



Region 1

RSC Meeting #11

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Reduce flood risk, improve floodplain
management throughout the state and
maximize the natural and beneficial
functions of floodplains

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes
3. Round 1 Project Selection
4. Governance Recommendation Discussion
5. Outreach and Engagement
6. Program Updates from OCD
7. Closeout





ROLL CALL

Bienville • Rodney Warren

Bossier • Butch Ford

Caddo • Ali Mustapha

Claiborne

DeSoto • Steve Brown

Grant • Morgan Briggs

Natchitoches • Rick Nowlin

Rapides • Matt Johns

Red River • Shane Young

Sabine • William Ruffin

Webster • Nick Cox

Winn

at-large • John Michael Moore

at-large • Lindsey Gouedy

at-large • Zazell Dudley



Adopt Minutes

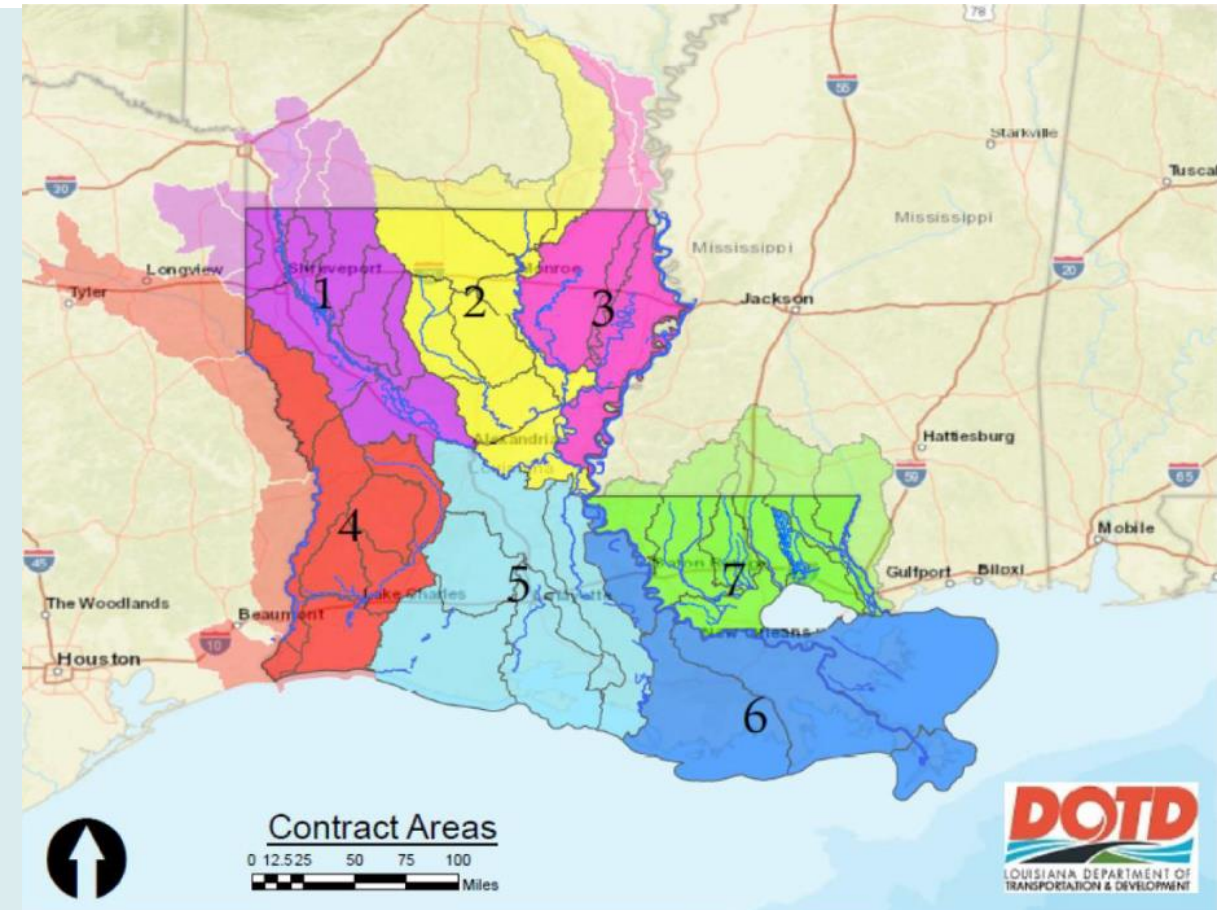
February

- Sent out for review on 3/2/2021
- Adopt as-is
- Corrections or additional information needed



