



# Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program Management Conference Meeting

## Agenda

Welcome

Lake Pontchartrain Restoration Program Overview

Role of the Management Conference (MC)

MC Organizational Outline

MC membership call

Next steps - MC / logistics

Adjourn

# Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program (PRP)

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# Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program (PRP)

- ▶ Clean Water Act Program
- ▶ Established under the Estuaries and Clean Waters Act of 2000
- ▶ *“The purpose of the program shall be to restore the ecological health of the Basin by developing and funding restoration projects and related scientific and public education projects.”*
- ▶ It is one of 12 EPA Geographic Programs



[https://thebeachuno.org/  
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restoration-program/](https://thebeachuno.org/lake-pontchartrain-basin-restoration-program/)

## PRP Basin Map

- ▶ The "Basin" means the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, it expands approximately 10,000 square miles watershed encompassing 16 parishes in Louisiana and 4 counties in Mississippi.
- ▶ This delineation was done using the most recent USGS National Map high-resolution data.



# Parishes and Counties within PRP Basin

## ❖ Louisiana Parishes

- ▶ Ascension
- ▶ East Baton Rouge
- ▶ East Feliciana
- ▶ Iberville
- ▶ Jefferson
- ▶ Livingston
- ▶ Orleans
- ▶ Plaquemines

## ❖ Louisiana Parishes cont.

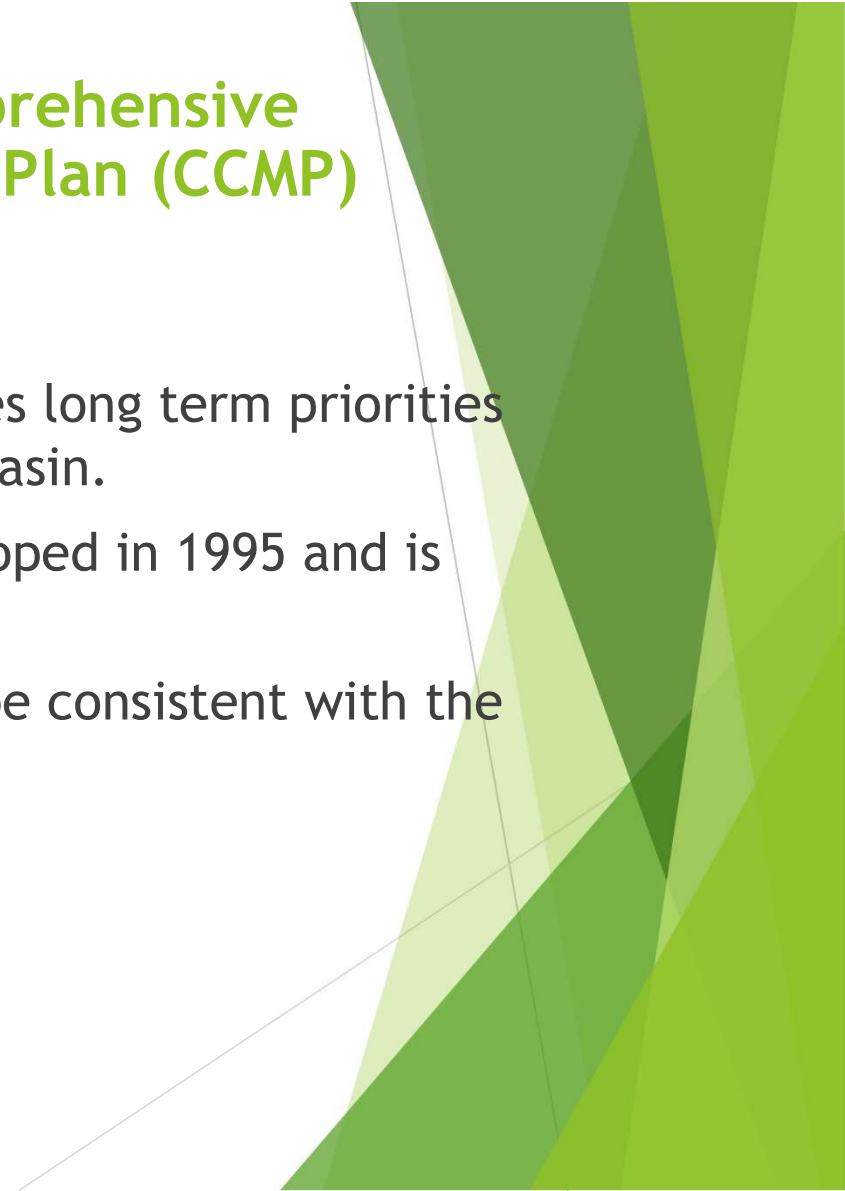
- ▶ St. Bernard
- ▶ St. Charles
- ▶ St. Helena
- ▶ St. James
- ▶ St. John the Baptist
- ▶ St. Tammany
- ▶ Tangipahoa
- ▶ Washington

