

# STATE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS



## Nonstructural Program (Vermilion and St. Tammany Parishes)

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In 2020, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative's five coordinating state agencies selected 15 projects to receive \$163 million in federal funding. The projects were selected because they align with the missions of these agencies and the long-term resilience objectives of LWI. Specifically, the projects will reduce flood risk in communities throughout the state, store floodwaters in ways that enhance natural habitats and move people in flood-prone areas out of harm's way. As the granting agency of these funds, the Louisiana Office of Community Development reviewed the projects to ensure they meet HUD requirements and align with the state's \$1.2 billion CDBG-MIT [Action Plan](#).

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Communities throughout Louisiana face significant flood risk. Nonstructural mitigation projects provide a cost-effective means of reducing risk at specific locations by moving people out of harm's way and can leave space for a natural floodplain to absorb water.

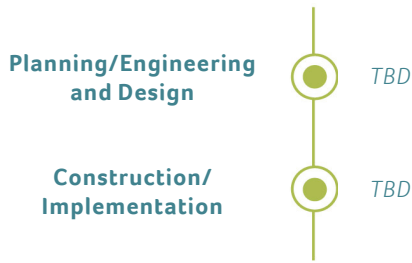
### COST ESTIMATE

**\$ 20 million**



*Aerial view of Vermilion and St. Tammany parishes where nonstructural risk reduction projects will be implemented to reduce flood risk. These are two of 15 projects funded by LWI as part of its initial \$163 million investment in reducing flood risk statewide.*

## PROJECT DURATION



## PROJECT LOCATION

### Vermilion Parish

(HUD-Identified Most Impacted and Distressed Area)

### St. Tammany Parish

(HUD-Identified Most Impacted and Distressed Area)

## SCALE OF INFLUENCE



## PLAN CONSISTENCY

### LOUISIANA CDBG-MIT MASTER ACTION PLAN (2020)

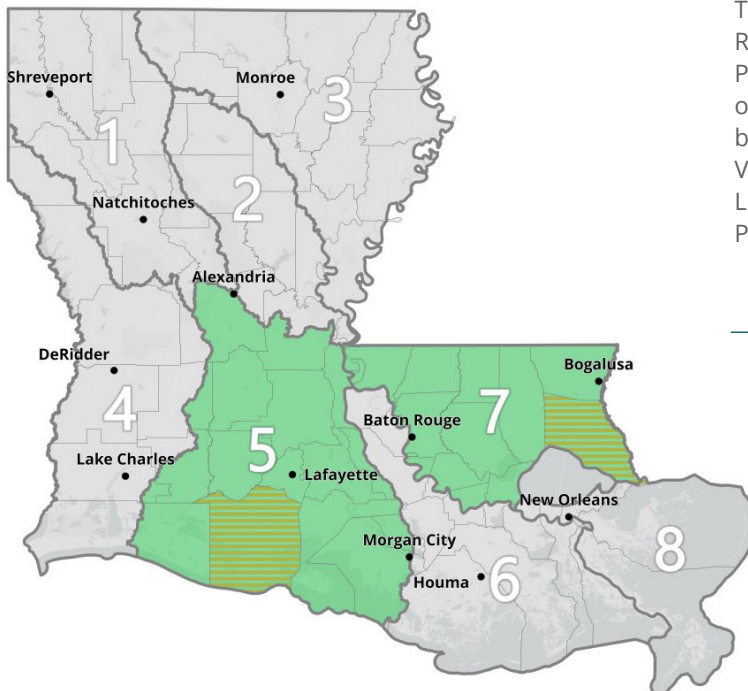
The Louisiana Office of Community Development identifies flood control projects and flood-resilient development patterns as unmet mitigation needs. The proposed projects are consistent with the CDBG-MIT Master Action Plan's focus on implementing buyout programs to enable residents in high-risk flood zones to relocate out of harm's way and the protection/restoration of lands which enhance resilience and provide flood risk reduction.

### LOUISIANA'S COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR A SUSTAINABLE COAST (2017)

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority incorporated the Flood Risk and Resilience Program into the agency's State Coastal Master Plan. The proposed projects are consistent with CPRA's goal of implementing high-performing risk reduction projects in coastal parishes.

## PROVISIONAL WATERSHED REGION AND PROJECT LOCATION

The projects are located in Provisional Watershed Regions 5 (Vermilion Parish) and 7 (St. Tammany Parish). Region 5 includes 16 parishes and is organized around two main watersheds, or drainage basins: the Calcasieu-Mermentau and Atchafalaya-Vermilion. Region 7 includes 13 parishes in eastern Louisiana situated among the Mississippi River, Lake Pontchartrain and Mississippi.



- Project Location(s)
- ▨ Project Location Parish(es)
- Provisional Watershed Region(s)

Location of Watershed Regions 5 and 7, with project locations indicated by the green circles.