Project Status

**Approved Date:** 1997  
**Project Area:** 9,795 acres  
**Approved Funds:** $20.0 M  
**Total Est. Cost:** $25.7 M  
**Net Benefit After 20 Years:** 266 acres  
**Status:** Construction  
**Project Type:** Water Diversion  
**PPL #:** 6

### Location

The project is located in Terrebonne Parish, approximately 5 miles southwest of Chauvin, Louisiana.

### Problems

The area is suffering from a lack of fresh water, increasing the negative effects of saltwater intrusion into the north Lake Boudreaux basin marshes.

### Restoration Strategy

The purpose of the project is to reduce deterioration and loss of area marshes by seasonally introducing fresh water from the Houma Navigation Canal. This project includes the construction of a freshwater conveyance channel with water management gates and the installation of several outfall management structures to allow drainage and reduce ponding of water.

### Progress to Date

The contracted Feasibility Study report has indicated that the project, as proposed, can introduce the originally projected volumes of fresh water. Prior to beginning engineering and design work, a landrights assessment is being conducted to better determine where the project’s conveyance channel can be located.

This project is on Priority Project List 6.

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**Dead cypress swamps in the northern part of the project area.**

**Aerial view of dead cypress swamps in the northern part of the project area.**