Location
The project features are located near the town of Lafitte in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, on two streams, Goose Bayou and Bayou Dupont that connect the open water area of “The Pen” to the Barataria Bay Waterway.

Problems
Construction of the Mississippi River levee has stopped annual flooding that historically nourished surrounding marshes with sediments, nutrients, and fresh water. This river nourishment counteracted subsidence, saltwater intrusion, and subsequent marsh loss.

Restoration Strategy
The project features include two fixed crest rock weirs with boat bays, across Goose Bayou and Bayou Dupont. The purpose of the project is to manage the sediment-laden fresh water diverted by the Naomi Siphon [a state- and Plaquemines Parish-funded project (BA-03) located along the west bank of the Mississippi River near the community of Naomi]. The two fixed crest weirs will assist in the management of the siphon outfall water by reducing freshwater loss, allowing maximum sediment retention and nutrient uptake, and reducing saltwater intrusion into the project area.

Progress to Date
This project was combined with the Barataria Bay Waterway East Side Shoreline Protection (BA-26) project for planning and design; however, construction was separate.

The operation of the siphon was reviewed by DNR. A hydraulic analysis was performed and the results were concurred by both agencies. Construction was completed in 2002.

This project is on Priority Project List 5.

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