

# RESTORE

## THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DELTA

### OUR VISION

A just, climate-resilient coast where people and nature thrive.

### OUR MISSION

Advance an equitable, safer, and flourishing coast for Louisiana's communities, ecosystems and economy.

### OUR VALUES

#### ● Equity

We advocate for approaches that center communities in the decisions that impact them.

#### ● Trust

We take time to build strong relationships by being honest, transparent and valuing diverse perspectives.

#### ● Knowledge

We promote effective solutions grounded in the scientific process, traditional ecological expertise and lived experiences.

#### ● Dedication

Passion underscores our steadfast pursuit of bold solutions for coastal resilience



### WHO WE ARE

**Restore the Mississippi River Delta** is working to secure a just, climate-resilient coast where people and nature thrive. As our region faces the crisis of land loss and climate change, we seek to advance an equitable, safer and flourishing coast for Louisiana's communities, ecosystems and economy. Composed of conservation, policy, science and outreach experts from Environmental Defense Fund, National Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and Pontchartrain Conservancy, we are located in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Washington, D.C.; and around the United States.

## COASTAL LOUISIANA'S IMPORTANCE

**1.2 MILLION**

Acres of Louisiana wetlands lost since the 1930s

**97 PERCENT**

of Gulf's commercial fish and shellfish rely on coastal wetlands

**\$2.4 BILLION**

Annual economic impact of Louisiana's commercial fisheries

**2.3 MILLION**

People living across Louisiana's coastal zone

**\$9.3 BILLION**

Per year in tourism across the state of Louisiana

**100 MILLION**

Birds living in or passing through the delta each year

# Our Organizations

## NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY



# Audubon

The National Audubon Society protects birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow, throughout the Americas using science, advocacy, education, and on-the-ground conservation. Audubon's 1M+ members, 23 state programs, 41 nature centers, 450+ chapters, and partners have an unparalleled wingspan that reaches more than four million people each year to inform, inspire, and unite diverse communities in conservation action. Audubon's blend of science, education and policy expertise helped them play a leading role in many of the last decade's most important victories for birds and conservation.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

For more than 50 years, EDF has worked with partners and supporters to drive lasting change that supports a cleaner, healthier, and more stable



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world and builds a vital Earth for everyone. Applying science, economics, and innovation, EDF seeks to protect the rights of all people to have clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment, including those most vulnerable to climate change and other environmental threats. Recently, we recalibrated our goals to ensure that we foster a people-centered approach in everything we do. By taking a people-centered approach, we can address climate change with a diversity, equity, and justice lens. This approach allows us to make a deep impact in communities around the globe.

## NATIONAL WILDLIFE SOCIETY



Founded in 1936, NWF is one of the nation's oldest and most respected conservation, education, and advocacy organizations. NWF's mission is to unite all Americans to ensure wildlife thrive in a rapidly changing world. To advance that mission, NWF focuses on restoring wildlife habitat, protecting waterways, and reconnecting people of all ages with nature. NWF

speaks for a broad-based, big-tent constituency, including 52 state and territorial affiliates and more than six million members and supporters. NWF has a unique capability – joining science and policy expertise with energetic grassroots advocacy – to advance conservation objectives from coast to coast.

## COALITION TO RESTORE COASTAL LOUISIANA



Established in 1988 by a small group of visionaries who could see the importance of the land loss issue before it was well recognized, CRCL is Louisiana's oldest statewide non-profit organization dedicated to coastal restoration. While CRCL has evolved over the years, growing from a small policy shop to a multi-faceted organization with expertise in policy, science, outreach and on-the-ground restoration, the inclusive character of the organization has remained central. Through volunteers who plant marsh grasses and trees across our coast, memberships, conferences, and newsletters, CRCL connects with thousands of people each year.

## PONTCHARTRAIN CONSERVANCY

**Pontchartrain  
Conservancy**



Pontchartrain Conservancy was established over thirty years ago in response to environmental concerns voiced throughout the basin. Pontchartrain Conservancy's mission is to drive environmental sustainability and stewardship through scientific research, education, and advocacy. Through coordination of restoration activities,

education, advocacy, monitoring of the regulatory process, applied scientific research and citizen action, PC works in partnership with all segments of the community to maintain the basin's vibrancy, while saving Louisiana's coast, and ultimately the nation.



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