Watershed Modeling

- DOTD issued a NTP for Task Order No. 1 to Atkins North America, Inc. for Region 1 on November 4, 2020 for data collection, stakeholder engagement, cost estimates, and proposed model setup
- Task Order No. 2, which will initiate actual modeling of the region, is estimated to be issued in May/June of this year





Round 1 Project Selection



Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

Form sent out 3/2/2021

Please fill out the pdf and return ASAP.

Let staff know if you might have a potential conflict of interest.



REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

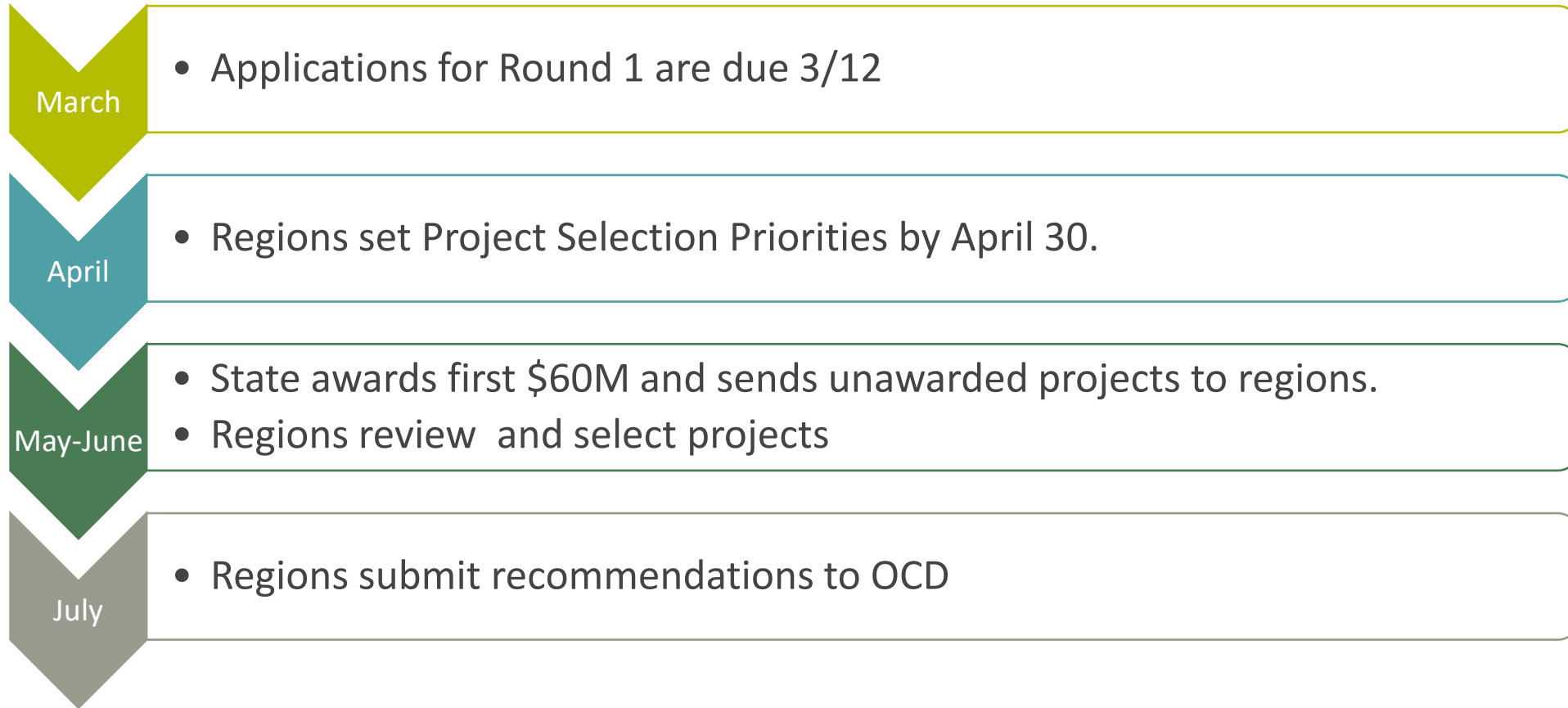
CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONS

If you answer "Yes" to any questions, then you have a conflict of interest.

