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The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources has completed project engineering and design. The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force granted construction approval of construction unit one on August 7, 2002, which included shoreline vegetation plantings and were installed in summer 2003. Approval of construction unit two was granted on October 2004, which includes dedicated dredging for marsh creation and several other bank stabilization measures. Problems surrounding the recently established public oyster seed grounds and several private oyster leases in Lake Mechant were resolved and construction of that unit was completed in late 2009. This project is on Priority Project List 10.

Progress to Date

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Restoration Strategy

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