## ❖ Mississippi Counties

- ▶ Amite
- ▶ Lincoln
- ▶ Pike
- ▶ Wilkinson



## Key program component: Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)

- ❖ The CCMP is a plan that establishes long term priorities for research and funding for the Basin.
  - ❖ The current PRP CCMP was developed in 1995 and is under revision.
  - ❖ Projects funded by RFPs need to be consistent with the CCMP.
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# Grantee

- ❖ University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation (UNORTF)
- ❖ Pass-through Grantee:
  - ▶ Prepare and issue Request for Proposals (RFPs) from eligible entities
  - ▶ Awards, administer and monitor subawards



<https://unofoundation.org>

# PRP Project requests and approval process

PRP project funds are awarded through a competitive process

UNORTF issues a Request for Proposals (RFP)

Eligible entities apply for funding

Proposals go through a review and selection process



# Who can apply for project funds?

## ❖ Eligible recipients include:

- ▶ Federal organizations
- ▶ State organizations
- ▶ Interstate organizations
- ▶ Local governments
- ▶ Federally recognized tribes
- ▶ Regional water pollution control agencies
- ▶ Public agencies
- ▶ Non-profits
- ▶ Public and private institutions of higher education

## Examples of Projects Funded

### Habitat and Coastal Preservation Projects:

- Lake Pontchartrain Lake Villa Site Improvements and Marsh Monitoring
- Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation Ecosystem Restoration and Preservation Program

### Monitoring & Research:

- Pollution Source Tracking for Water Quality Restoration in the Bayou Bonfouca Watershed
- Mandeville Lakefront Wetlands Restoration

# Examples of Projects Funded



## **Stormwater:**

Landscape and Stormwater Management Design Plan for Bucktown Marina Ecology Park

St. Bernard Parish Rain Gauge Data Collection and Wastewater Flow Monitoring Program

