Project Status

Approved Date: 2005  Project Area: 362 acres
Approved Funds: $17.4 M  Total Est. Cost: $17.7 M
Net Benefit After 20 Years: 169 acres
Status: Completed
Project Type: Marsh Creation
PPL #: 14

Location
The project is located in the Teche/Vermilion Basin at the east end of Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge southeast of Lake Sand in Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

Problems
Substantial areas of interior emergent marsh on Marsh Island have been converted to open water, primarily because of Hurricane Lili (2002). Areas targeted under this project are those with the greatest historical land loss and within close proximity to East Cote Blanche Bay.

Restoration Strategy
This project was designed to re-create and nourish brackish marsh habitat within areas that experienced hurricane damage. The project created 363 acres of marsh and nourished an additional 665 acres. Future loss rates for the interior ponded areas are estimated to be reduced by 50 percent. This project provides a synergistic effect with CWPPRA’s Marsh Island Hydrologic Restoration (TV-14), a project constructed in December 2001.

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