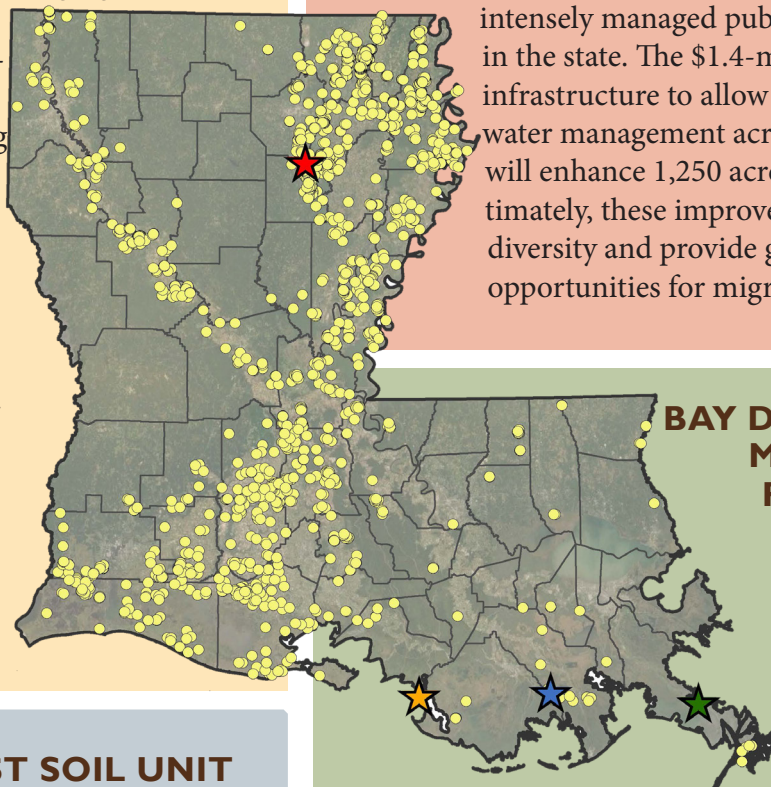


ATCHAFALAYA DELTA WMA CREVASS PROJECT

In mid 2020, DU will enhance 1,450 acres of marsh at Atchafalaya Delta WMA by dredging channels to improve the flow of freshwater and sediments from the Atchafalaya River. Dredging will be performed to clean out existing passes and crevasses that have silted in overtime and create a few new crevasses. This work will result in the nourishment and provide habitat for a wide variety of fish and wildlife, especially waterfowl. The public will also benefit from this work through improved boat access for hunting and fishing. Project partners include DU, Energy Transfer, Cargill, and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.



RUSSELL SAGE WMA - KENNEDY TRACT

Through a partnership with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, DU will make the Kennedy Tract one of the most intensely managed public land waterfowl habitats in the state. The \$1.4-million project will improve infrastructure to allow more uniform and efficient water management across the tract. This project will enhance 1,250 acres of wildlife habitat. Ultimately, these improvements will increase plant diversity and provide greater foraging and loafing opportunities for migratory birds.

BAY DENESSE DELTA MANAGEMENT PROJECT

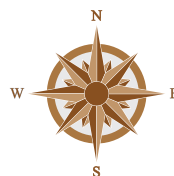
Construction continues to enhance 2,550 acres of coastal marsh on the east side of the Mississippi River in Bay Denesse and Quarantine Bay.

A combination of

crevasses (i.e., dredged channels) and marsh terraces will be used to improve the flow of sediment and freshwater from the Mississippi River to benefit wetlands. This work will also benefit shorebirds, wading birds, colonial seabirds, and secretive marsh birds and provide ideal foraging and loafing habitat for wintering waterfowl. In addition, the project will provide improved access for public hunting, fishing, and other wetland related recreation. Project partners include DU, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, National Wildlife Federation, Cajun Fishing Adventures, Chevron, Phillips 66, North American Wetlands Conservation Council and Gulf Coast Initiative sponsors.

POINTE AUX CHENES WMA - MOIST SOIL UNIT

DU recently completed the construction of an 85-acre moist soil unit on the south side of the Point Farm Unit of Pointe aux Chenes WMA. The project included levee repairs, installation of water control structures, dredging of ditches to enhance water movement, road improvements for access to the two sub-units of the project area, and purchase of an irrigation pump. These project features were needed for water level management and flooding/drainage of the unit with freshwater during the fall and winter. This moist soil unit was built in cooperation with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Energy Transfer, Apache Corporation, Lamar Advertising Company, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation, Shell, Phillips 66, Chevron, Axalta, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Global Wildlife Center. The project was dedicated to Kell McInnis, retired executive director of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation and a DU major sponsor.



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FUNDRAISING UPDATE AND VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Volunteer fundraisers are the heartbeat of Ducks Unlimited and Louisiana has some of the best. Louisiana boasts more than 19,000 members, including more than 2,400 volunteers who hosted 93 events and raised more than \$4.1 million to support DU's conservation mission in 2019. Our State Chairman Elect, John Harris, who will take over in 2021 is committed to continuing this success.

John has held an active volunteer role as a committee volunteer, state raffle chairman, Feather Society Co-Chairman and many more volunteer positions. Each week John works with the current State Chairman, Andy Thomson as the Sr. District Chairman. Working with the District Chairman is integral to the success of the event fundraising in Louisiana.

John's wife Rhonda, has always supported John in his career and volunteer positions held with many organizations. As a successful Consulting Geologist, John knows how to work hard toward lofty goals. John's persistence is key to his leadership success by not letting any minor details derail his focus on any volunteer position he has held. His focus for 2021 will be to educate as many people as possible about the work DU does each year in Louisiana. Finding new ways to bring more awareness to our fundraising success which keeps the DU mission alive in Louisiana.

John will be ready to hit the ground running in 2021 to lead the DU fundraising for the great state of Louisiana.



STATE CAMPAIGN AND MAJOR SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

The Louisiana State Campaign Committee secured 87 new Major Sponsors and 12 new Feather Society commitments (leading the nation!) in 2019. The wetland work being done in Louisiana could not be done without the dedication and commitment of our major sponsors.

Eric and Cortney Ottemann have been part of the Ducks Unlimited family for more than 26 years. As Life Sponsors from Covington, LA, they have had the opportunity to serve in various volunteer roles with DU. Eric currently serves as Co-Chairman for the Covington/Mandeville DU committee, is Co-chairman of the Feather Society for Louisiana's State Campaign Committee and serves as the District Chairman for the North Shore chapters. Eric and Cortney recently pledged Platinum Feather Society commitments and helped their three children become Gold members of the Feather Society. Eric hails from Texas where he helped start the Texas Tech DU committee.

A Partner at New York Life Insurance Company for the Greater New Orleans area, Eric is committed to giving back to and improving the area he and his family call home through supporting the DU mission of conserving and restoring wetlands.



LOUISIANA BY THE NUMBERS

2019

- \$4.2 million raised
- 93 events
- 25,275 acres conserved

HISTORICAL

- 523,097 acres conserved
- \$138,045,105 invested

LDWF's cumulative contributions to DU for habitat conservation in Canada: **\$12,007,015**

(Information through 1/1/20)

Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.

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