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THE CONVEYANCE



Dr. Denise Reed Joins ROR Team as Technical Advisor

The UNO professor and Montegut resident brings her coastal expertise to the organization as our push for implementation of long-term restoration projects for this region strengthens.



Dr. Denise Reed, professor and Interim Director of Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences at the University of New Orleans (UNO), has joined non-profit coastal advocacy group Restore or Retreat (ROR) as the organization's scientific and technical advisor.

Reed has been heavily involved in the restoration planning process since she arrived in Louisiana in 1986 from England, first working at the Louisiana University Marine Consortium (LUMCON), then at UNO. Reed has shared her technical expertise by serving on numerous planning and advisory boards, and most recently served as the technical chair of the 2006 international summit "Envisioning the Future of the Gulf Coast," and as a member of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's Morganza-to-the-Gulf Technical Review Panel.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Reed officially serve in an advisory role to our organization," said Executive Director Simone Maloz. "Her technical knowledge of coastal hydrology and her experience on the state and national levels will be very beneficial as we press forward on our mission of implementing

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MISSION STATEMENT

Realizing that the Barataria and Terrebonne basins are the two most rapidly eroding estuaries on the earth, and understanding that an economic and ecological travesty is occurring, the concerned members of Restore or Retreat seek to identify, expedite and aggressively engage in solutions to urgently achieve comprehensive coastal restoration.

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Show Your Team Spirit at the 2009 Barnstorming Party to Save Our Coast!

Tailgating isn't just for football games anymore! Restore or Retreat invites you to get outfitted in your favorite team apparel and get into the restoration game at the 2009 Barnstorming Party to Save Our Coast, on Thursday October 15 from 6 - 9 pm at the Bollinger Barn in Lockport.

We'll be serving some of your favorite tailgating food, as well as wine and beer. We'll also dance the night away to the music of our area's own Hurricane Levee Band, while raising money and awareness for ROR's coastal restoration efforts. Sponsorships, auction donations, and table/ticket orders are now being accepted.

"Barnstorming Party To Save Our Coast"

Thursday, October 15, 2009
6 - 9 pm at Charlotte Bollinger's Barn in Lockport

Tickets: \$50/person

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Who We Are
 by: Simone Maloz



Every day in South Louisiana, we experience the devastating effects of coastal land loss and understand the urgent need for comprehensive hurricane protection across our coast. To address these issues, there seems to be no shortage of groups and organizations to support. In fact, it can be very confusing figuring out what organization supports who, what and where. We agree that some organizations are very similar and agree on the same big ideas, but the differences are in the details.

- Restore or Retreat (ROR) is a regional organization focused solely on OUR irreplaceable region - the Barataria and Terrebonne basins.
- ROR is located in Thibodaux and has worked daily on the local, state, and federal level on our mission to identify, implement and expedite projects to restore our coast, communities, and culture.
- ROR works as an independent organization, as well as a partner with other stakeholders, such as the local chambers of commerce and industrial associations.
- ROR supports local projects important to our community—freshwater reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche, Davis Pond, barrier island restoration and shoreline protection, long distance sediment pipeline, and the development of a major freshwater and sediment diversion.
- ROR also lends additional support to other regional projects such as comprehensive hurricane protection for Terrebonne and Lafourche.
- ROR was created by and is led by local leaders in the business and scientific community.
- ROR could not be successful without the continuous support of the community.

These are just a few, important facts about our organization, and we encourage you to find out even more about “Supporting the Solution” on our website, www.RestoreorRetreat.org. We know you share in our concern for this region’s future, and we thank you for your support of Restore or Retreat. Please continue to stand with us to demand real restoration for the Barataria and Terrebonne basins before retreat is our only solution.

State Coastal Officials Submit Draft Proposal for Improving the Way Federal Coastal Projects are Implemented

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and the Governor’s Office of Coastal Activities recently released a second draft of “Concerns and Solutions,” a proposal aimed at expediting coastal restoration and protection efforts by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

ROR Executive Director Simone Maloz, technical advisor Dr. Denise Reed, and board members Berwick Duval and Tim Allen participated in a panel discussion in Houma this summer as CPRA representatives gathered local input for the draft Concerns and Solutions document. ROR also submitted a letter to the CPRA in support of specific solutions identified for streamlining the implementation of coastal projects. These include:

- Integration of the Corps’ restoration and protection practices. The State has set a precedent of merging these two issues and

Davis Pond • Bayou Lafourche PROJECT UPDATES

Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion

The Corps is currently set to undergo work on improving the West Guide Levee, a critical component of the project. Also, the Corps has also kicked off the planning for the LCA authorized feasibility study on the modification of Davis Pond. This feasibility study, the first of its kind for an existing restoration project, will set a precedent for all future modification studies and the way they are handled by the State and the Corps, so ROR is sure to follow this process closely. A NEPA scoping meeting is scheduled for October 6.

