

# Vermilion Parish Coastal Restoration Projects

## **A) CWPPRA - Coastal Wetland Planning Protection Restoration Act (Breux Bill)**

In the 19<sup>th</sup> planning year Vermilion Parish has 10 projects on the list, (Freshwater Bayou Marsh Creation), these 10 projects will be reduced to 4 or 5 by the time the Technical Committee reviews them in September and approved by the Task Force in October, to help the Parish's Projects move forward send letter/e-mails to

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Also send support letters/e-mails to your Congressional/Louisiana Delegation and your local elected officials.

## **B) CIAP – Coastal Impact Assistance Program**

These funds were given to the State by the Federal Government from the impact of offshore drilling/production.

- 1) 65% to be used for State only projects of which one will be done in Vermilion Parish.
- 2) 35% was allocated to 19 Coastal Parishes.
- 3) 23% of the Parish allocation could be used on infrastructure impacts by offshore drilling/production.
- 4) 77% has to be used for Restoration Projects.

The Vermilion Parish Coastal Advisory Committee created a list of projects to submit for approval by the State and MMS (Minerals Management Services). The top project was North Prong of Schooner Bayou Levee/Breach Repair to stop salt water from entering into the Mermentau Basin where 75% of irrigation comes from. This project has started.

## **C) Parish Vegetation Planting**

The State allocates \$18,000.00 per year to plant in areas to stop erosion; because of the 2008 storm the project was unable to be planted. The state allowed the Police Jury to roll over funds to 2009. The Police Jury bided out this project in March 2009 and was completed August 11, 2009.

The Police Jury has bided out this project and bids are due December 4, 2009.

**D) Coulee Baton Sewer Project**

Acadiana Resource Conservation & Development and the Vermilion Soil and Water Conservation District have a sewer project in the Coulee Baton area water shed to replace, upgrade or repair your current sewer system. For more information contact Ms. Mitzi Dohrman @ 337-893-5664 Ext. 3 or Ms. Lonnie Fontenot @ 337-896-0362 Ext. 3

**E) Vermilion Soil & Water Conservation District Plantings Project**

This project is set for June 2009; the plantings will be on the South and Northeast shore of White Lake. These funds are through the Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Department.