

RESTORE

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DELTA

RECONNECTING THE RIVER WITH ITS DELTA TO PROTECT PEOPLE, WILDLIFE AND JOBS

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Our Vision

Reconnecting the Mississippi River to its delta to protect people, wildlife and jobs.

OUR GOALS

- Create a science-based comprehensive plan to restore the Mississippi River Delta.
- Establish a joint state and federal governance team with the authority, capacity and leadership to implement the restoration plan.
- Secure the necessary funding to implement the restoration projects that will reverse the delta's decline.
- Work with communities, scientists, economists and policymakers to expand the understanding of what is possible for restoration, crafting a sustainable future for the Mississippi River Delta.

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BY THE NUMBERS

1.2 million

Acres of Louisiana wetlands lost since the 1930s

\$2.85 billion

Annual economic impact of Louisiana's commercial fisheries

250,000

Jobs dependent on Louisiana's shipping industry

97

Percent of gulf's commercial fish and shellfish that rely on coastal wetlands

100 million

Birds living in or passing through the delta each year



Science

Just as the causes of the delta's collapse are diverse, so are the solutions. Sustainable restoration will require a suite of large-scale projects to turn the tide of land loss. Long-term success requires fundamentally rethinking our relationship with the river. To that end, our Science and Engineering Special Team works across disciplines to design and advocate for the best possible science to restore the delta.

Public Policy

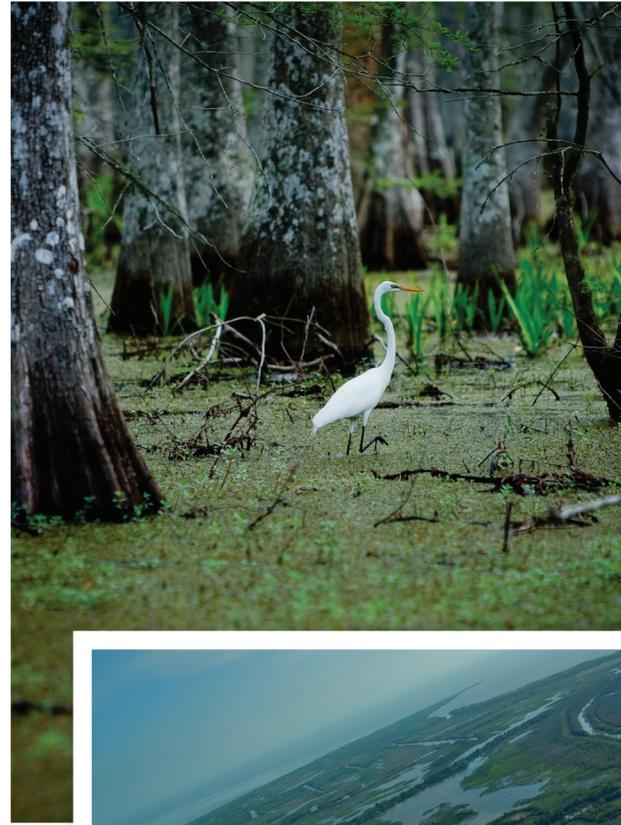
Ending coastal land loss and crafting a sustainable future will require a broad effort by lawmakers and agencies at all levels. As part of a national coalition, we are working with state and federal governments to generate support and funding for large-scale restoration projects. Our policy experts work to craft strategies that will restore the Mississippi River Delta and that are practical enough to have bipartisan and broad-based stakeholder support.

Economics

The Mississippi River Delta is integral to American economic growth. Supporting key energy infrastructure, commercial fishing, a vibrant tourism trade, and shipping and navigation, the delta is an economically diverse region. To protect these jobs and infrastructure, our economic experts work with communities and industries to demonstrate how environmental restoration leads to economic restoration.

Community Outreach and Education

Our organizers and communications professionals educate stakeholders and the public on the problems facing coastal Louisiana. By telling the delta's story and working within communities, we illustrate how the delta can and should be saved. The Mississippi River Delta is one of America's great landscapes, and as such, the entire nation can join to rescue it from collapse.



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Our staff scientists provide the technical expertise and analysis upon which all our campaign efforts and policies are based.

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WHO WE ARE The Mississippi River Delta Restoration Campaign is a coalition of Environmental Defense Fund, National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation. Made up of scientists, engineers, policy experts and outreach professionals, we work to advance long-term sustainable solutions for the delta's communities and wildlife.

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