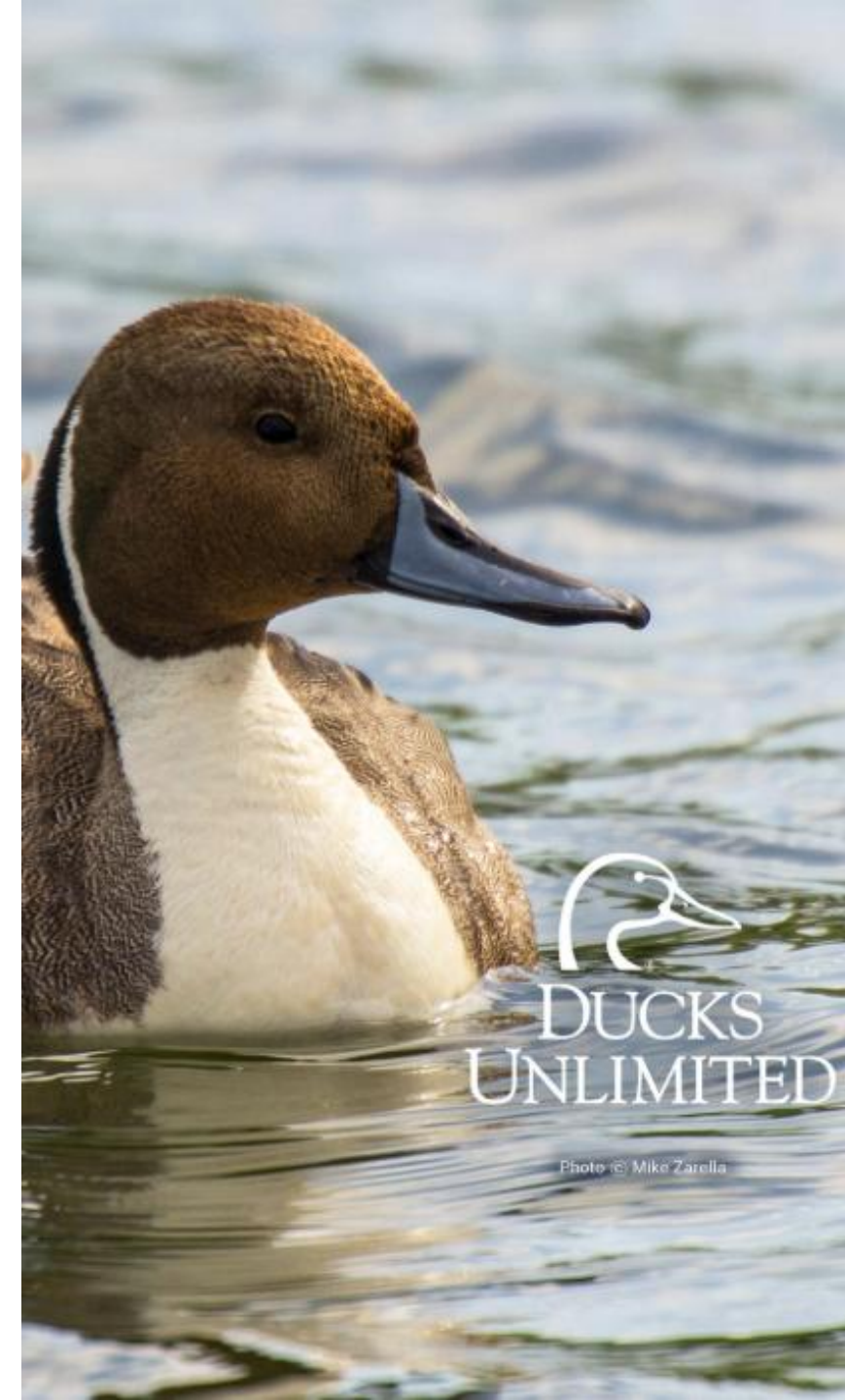


# Marsh Island Refuge – Big Impoundment Structure



# Future Funded Projects (\$26M)

- Port Fourchon Phase II Terraces
- Bayou Chevreuil Hydrologic Restoration
- Golden Meadow Marsh Creation Phase II
- North Bayou L'Ours Ridge Terraces
- Delta NWR Crevasses
- Big Branch Marsh NWR Terraces
- Northeast Little Lake Terraces
- Carencro Bayou Bankline Repairs Phase II
- Marsh Island Refuge Southeast Unit
- Avoca Island Terraces
- Harry Bourg Corp. Terraces Phase II
- Chandeleur Island (funding from DU/NAWCA for CPRA)



**Questions?**

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