



LOUISIANA

2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



GRAND BAYOU TERRACING PROJECT

Ducks Unlimited (DU) is wrapping up the construction of an earthen terracing project in Plaquemines Parish, LA. The project is in the vicinity of Grand Bayou and Bayou Grande Cheniere near the community of Diamond, LA. The project is located on property owned by ConocoPhillips and Bradish Johnson Co. This coastal restoration project includes the construction and planting of 105,500 linear feet (LF) of earthen terraces. Approximately 88,250 LF were completed in 2025 and 17,250 LF are currently being constructed. The project is anticipated to be 100% complete by December 2026. Funding for this work is being provided by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, James M. Cox Foundation of GA, ConocoPhillips, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Shell, Bradish Johnson Co., The Coca-Cola Foundation, and Oxy. The total cost of the project is \$5.1M.

The goal of the earthen terraces and plantings is to recreate marsh in an area that has degraded over time and converted to open water. Through this project, a total of 78 acres of marsh islands will be created in open water. The islands will stabilize the area and prevent future wetland loss, increase productive "edge" habitat along the water/shore interface, enhance conditions to grow aquatic vegetation, and, most importantly, provide increased habitat diversity for fish and wildlife species.

MARSH ISLAND REFUGE BIG IMPOUNDMENT EAST WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE

Back in the mid-1980s, Ducks Unlimited (DU) delivered their first conservation project in the state of Louisiana. It was the installation of two large water control structures in the 8,000-acre "Big Impoundment" waterfowl management unit at Marsh Island Refuge in Iberia Parish. Fast forward forty years and DU is at it again. In 2026, DU is replacing one of these two original water control structures that has deteriorated over time. Through a partnership with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), DU is utilizing funding from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, James M. Cox Foundation of GA, Louisiana Outdoors Forever, and LDWF to construct the 8-barrel variable crested water control structure at a total project cost of \$3,500,000. Construction is ongoing and should be completed in the Fall of 2026. Once completed, LDWF will be able to properly manage water and salinity levels within the Big Impoundment for the benefit of migratory waterfowl, resident Mottled Ducks, and other wetland dependent wildlife for another 40 years!



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MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 18,656

Members: 17,307

General Members: 14,005

Greenwings: 1,909

Legacy Greenwings: 301

Sponsor Members: 1,092

Major Sponsors: 1,349

Feather Society Members: 202

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars

raised: **\$4,941,976**

Number of committees: **64**

Number of fundraising events:

136

Local chapter volunteers: **1,096**

FY25 FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions:

\$12,896,458

Location of projects:

Saskatchewan: Coteau Legacy;

PPR target areas; Alberta

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state (historically since FY1984):

629,642

Total Acres of Conservation in

the state (FY2025): **85,089**

Amount spent on projects in the

state: **\$231,702,420**

Amount spent on projects in

MS Flyway (through FY2025):

\$921,117,840

Primary waterfowl species:

Northern Pintail; Gadwall;

Green-Winged Teal; Wood

Duck; Mallard; Ring-Necked

Duck; Canvasback; Redhead;

Blue-Winged Teal; Mottled

Duck; American Wigeon;

White-Fronted Goose and

Lesser Snow Goose.

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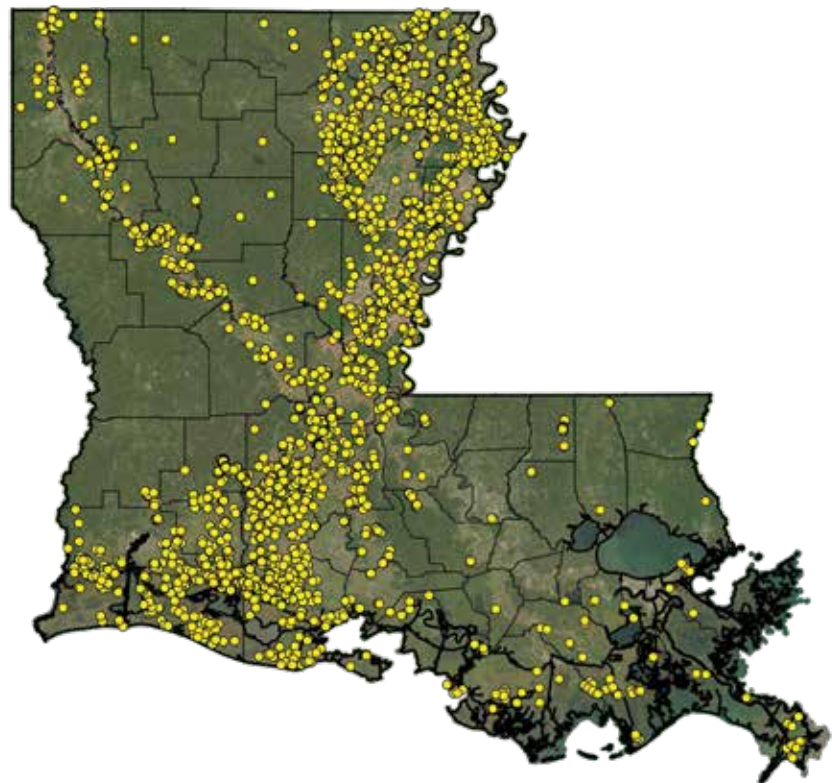
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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

● Completed Project(s)

Note: Project points may represent more than one project.

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