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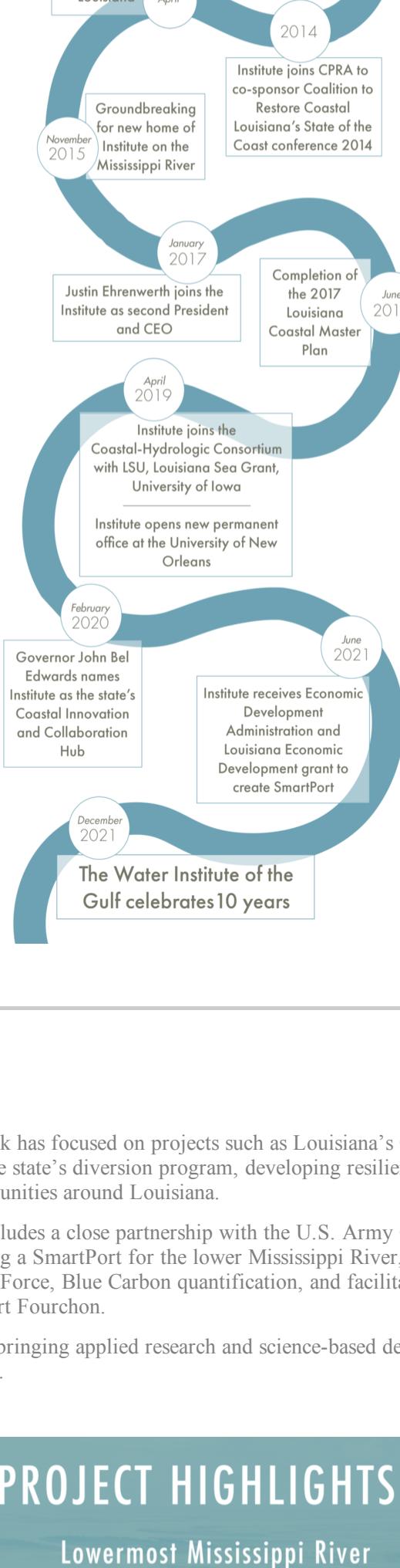
The Water Institute of the Gulf (The Water Institute) is celebrating a decade of connecting public, private, and academic collaborators to address some of the most pressing challenges facing Louisiana and coastal communities everywhere.

The Water Institute was founded in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Following those destructive storms, Louisiana leaders, led by former Senator Mary Landrieu and Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) Chairman Garret Graves, decided it was time for a new approach in addressing water management and applied river-coastal research.

Following several fact-finding trips to Deltaires, the renowned water management research institute in the Netherlands, there was a push to form something similar in Louisiana. In late 2011, that vision became a reality with the formation of The Water Institute through a collaborative effort involving the State of Louisiana and the Baton Rouge Area Foundation (BRAF).

The Water Institute formed as a hub to connect the academic, public, and private research communities and conduct applied research to support decision-making. In 2014, The Water Institute was selected as the RESTORE Act Center of Excellence for Louisiana, administering a grant program that provides millions in funding for academic researchers working on topics to strengthen and inform the state's Coastal Master Plan.



The Work

In the last 10 years, The Water Institute's work has focused on projects such as Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan, coordinating expert panels on the state's diversion program, developing resiliency strategies for Houston, Charleston, and communities around Louisiana.

More recently, The Water Institute's work includes a close partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a variety of topics, developing a SmartPort for the lower Mississippi River, facilitating the state's Climate Initiative Task Force, Blue Carbon quantification, and facilitating the Partnership for Our Working Coast in Port Fourchon.

In all, The Water Institute's work focuses on bringing applied research and science-based decision support to our most pressing water challenges.

CURRENT LOUISIANA PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

SmartPort
Flood Forecasting
Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission
Climate Initiatives Task Force
Blue Carbon Quantification
Data/model Repository

Lowermost Mississippi River Management Program
Coastal Master Plan
Diversion Program
Louisiana Watershed Initiative
Partnership for Our Working Coast
Louisiana Center of Excellence

GULF & US PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Texas

Resilient Houston Strategy
Rebuild Texas
USACE Galveston and Southwestern Division
GLO Combined Flood Studies

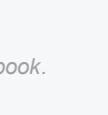
Nationwide

Charleston Dutch Dialogues
Virginia Coastal Master Plan
University of North Carolina Partnership
New York City Flood Risk



Thank You

"The team here at The Water Institute would like to thank all of our partners who have made the last 10 years so rewarding and look forward to the coming decades of collaboration in making a difference to the communities we serve." - Justin Ehrenwerth, President and CEO.

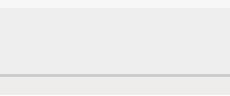


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