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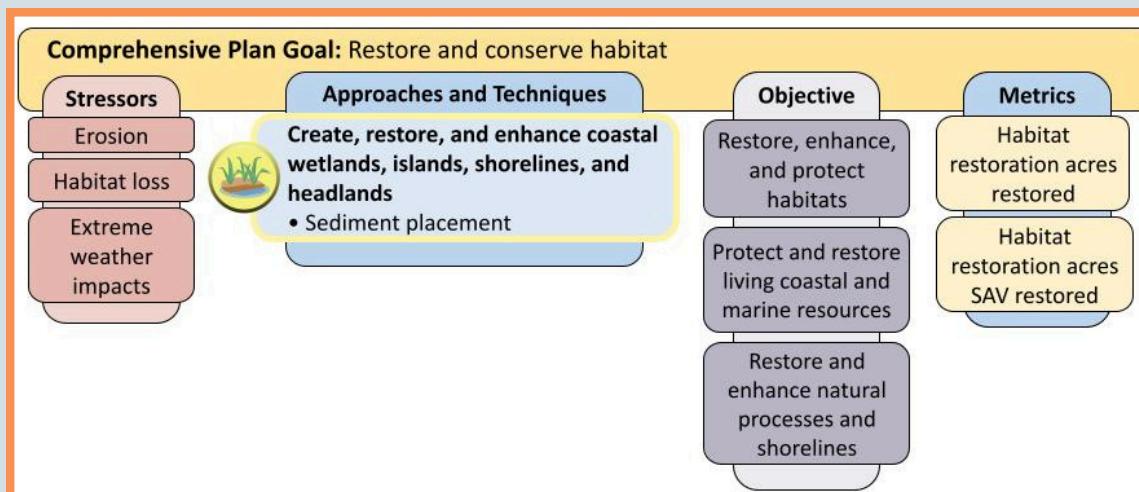
Chandeleur Islands Restoration Project (New Project)

The State of Louisiana is requesting \$84.9M in funding for the *Chandeleur Islands Restoration* project. In addition, the RESTORE Council proposes to reallocate \$5,872,250 in savings from previously approved projects to further support this activity. This is an entire ecosystem restoration project that will restore wildlife and fisheries habitats for several species in addition to preserving and enhancing 5,200 acres of the island's marine seagrass meadows. The project is located on a remote barrier island complex in southeast Louisiana, more than 20 miles offshore and managed as part of Breton National Wildlife Refuge. This project includes restoration activities on both North Chandeleur and New Harbor Islands in St. Bernard Parish. The restoration strategy is designed to reverse decades of erosional wetland loss and provide direct benefits to a wide range of wildlife and fish species that were impacted by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. This includes sea turtles such as Loggerhead, Green and the endangered Kemp's Ridley. Several bird species will benefit, including colonial nesting waterbirds and foraging birds. A wide variety of fish species including reef fish, sharks and game fish will benefit. Additionally, eighty species designated as "Species of Greatest Conservation Need" will benefit from this project.

Restoration of the Chandeleur Islands will rebuild an important barrier island that serves as a first line of defense for many communities in Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parish. The island is rapidly eroding, and its restoration is featured in St. Bernard's 2022 Coastal Strategy document to mitigate against storm surges from tropical storms and hurricanes. This project is being implemented by the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. This project supports the Council's primary goal of restoring and conserving habitats. The project duration is 3 years.

Project at a Glance

The *Chandeleur Islands Restoration Project* applies Planning Framework approaches and techniques to support Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives. In support of the primary objective, to *Restore, enhance, and protect habitats*, and secondary objectives *Protect and restore living coastal and marine resources* and *Restore and enhance natural processes and shorelines*, stressors such as erosion, habitat loss, and extreme weather impacts will be addressed using the *Sediment placement* technique. Success using these techniques may be tracked using habitat restoration acres restored and habitat restoration acres SAV restored as metrics.



**Draft FPL 2026 Public Comment Period:
November 20 - 11:59 PM MT January 2, 2026**

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