



RESTORING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DELTA

Rebuilding Coastal Louisiana for Wildlife, Hunters, Anglers and the Economy

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Sportsman's Paradise is rapidly vanishing. Coastal Louisiana and the marshes surrounding the Mississippi River Delta have the highest rates of land loss on the planet. Every hour in Louisiana, a football field of land is converted to water, a problem destroying wildlife habitat and putting nearly 2 million people in the coastal zone at risk of more frequent and severe flooding.

Why should you care?

If you hunt or fish, this conservation crisis should matter to you.

Consider these facts:

- Some **10 million ducks, geese and other waterfowl** from the Mississippi and Central flyways winter along the Louisiana coast.
- Recreational fishing in Louisiana alone generates **\$1.7 billion** annually.
- Hunting in Louisiana generates nearly **\$1 billion** annually.
- Nearly **50,000 jobs** rely on Louisiana fisheries.
- **One mile of coastal marsh can reduce storm surge by one foot**, providing vital protection to communities and wildlife habitat.
- Louisiana is home to 40% of our nation's wetlands— and experiences 90% of the nation's coastal wetland loss.

A solution exists.

We can reverse the land loss and rebuild the delta by reconnecting the river to its wetlands.

There is no silver bullet solution to the coastal crisis; it will take a variety of projects to reverse the land loss trend. **We need to use every tool in the toolbox to restore our coast.**

Our best chance at restoring the delta lies in mimicking the natural processes that built it in the first place. **We must harness the land-building power of the river by using sediment diversions to capture and deliver the material that our marshes desperately need.**

Vanishing Paradise and its partners are working to restore the Mississippi River Delta. Visit www.vanishingparadise.org for more information.

**Do you hunt or fish
in Louisiana?**

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WHO IS VANISHING PARADISE?

Vanishing Paradise is a coalition of 800 hunting and fishing businesses and organizations united on a critical conservation issue of our time— restoring the Mississippi River Delta.

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