1. Have you participated in any transaction involving OCD in which you have an economic interest, with the exception of any participation in transaction arising solely out of your contractual responsibilities to OCD?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you participated in any transaction involving OCD in which, to your knowledge or through reasonable due diligence could ascertain that any of the following persons have a financial interest:
 - Any legal entity in which the RSC member owns any ownership interest;
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Any legal entity in which an officer, director, partner or trustee of the RSC member owns an ownership interest in excess of 25%;
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Any member of the immediate family of a person who is an officer, director, partner, trustee or employee of the RSC member;
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Any legal entity owned by a member of the immediate family of a person who is an officer, director, partner trustee or employee of the RSC member;
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Any legal entity with which the RSC member has an existing contract and who by reason thereof is in a position to affect directly the economic interests of the RSC member.
☐ Yes ☐ No



State & Regional Decision-Making Process



Regional Selection Process



End of April

- State will provide list of projects and a scoring breakdown for each project.
- The region will make a recommendation that cannot exceed \$5 million.

Option A

- The region can select the projects that score the highest under the state's scoring process.

Option B

- If the region does another method, written justification must be provided.
- The RSC must vote on Regional Priorities **prior to April 16** to receive the list.



Examples of Regional Priorities

Project Types

Examples:

- Prioritize nature based solutions
- Prioritize green infrastructure
- Make sure to define how you are defining these priorities

Geography

Examples:

- Prioritize projects that impact LMI areas
- Prioritize projects that impact HUD MIDs
- Prioritize projects that impact the highest risk flood zones

Project Qualities

Examples:

- BCA ratio
- Social impact
- Low O&M costs



Regional Selection Process Guidance

- Regions are not required to rank projects but can use this method.
- Regions are not required to use a quantitative approach to assigning a score for making their recommendation.
- Not all regions have to score the same way or use the same process
- All meetings must be public. Do not have discussion in a quorum outside of a public venue.
- Formal presentations on projects are not allowed.
- Public comment must be invited prior to vote on recommendation.
- The RSC must vote on the project recommendation. **Please make all efforts to attend the project selection meeting(s).**



Evaluation And Scoring Criteria

Round 1 Projects

- Projects submitted for the Watershed Projects Grant Program: Local and Regional - Round 1 funding can earn up to 100 points in scoring criteria.
- Each project will be scored and then ranked according to the following criteria:

Project Application Evaluation Criteria	100 Point Maximum
Effectiveness In Minimizing Risk	44
Project Costs & Project Implementation	13
Social Benefits	12
Enhancement Of Natural Functions	15
Benefit To Most Impacted And Distressed Parishes	16



Evaluation And Scoring Criteria

Criteria Effectiveness in Minimizing Risk	Maximum Score 44
Risk reduction value	20
Future flood risk considerations	2
Upstream and downstream flood effects	2
Passivity and reliability	2
Multi-jurisdictional risk reduction benefits	4
Enhanced protection of critical lifelines	3
Avoided damages/losses	2
Adaptability to higher flood levels	2
Replicability	2
Project design life	3
Historical/archeological/geological impacts	2



Evaluation And Scoring Criteria

Criteria Project Costs & Project Implementation	Maximum Score 13
Fund match	1
Annual costs	2
Implementation timeframe	2
Project stage of development	3
Operations and maintenance	1
Consistency with other projects or plans	1
Applicant capacity/previous experience in managing federal grant funding	3



Evaluation And Scoring Criteria

Criteria Social Benefits	Maximum Score 12
Benefit to low and moderate income populations	7
Economic opportunity	3
Outdoor recreational resources	2

