

ICYMI: Chief Scientist Denise Reed is Featured in Recent CNN Article Focused on Coastal Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, LA. – Apr 12, 2016 – Chief Scientist of The Water Institute of the Gulf Denise Reed, Ph.D. is featured in a recent CNN Opinion article from John Sutter, an editor and columnist of CNN who focuses on climate change and social justice. The ‘There’s no more land’ article has given national attention to coastal challenges in Louisiana, specifically the Isle de Jean Charles community.

According to the article, Isle de Jean Charles has lost 98% of its land since 1955. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has pledged to grant \$48 million to the community earlier this year to relocate many of the residents living on the island.

Dr. Reed, known for her national and international expertise in coastal marsh sustainability and the role of human activities in modifying coastal systems, is quoted in the article for pointing out the complexities in identifying the cause for disappearance in particular marsh patches.

The work of Dr. Reed and the Institute involves developing tools that apply knowledge to restore coasts and ecosystems, reducing risks for people and infrastructure, and bringing government, industry and philanthropy to the table for strategic efforts to deal with the disappearance of coastal wetlands.

To read the full CNN Opinion article, please click [here](#).

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