

Press Release



Plaquemines Parish Receives Record Number of Nominations for Coastal Projects through CWPPRA

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Belle Chasse, LA – Plaquemines Parish walked away with four major nominations for coastal projects, awarded through the coast-wide meeting of Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) held April 15th.

The CWPPRA Task Force annually develops a list of high-priority projects to be constructed. To date, eighteen such priority lists have been formulated. The projects funded by CWPPRA all focus on marsh creation, restoration, protection, or enhancement.

CWPPRA's list was recently narrowed down from 20 projects to 10, with four marsh creation and restoration projects located in Plaquemines Parish. A fifth project approved at the meeting, while not in Plaquemines Parish, would still have a positive effect on the parish.

“Once again Plaquemines Parish leads the way in coastal projects selected,” said Parish President Billy Nungesser. “This is a major accomplishment in restoring our vanishing wetlands. And many of these projects fit in well with our coastal plan.”

Next the parish's Coastal Zone will take federal and state sponsors to view the project sites as early as this week (April 20-24). In the fall the list will be cut down to the final four.

“Having our Parish President on the board of the Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority in Baton Rouge surely helps Plaquemines Parish receive attention and funding,” said P.J. Hanh, Plaquemines Parish Coastal Zone Director.

PPL19 project nominees in Plaquemines Parish are as follows:

- *Chenier Ronquille Barrier Shoreline Restoration and Marsh Creation
- *Monsecour Siphon
- *Breton Marsh Restoration
- *Dedicated Sediment Delivery and Water Conveyance for Marsh Creation West of Big Mar
- *Bayou Dupont to Bayou Baratavia Marsh Creation (in Jefferson Parish)