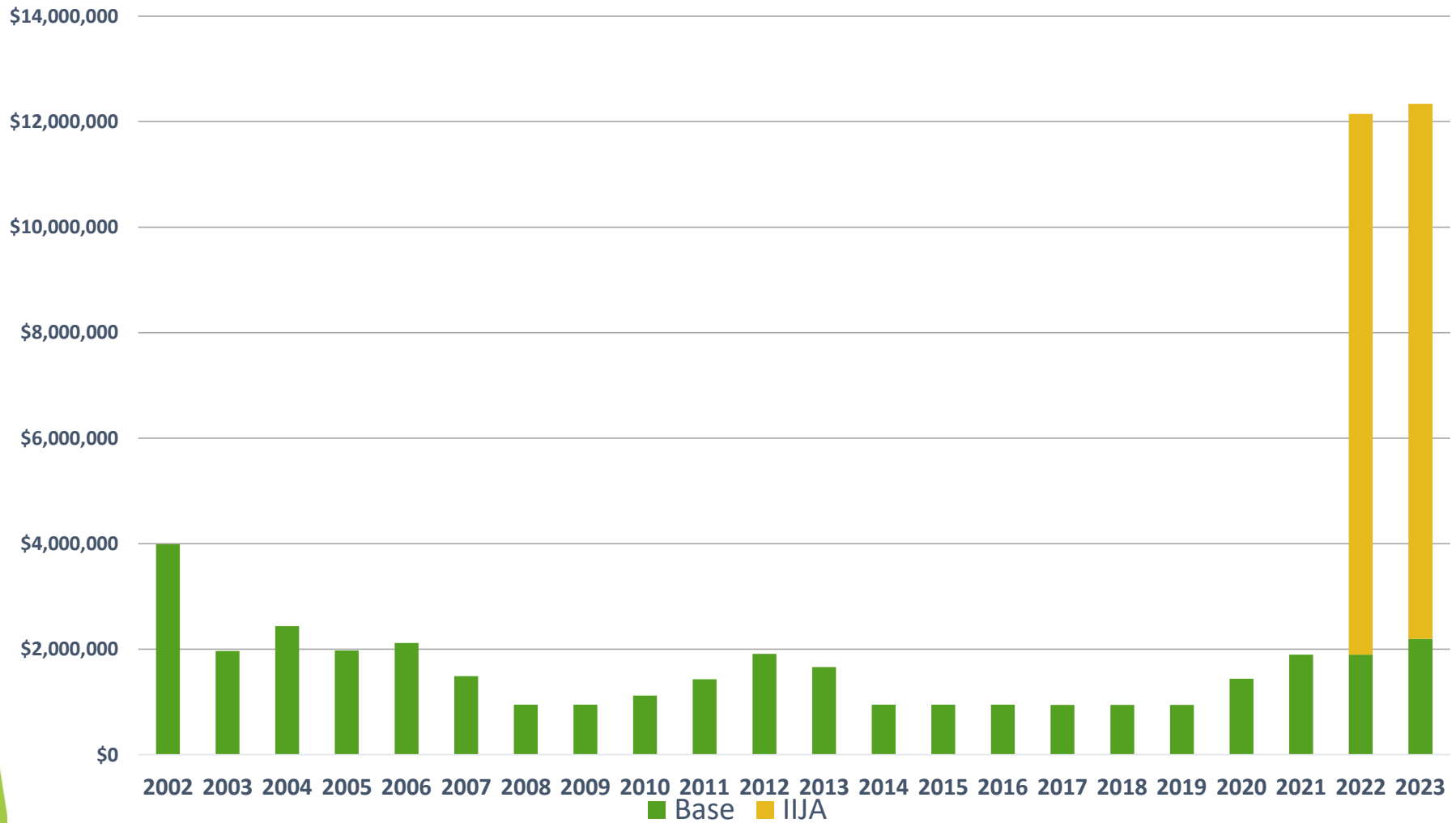


## **Education and Outreach Projects:**

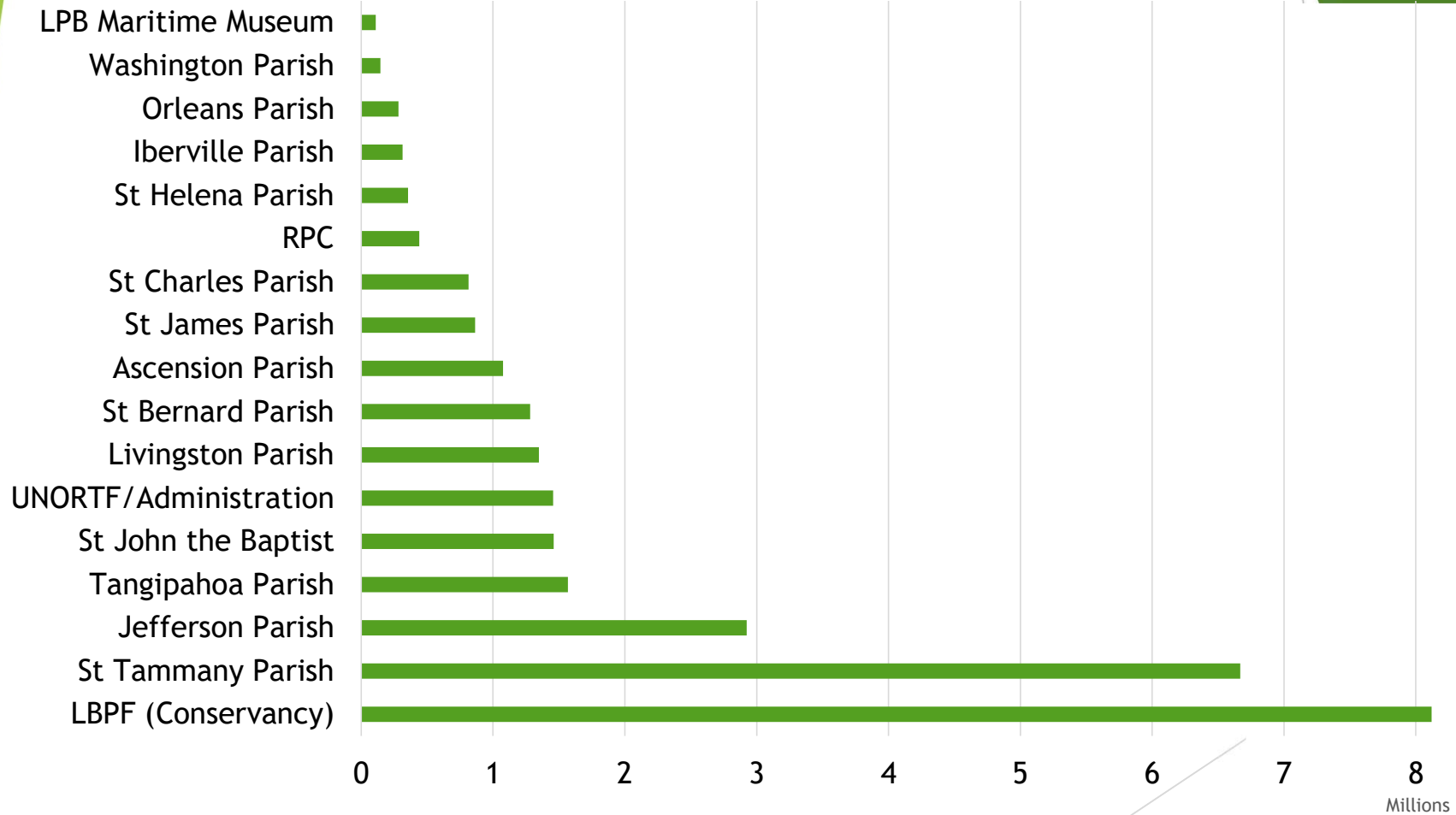
Promoting Urban Gardening for Strategic Stormwater Management Program

Land Conservation Study for Strategic Stormwater Runoff Mitigation

# PRP Funding



### Program Funding: 2002-2020



Source: University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation 2023

Total Amount Funded Over \$29M




## Historical Funding

- Total of 16 sub-grantees
- 249 total projects funded including elements of:
  - 181 Wastewater Related Projects
  - 33 Stormwater (includes Green Infrastructure Projects)
  - 21 Habitat Restoration
  - 25 Surface Water Monitoring
  - 39 Education & Outreach driven

*Source: University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation 2023*



## PRP Base and IIJA Funding

- ❖ Base Funding
    - ▶ FY 2022 \$1,899,000
    - ▶ FY 2023 \$2,199,000
  - ❖ IIJA funding is providing an additional \$53 million over FY 2022 - 2026
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## PRP Base and IIJA Funding

- ❖ PRP Funding awarded
  - FY2022 base funds are being processed
    - RFP announcement coming soon
  - FY2022 IIJA funds will be processed by the end of September 2023