

Press Release



The Future of Louisiana's Coast

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While most government employees and officials enjoyed a mid-week holiday for Veterans Day, Parish President Billy Nungesser drummed support for Louisiana coastal restoration. That was the topic of a meeting on the Northshore with U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Tom Strickland, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Director Sam D. Hamilton.

Nungesser presented the Plaquemines Parish Coastal Plan to the visiting members and received praise for his efforts, and commitments from the agencies for assistance in implementing the plan. It involves pumping sediment from the Mississippi River to create forested ridges and marshland on the outside of the back levees as multiple lines of defense to lower storm surge.

Jim Rives, retired Coastal Administrator with Department of Natural Resources, addressed the crowd in attendance, stating Plaquemines Parish has taken the lead in coastal restoration, designing restoration projects with storm surge features. "They (Plaquemines) are not waiting around to see what the Federal Government is going to do for them," said Rives. "Rather they have developed a plan that will protect their communities."



Nungesser poses with Senator Mary Landrieu, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Tom Strickland, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Director Sam D. Hamilton.