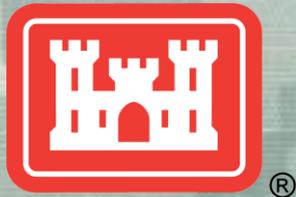


USACE Perspective and Evolving Role in Louisiana Coastal Restoration

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Outline

- USACE Perspective and Role
- Evolving Role
- Challenges



Multiple Lines of Defense



(Graphic from www.mloods.org)

Elements include:

- Coastal restoration/protection
- Structural measures
- Non-structural features



USACE Perspective and Role

- New Orleans District is actively engaged in ecosystem restoration and planning
 - ▶ Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA)
 - ▶ MRGO Ecosystem Restoration
 - ▶ Beneficial Use of Dredge Material
 - ▶ Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act Program

- All efforts focus on environmental sustainability and balance of interests



Louisiana Sustainable Coast



Cameron Parish
Coastal
Marsh Restoration

Grand Isle

Foundation of Sound Science and Engineering



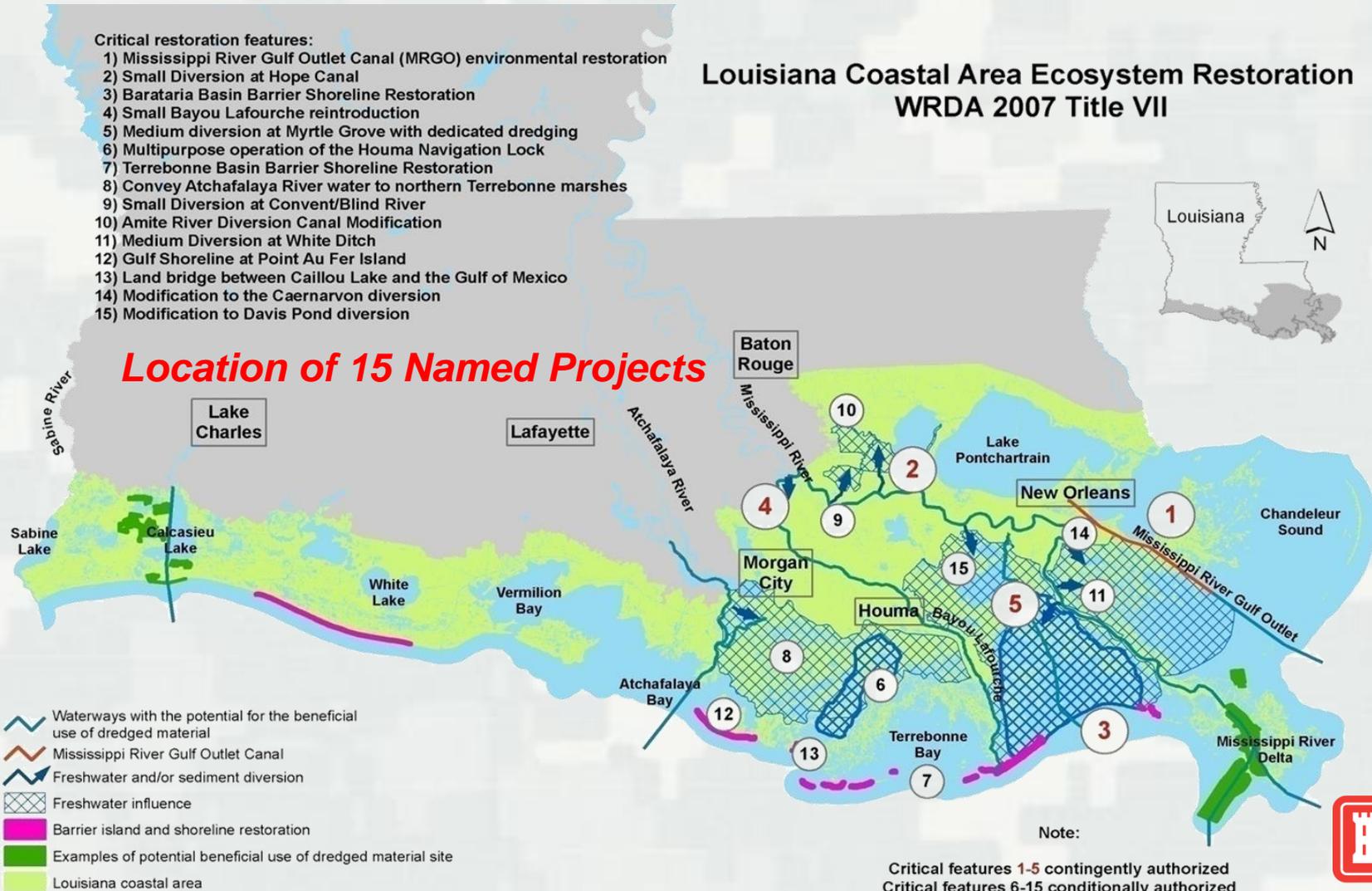
Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Near-Term Plan

Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Restoration WRDA 2007 Title VII

Critical restoration features:

