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Cote Blanche Freshwater and Sediment Introduction, and Shoreline Protection Project, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (Tribal Proposal)

The activities proposed include the planning, engineering, environmental compliance, and design of a project that will restore/protect 763 acres of wetlands in the Teche/Vermilion Basin by increasing freshwater and sediment input from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) into interior marshes and constructing shoreline protection. Phase I of the project, which consists of planning, engineering, environmental compliance, and design, is estimated to cost \$2.65 million. The project is proposed on behalf of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and is seeking funding for planning and technical assistance (the planning, engineering, environmental compliance, and design) activities for the Cote Blanche Freshwater and Sediment Introduction and Shoreline Protection Project. The proposed project is located in the Teche/Vermilion Basin in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. The primary Comprehensive Plan Objective supported by the proposed project is to “Restore, Enhance, and Protect Habitats” by restoring/protecting coastal wetland habitat through the introduction of freshwater and sediment from the GIWW and the placement of shoreline protection features. In addition to supporting the primary objective, the project will support most of the remaining Comprehensive Plan objectives. Requested funding amount: \$2,650,000.