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LA-COE 10-Year Impact Report Storymap

As the LA-COE continues to celebrate 10 years of impactful research supporting the implementation of the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan, we've published an interactive storymap showcasing LA-COE-funded projects and outcomes. The storymap is based on the LA-COE 10-Year Impact Report, which was published in March and is available on the [LA-COE website](#). On the storymap website, best viewed on a desktop and available at the button below, viewers can explore the LA-COE-funded projects by region or by topic as well as visualize the impact the LA-COE has had on coastal Louisiana so far.

[LA-COE Storymap!](#)

GULFCON 2026



The LA-COE team and fellow colleagues from The Water Institute were excited to take part in Gulf Conference (GulfCon) 2026 in Mobile, AL. From May 4–7, the Gulf of America Alliance hosted more than 1,000 attendees to discuss science, planning, and management strategies focused on the Gulf. The schedule included posters, panels, and presentations across 32 sessions on topics including community resilience, restoration, environmental education, and resource management. GulfCon 2026 also had the largest Tools Café in the event's history, with 45 tools that support partner and stakeholder engagement while enhancing our regional capacity to share and integrate data.

The LA-COE team played an active role throughout the conference, as both a sponsor and a presenter. The LA-COE exhibit table was among 40 other sponsors, including fellow Centers for Excellence from the Gulf states, where we shared the work of the LA-COE and our research partners through the 10-Year Impact Report and through discussions with conference attendees. Program Manager, Gretchen Vanicor, EdD., shared the mission and impacts of the LA-COE during the presentation, "Advancing the Implementation of Coastal Restoration in Louisiana through a Co-Produced and Adaptive Science Framework." Jessica Henkel, PhD, Director of Coastal Ecology and Director of RESTORE Act Center of Excellence for Louisiana, also presenting her research during the session titled, "Integrating Habitat Needs into Large-Scale Coastal Restoration: A Co-Produced Guidance Document for Adaptive Management of Louisiana's Coastal Birds," Finally, LA-COE helped facilitate and contribute to the discussion about research synthesis among the Gulf Restoration and Science Programs Coordination Forum.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the LA-COE table to say "hello" and took part in the great discussions about the future of the Gulf!





IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RFP3 PIs

Final Presentation Meetings: August 18, 20, and 24, 2026

Semi-Annual PPR Reports Due: August 31, 2026

End of RFP3 Award Period of Performance: December 31, 2026

Final Reports Due: February 1, 2027

RFP3 Data Deadline: December 31, 2027

As the RFP3-funded projects begin to move toward completion, we want to remind all PIs, co-PIs, and students that as you draft publications and conference abstracts resulting from your RFP3-funded research, you are required as part of your subaward agreement to share them with

LA-COE for CPRA review ahead of submittal. You are also required to include the following funding acknowledgement language with your publications and conference presentations:

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Additional resources for RFP3 PIs, including the PPR template, the LA-COE portal system, and a quick reference guide are available below.

Resources

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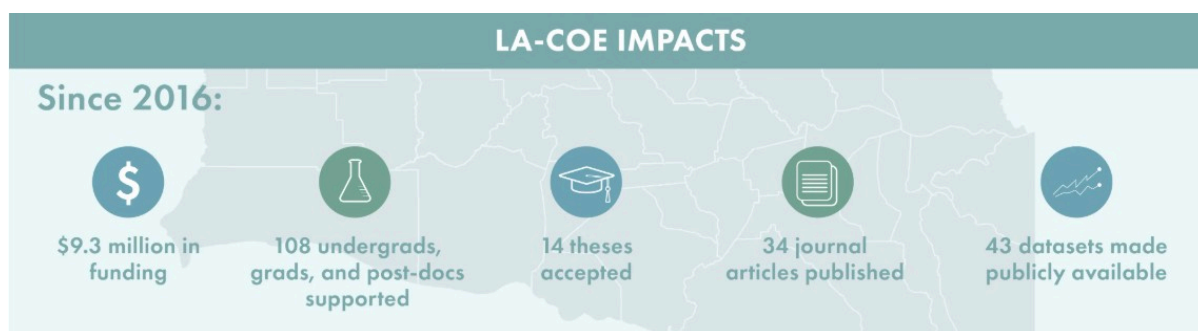


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