



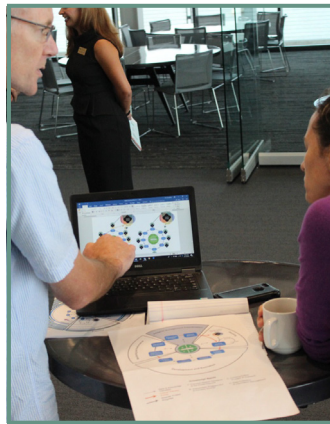
RESTORE Act Center of Excellence for Louisiana

The mission of the RESTORE Act Center of Excellence for Louisiana (LA-COE) is to fund research directly relevant to Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan by administering a competitive grants program and coordinating support to ensure that success metrics are tracked and achieved.

The Coastal Master Plan is the guiding document for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) that was developed by using the best available science and engineering. The Coastal Master Plan focuses efforts and guides the actions needed to sustain Louisiana's coastal ecosystem, safeguard coastal populations, and protect vital economic and cultural resources.

LA-COE is sponsored by CPRA and administered by The Water Institute of the Gulf, a not-for-profit, independent applied research institution dedicated to providing advanced understanding and technical expertise to support coastal, deltaic, and water systems management within Louisiana, the Gulf Coast, and around the world.

Learn more about grant opportunities at LA-COE.org



The Water Institute of the Gulf

LA-COE is a separate program within The Water Institute of the Gulf's existing organizational structure and staff are responsible for day-to-day functioning.

Questions?

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LA-COE Organizational Structure

CPRA

CPRA is the project sponsor and contract manager with ultimate responsibility over the LA-COE and works with the LA-COE to develop Standard Operating Procedures, the Research Needs and Request for Proposals (RFPs). RFP1 has been completed, and RFP2 projects were recently funded. LA-COE is expected to have funding through at least 2031 to support applied research.



Executive Committee

External Review Board

Subject Matter Experts

LA-COE and CPRA work with various groups such as the Executive Committee, External Review Board, Subject Matter Experts, and The Water Institute of the Gulf to advance the LA-COE mission.

RFP2 Funded Research

\$2.3 Million | 8 Projects

- ◆ Ridge Dynamics - Nicholls State University
- ◆ Marsh Edge Erodibility - Louisiana State University
- ◆ Subsidence & Carbon Sequestration - Louisiana State University
- ◆ Migration Modeling - The Data Center
- ◆ Marsh Creation Design - Louisiana State University
- ◆ Sea Level Rise - Tulane University
- ◆ Nutrient Dynamics - Louisiana State University
- ◆ Carbon Flux & Marsh Elevation - University of Louisiana at Lafayette

LA-COE IMPACTS

Since 2016,



\$5.3 million in funding



36 undergrads, grads, and post-docs supported



7 students graduated based on theses/dissertations



18 journal articles published



8 datasets made publicly available

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into effect the RESTORE (Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States) Act. The Act established the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund in the U.S. Department of the Treasury and directed 80% of the civil penalties paid after July 6, 2012, under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act in connection with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, to be deposited into the Trust Fund and invested. As part of this Act, 2.5 percent of funds will be dedicated to the establishment of Centers of Excellence in each of the five Gulf Coast States.

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