Criteria Enhancement of Natural Functions	Maximum Score 15
Natural hydrology improvements	5
Water quality improvements	5
Improvement to aquatic/floodplain habitat	5

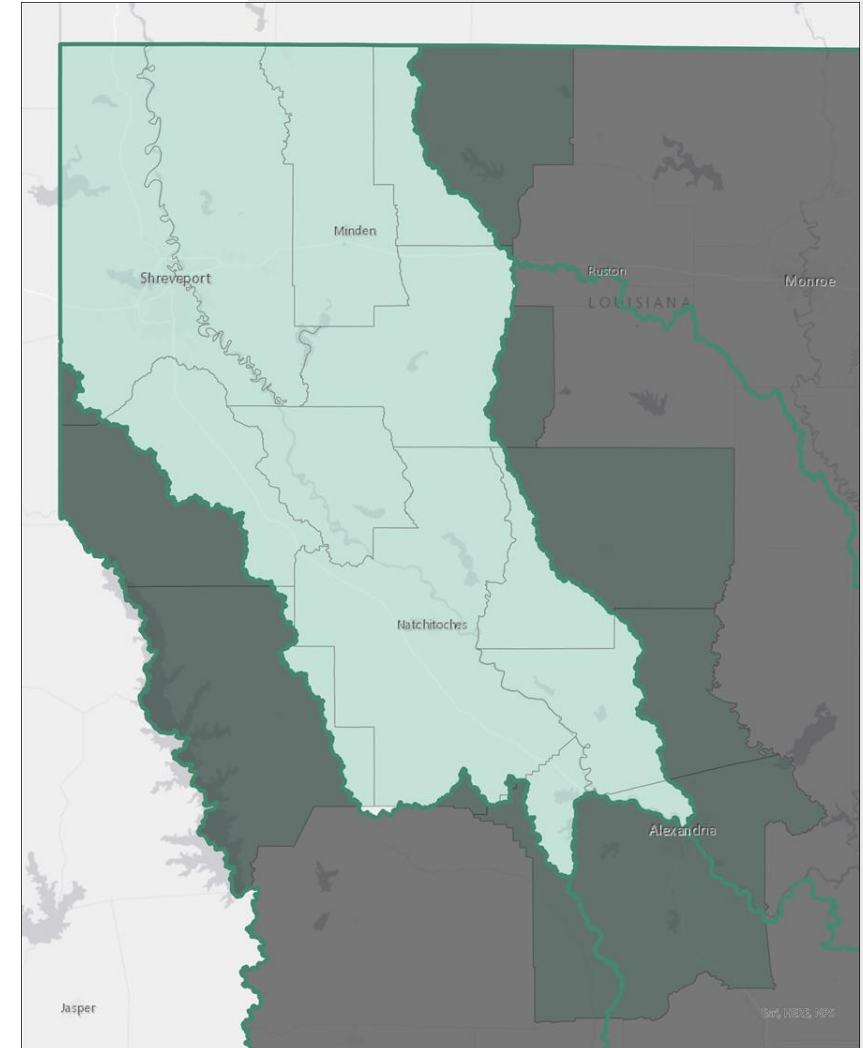
Criteria Benefit to Most Impacted and Distressed Parishes	Maximum Score 16
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Region 1's List

Anticipate receiving project list around the end of April

- Will have a maximum of 8 projects, with total amount requested as high as \$40 million.
- Up to 3 projects with budgets over \$5 million
- Up to 5 projects with budgets under \$5 million
- Current unknowns
 - Will all 8 projects be submitted?
 - How many will receive funding from state \$60 million?
 - Will larger projects be divided into phases?



Other Selection Concerns

Use the states score but weight criteria differently?

Screen out projects asking for over \$5 million?

(can identify other funds, but must already be in place)

Only review a top number of projects? Or review them all? (maximum of 8)



Other Selection Concerns

Skip projects the budget can't cover?

We can only award up to \$5 million.

Example:

- Projects 1 & 2 can be funded. Project 3 would be over budget but 4 could be funded.
- In order to fund projects 1, 2 & 4- we must justify why 4 was chosen instead of 3.

