

## **MMS awards CIAP grant to Plaquemines Parish for East Grand Terre Island Restoration**

Today the Minerals Management Service awarded a grant to Plaquemines Parish for East Grand Terre Island restoration, which is included in the State's Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Plan.

This award is for \$6,000,000 to construct dune habitat and supratidal habitat with Plaquemines Parish share being responsible to construct 18.04 of 60.96 acres of dune habitat and 111.41 acres of 376.59 supratidal habitat of the project, or about 30% of the construction of the project.

The biological objectives of this project are to prevent breaching of East Grand Terre Island in the 20 years following construction, maintain an average post-storm dune platform elevation at or above +4 NAVD, and achieve supratidal acres of 161 acres and 456 intertidal acres 1 year following construction, 113 supratidal acres and 456 intertidal acres 10 years following construction, and 64 supratidal acres and 455 intertidal acres 20 years following construction.

This project meets Authorized Use # 1 - Projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetland.

Authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Coastal Impact Assistance Program allocates and distributes \$250 million annually for 2007 through 2010 to coastal states and political subdivisions with oil and gas production in Federal waters off their coastlines to mitigate the impacts of oil and gas activities on the Outer Continental Shelf. Additional information about CIAP can be found on MMS's website at <http://www.mms.gov/offshore/CIAPmain.htm>.

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