- 1) Mississippi River Gulf Outlet Canal (MRGO) environmental restoration
- 2) Small Diversion at Hope Canal
- 3) Barataria Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration
- 4) Small Bayou Lafourche reintroduction
- 5) Medium diversion at Myrtle Grove with dedicated dredging
- 6) Multipurpose operation of the Houma Navigation Lock
- 7) Terrebonne Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration
- 8) Convey Atchafalaya River water to northern Terrebonne marshes
- 9) Small Diversion at Convent/Blind River
- 10) Amite River Diversion Canal Modification
- 11) Medium Diversion at White Ditch
- 12) Gulf Shoreline at Point Au Fer Island
- 13) Land bridge between Caillou Lake and the Gulf of Mexico
- 14) Modification to the Caernarvon diversion
- 15) Modification to Davis Pond diversion

Location of 15 Named Projects

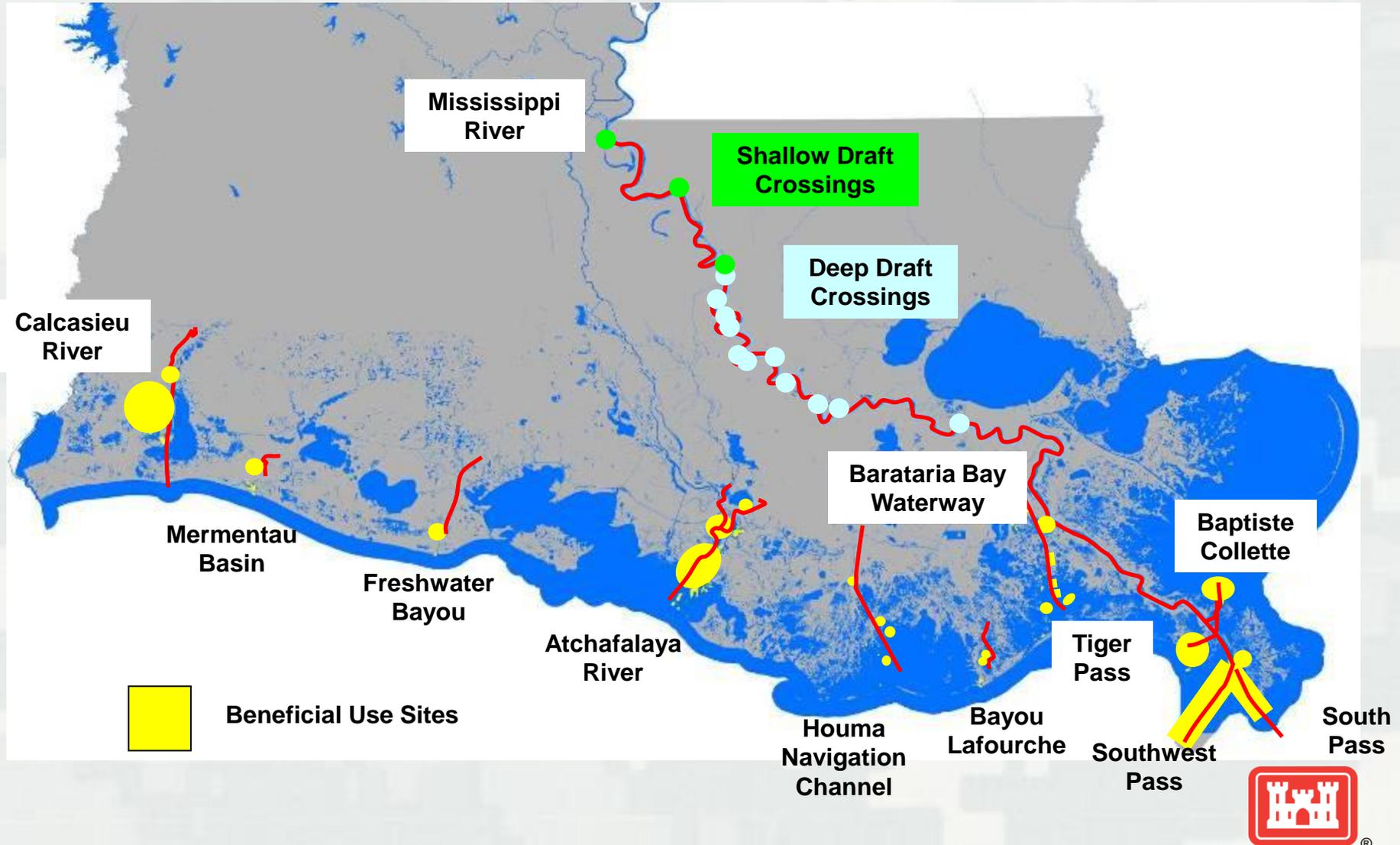


MRGO Ecosystem Restoration Plan

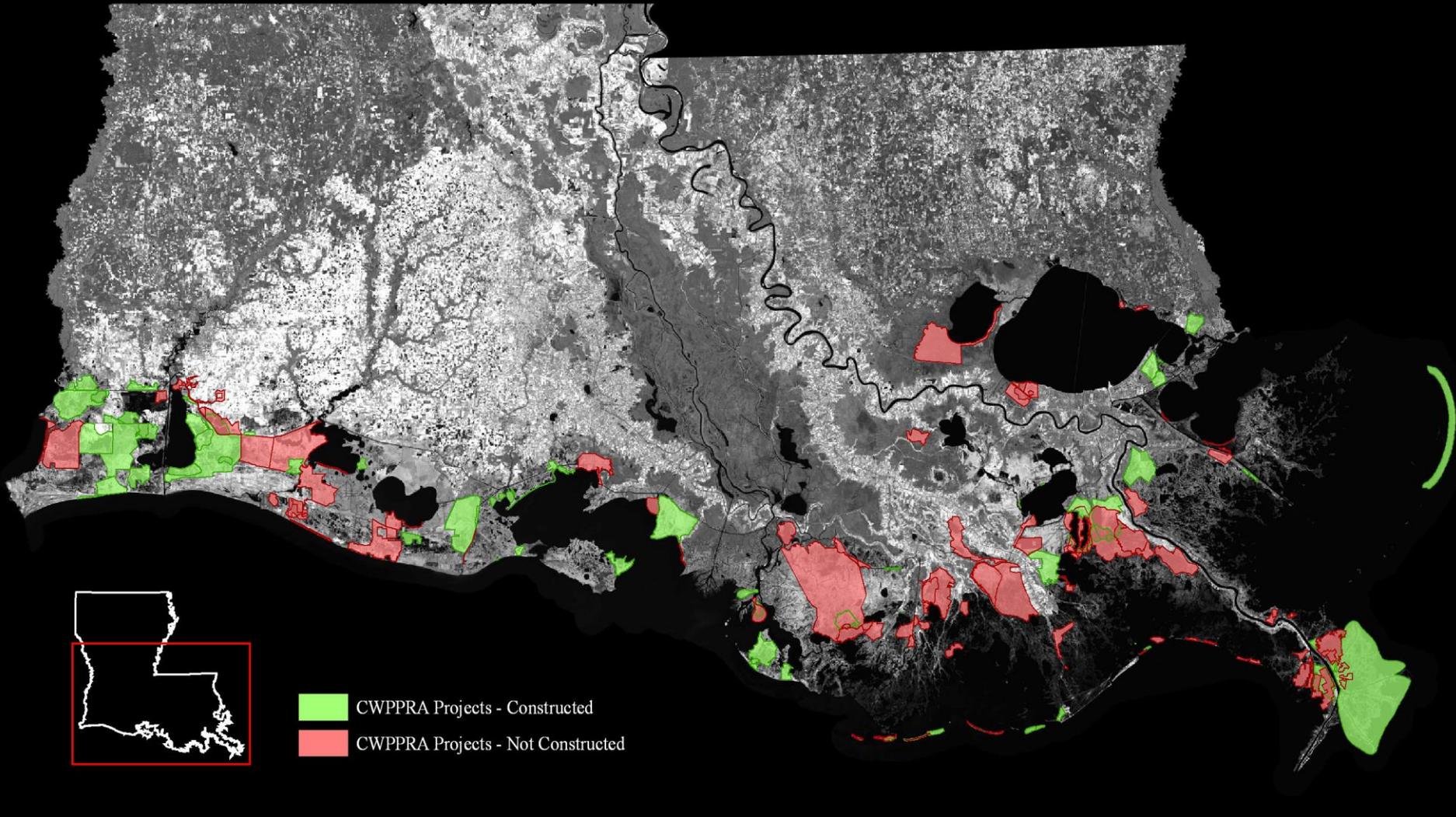


O&M Program

Beneficial Use of Dredged Material



Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA)



Priority: Supporting Gulf Coast Restoration

- ▶ Maximize use of opportunities
- ▶ Support RESTORE Council
