



# No Name Bayou Marsh Creation & Nourishment (CS-78)

## Project Status

**Approved Date:** 2015      **Project Area:** 539 acres  
**Approved Funds:** \$30 M      **Total Est. Cost:** \$31 M  
**Net Benefit After 20 Years:** 468 acres  
**Status:** Construction  
**Project Type:** Marsh Creation  
**PPL #:** 24

## Location

Region 4, Calcasieu-Sabine Basin, Cameron Parish

## Problems

The project area is located in the Cameron-Creole Watershed Management Area which protects approximately 64,000 acres in the watershed. It includes a 16.5 mile levee along Calcasieu Lake and five large concrete water control structures to manage the unit and prevent the effects of saltwater intrusion, by managing salinity, tidal exchange, water levels, and estuarine organism movement into and out of the watershed. The Calcasieu Ship Channel, west of the project area, provides an avenue for the rapid movement of high-salinity water into the marshes around Calcasieu Lake. This movement increased salinities in the area, resulting in plant death and marsh loss. The weakened marshes located south of Calcasieu Lake have also been severely damaged by hurricanes. Marshes that once provided a buffer to the southwest rim of Calcasieu Lake are now shallow open water areas.

## Restoration Strategy

The proposed project's primary feature is to create and/or nourish approximately 466 acres of saline marsh (405 acres created and 61 acres nourished) south of Calcasieu Lake. To achieve this, approximately 1.65 million cubic yards of sediment will be placed into the shallow water marsh creation area to an elevation of +1.5 ft NAVD 88 after being hydraulically pumped from a borrow area in Calcasieu Lake located northeast of the marsh creation area. Containment dikes have been constructed around the marsh creation area to keep material onsite during pumping. Once hydraulic dredging has been completed, the containment dikes will be degraded to the current platform elevation and gaps will be excavated.



Photograph of the external and internal containment dike construction progress of the No Name Bayou Marsh Creation and Nourishment project.

## Progress to Date

This project was approved for Phase I Engineering and Design in January 2015.

This project was approved for Phase II Construction Funding in January 2022 and containment construction began in June 2024.

This project is on Priority Project List (PPL) 24.

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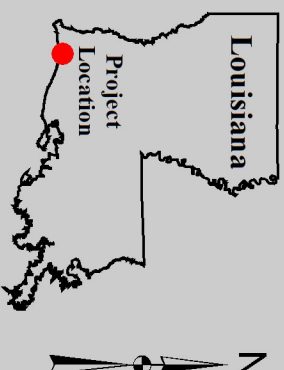
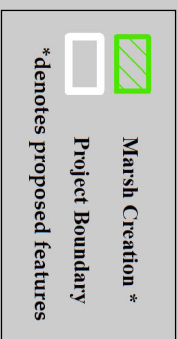
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