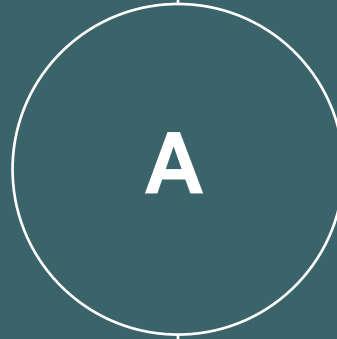
Excess funding will be used to fund later rounds.

Example List	Example Budget
Project Ranked 1	2 million
Project Ranked 2	2 million
Project Ranked 3	3 million
Project Ranked 4	1 million
Project Ranked 5	1 million
Project Ranked 6	2 million

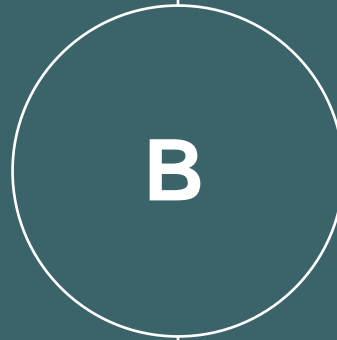


RSC Member Vote:

Project Selection Criteria



- Select the projects that score the highest under the state's scoring process.



- Create our own Regional Priorities or Selection Criteria.

(Must be provided to OCD by April 30)





Governance Recommendation Discussion



Governance Outcomes

PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS	OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT	REFINED RECOMMENDATIONS
An iterative planning process requiring vetting and revisiting recommendations		
November – January Make recommendations based on best available data, practices, expertise and information	January – April Engage parish leadership, stakeholders and the public to gather feedback RESOURCE: O&E TOOLKIT	May – June Consider feedback from outreach and engagement and refine recommendations



Region 1 Potential Coalition Structure

Watershed Coalition- *Votes on recommendations provided by committees.*

- Parish President, Parish Administrator or their designee, one per parish [12]
Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, Webster, Winn
- Mayor or their designee, one per municipality with population over 10k [4]
Shreveport, Bossier City, Natchitoches, Minden
- DOTD Administrator or their designee [2]
District 04, District 08
- At-Large members, representing large regional entities [1-5]
Added by Coalition vote as needed.

Voting Body (15 Members)

Technical Advisory Committee- *Identifies opportunities and challenges.*

Makes recommendations to the voting body.

- Levee Boards and Drainage Districts [5]
Bossier, Caddo, Natchitoches, Nineteenth, Red River
- Other Government Agencies []
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, LWI, DOTD, LDWF
- Community Organization Reps []
Ex. Sparta Ground Water Conservation District Commission, The Port of Caddo Bossier, Red River Compact, Red River Waterway Commission, Caddo Lake Institute etc.
- Out of State Representatives []
East Texas, Southern Arkansas, Southeast Oklahoma

Technical Advisory Committee

Regional Coordinating Entity (CDC & NLCOG)

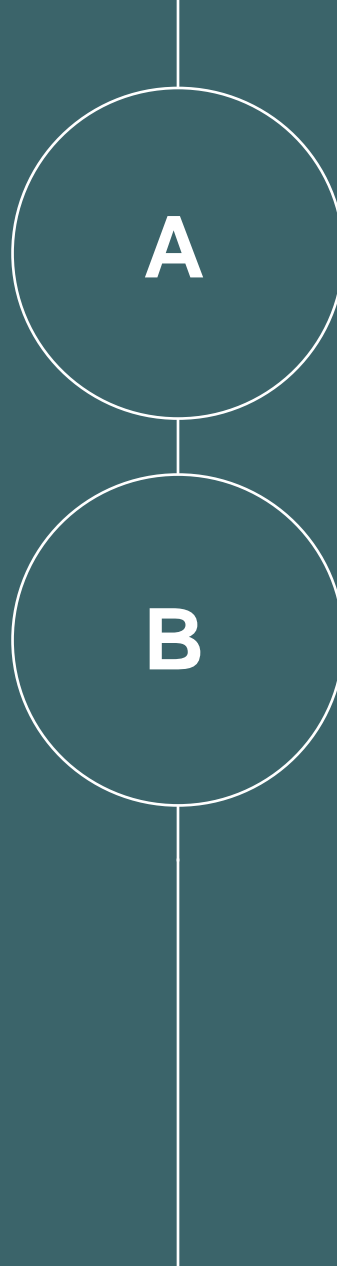
Staffed by The Coordinating Development Corporation & the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments

- Coordinates all regional activities
- Assists in the development of recommendations to voting membership



RSC
Member
Vote:

Coalition
Structure



- Approve this Coalition Structure to attach to the Governance Recommendation.