- ▶ Alignment with NFS
- ▶ Permitting capacity
- ▶ Using best available science in decision making



Maximize Use of Opportunities

LCA Elements Currently Being Advanced

- Diversions
 - ▶ Medium Diversion at White Ditch
 - ▶ Small Diversion at Convent/Blind River
 - ▶ Medium Diversion at Myrtle Grove
- Barrier Islands
 - ▶ Barataria Basin Barrier Shoreline
- Land and Marsh Creation
 - ▶ Beneficial Use of Dredge Material
- Science and Engineering
 - ▶ Mississippi River Hydro/Delta Management
 - ▶ Above cited feasibility and design efforts



Alignment with NFS/Permitting Capacity



Advancing Science and Engineering

Mississippi River Hydro/Delta Management Study

- Feasibility study initiated Aug 2011
 - ▶ Detailed modeling of Mississippi River, from Old River Control Structure to Gulf
 - ▶ Assess impacts of:
 - Existing/planned diversions on navigation
 - Sediment Transport
 - Flow patterns
 - Impact of 2 large diversions above Head of Passes

- Incorporate lessons learned from previous efforts

- Balance navigation, flood risk management and ecosystem restoration



Challenges & Issues

- Funding
- Available Science
- Willing Non-Federal Sponsor
- Divergent Viewpoints