Bayou Lafourche

Initial bids for the emergency capacity dredging project came back slightly over budget. The Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District is fully committed to the project, and in order to ensure the most productive and efficient project possibly, have rejected the bids and will rebid the project with modifications this fall.

ROR Announces New Slate of Officers

Mike Plaisance of Plaisance Dragline and Dredging, a two-year member of the ROR Executive Committee and previous acting president, has been elected President of the organization. Other officers include Vice-President Ted Falgout, Secretary Henri Boulet and Treasurer Robert Naquin. Timothy Allen, Charlotte Bollinger, Berwick Duval, and Dr. John J. Jones, Jr. round out this year’s Executive Committee.

“Since its creation in 2000, ROR has done an excellent job of not only sounding the alarm on coastal land loss, but working proactively on long-term solutions to halt land loss and save our communities,” Plaisance says. “I look forward to serving in this leadership role and helping Simone grow and strengthen the organization even more.”

has been operating under this unified structure since 2006. An example of the lack of integration can be seen in planning for the Donaldsonville to the Gulf Hurricane Protection Project which did not incorporate the improved operation of the Davis Pond freshwater diversion structure.

- Greater transparency within the Corps via a more effective use of non-governmental organizations. Utilizing organizations like ROR would allow the government to communicate more effectively with a larger audience.

Once the document is finalized, CPRA will forward it to the Louisiana Congressional Delegation for their support in achieving these recommendations. A copy of the draft “Concerns and Solutions” document can be viewed at www.lacrpra.org.

COASTAL NEWS LINE

- **Dr. Steve Mathies** has been named Executive Director of the **Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration (OCPR)**, the implementation arm of the Louisiana **Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority (CPRA)**. Mathies has decades of experience in coastal Louisiana, including serving as the first director of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program, and at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DNR. He also worked on Third Delta and Bayou Lafourche studies while at Batelle and CH2M Hill.

- ROR Technical Advisor Dr. Denise Reed participated in **Regional Stakeholder Workshops** hosted by the **OCPR** in early September in New Orleans, Houma and Lake Charles. The purpose of the RSWs is to provide input to the state agency on creating a sustainable coast and guidance for the upcoming 2012 CRPA Master Plan Update and future annual plans.

- Residents interested in keeping up with news about coastal restoration and protection efforts in south Louisiana now have a new online news source—the CPRA web site. Newspaper articles, TV videos and radio news clips are now summarized and linked at www.lacrpra.org. The page is updated by noon each weekday.

www.RestoreOrRetreat.org

Dr. Denise Reed Joins ROR

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long-term, sustainable restoration solutions for our irreplaceable region.”

Reed was the keynote speaker at ROR’s annual meeting earlier this year, presenting long-term restoration solutions for the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins.

“Without aggressive action to restore our coast, the future is bleak for Louisiana,” Reed said. “The continued loss of coastal landscape will pose an increasing threat to the economy and environment of the region. But it is not too late to make a difference.”

Since 2000, ROR has been actively engaged in the day-to-day effort to aggressively implement sustainable restoration projects for our area and has been working diligently to advocate on the state and federal levels for comprehensive, sustainable restoration projects for the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins.

ROR has played an integral role in getting the Davis Pond freshwater diversion project operating to its maximum potential and is also now focused on the implementation of the emergency capacity restoration of Bayou Lafourche. ROR also works throughout the year on other projects critical to our area, such as long distance pipeline sediment delivery, the Mississippi River Delta Management Study, long-term & large-scale regional restoration projects, and freshwater management.

Field Tour of Wax Lake Outlet

On June 30, members of the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection and Restoration, and staff from the Governor’s Office of Coastal Activities (GOCA) and coastal organizations took a boat tour through the Wax Lake Outlet in St. Mary Parish. The group made several stops to view newly-created land built by the Atchafalaya River and the outlet, including along the mouth of the Atchafalaya River, pictured here.

This area of coastal Louisiana is the only area that is gaining, not losing, land. As such, Wax Lake Outlet is championed by ROR as a model of the land-building benefits that a large-scale diversion could provide to the Barataria and Terrebonne basins. The trip was organized by GOCA for the Commission’s Diversion Committee, chaired by ROR Vice-President Ted Falgout.