- Nay





Outreach and Engagement






What community events or interactions would
strengthen your RSC's provisional
recommendation?



Whom do you need to talk to in order to make sure your recommendations reflect the needs of the communities in your region?




Who are the champions of regional watershed
management in your region?



Who can help build out the details of the watershed coalition or managing entity's structure?

What steps are needed to do this?



Are their specific groups or topics requiring public education in your region that would help build understanding and awareness of the LWI provisional recommendations?



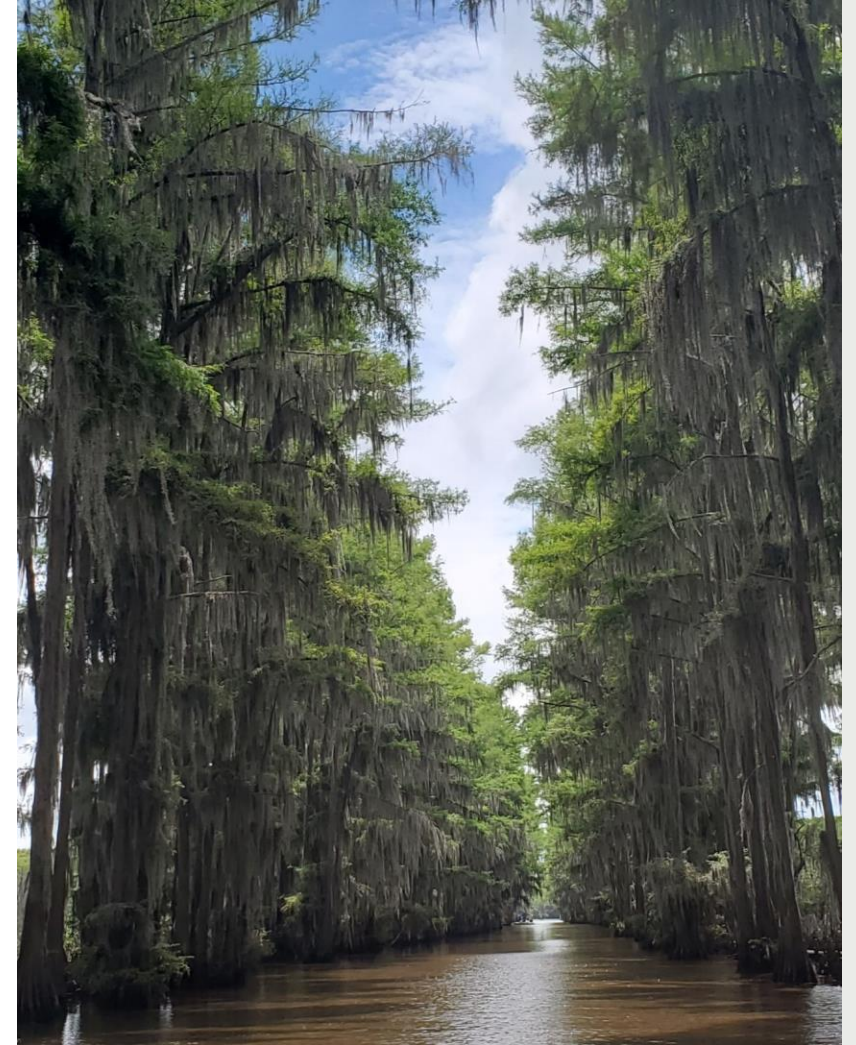
Program Updates from OCD



Closeout

- Q & A
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Join us next time on April 13, 2021.





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